



Recruited Athletes



If you are an athlete play at the collegiate level, the process can be quiet confusing. Use this sheet as a reference to help you understand the many terms you will come across.

Reference List

National Letter of Intent (NIL): A binding agreement between a prospective student-athlete and an NLI member institution. Athlete agrees to attend the institution full-time for one academic year. Institution agrees to provide athletics financial aid for one academic year.
<http://www.nationalletter.org/>

Evaluation: Any off-campus activity that assesses the academic qualifications or the athletic ability of a prospect.

Contact Period: Period of time when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff to make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations of a prospect.

Evaluation Period: Athletics department staff can make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations of a prospect.

Quiet Period: It is permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts only on the institution's campus.

Dead Period: It is not permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts or evaluations on or off campus. There can be no official or unofficial visits to campus by a prospect. It is permissible for a staff member to write or phone a prospect during this period.

NCAA Eligibility Center: Where all prospective student-athletes should register if they wish to play intercollegiate athletics at an NCAA Division 1 or Division II institution. There are many valuable resources on this website.
http://web1.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA_EMS.html#

NCAA- National is a membership-driven organization dedicated to safeguarding the well-being of student-athletes and equipping them with the skills to succeed on the playing field, in the classroom and throughout life.
www.ncaa.org

Contact: Any face-to-face encounter, which is more than a greeting, between a prospect or his/her parents, relatives or legal guardians and a university staff member or an athletic office representative. A meeting that is prearranged at the prospect's school, competition site or practice site is considered contact regardless of the conversation that occurs.

Official Visit: A visit financed in whole or in part by the university.

Unofficial Visit: A visit made at the prospect's own expense. The university may provide only limited benefits to the prospect during his visit (complimentary admissions to an on-campus athletics event)

Division I schools generally have the biggest student bodies, manage the largest athletics budgets and offer the most generous number of scholarships.

Division II schools provide athletes the opportunity to compete at a high level of scholarship athletics while excelling in the classroom and fully engaging in the broader campus

Division III is the largest division. It pushes student-athletes to excel on the field and build upon their potential. Academics are the primary focus at the Division III level.