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NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT

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The National Letter of Intent (NLI) is a binding contract between the University of Colorado and a prospective student-athlete. By signing the NLI, a prospect agrees to attend CU for one academic year. In return, CU agrees to provide athletic aid to the prospect for that year, provided the prospect meets NCAA academic and amateur requirements, as well as CU Admissions requirements. Once a prospect signs a NLI with CU, all other schools must cease recruiting the prospect AND, vice versa.

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EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

MEDIA ACTIVITIES

A prospective student-athlete could be certified as a qualifier as early as the completion of their 6th semester in high school. To be certified as an early academic qualifier the following criteria must be met:

- Minimum combined SAT score of 1000 or sum ACT score of 85; and
- 3.00 Core GPA in a minimum of 13 core courses (must include 3 English, 2 math, 2 science and 6 additional core courses).

Student-athletes can participate in media activities (e.g. radio shows, television, writing projects) both during and outside the playing season. SAs cannot make any endorsements of commercial products or services during media activities but can receive actual and necessary expenses to participate. Student-athletes cannot miss class to participate in media activities unless it is to participate in a Big 12/Pac-10 conference-sponsored media day or in conjunction with an away-from-home contest. SAs should always consult sports information prior to participating in a media activity.

PROTECT

YOUR  TEAM

THE 'BATON' RULE

It is permissible for a coach to leave campus to engage in off-campus recruiting before another coach who is off campus actually returns to campus. The total number of coaches recruiting for CU cannot exceed the permissible number at any time. The coach being replaced must have finished recruiting AND return to CU's campus before they can resume recruiting.

Example (for 2 permissible recruiters):

- Coach A and Coach B are recruiting on Monday morning.
- Coach B concludes recruiting by noon on Monday, Coach A continues recruiting.
- Coach C may begin recruiting after noon on Monday.
- Coach B must return to campus before recruiting again.

ATHLETICS AS A MAJOR CRITERION

An outside award offered to a student-athlete that considered their athletics participation as criteria will be counted against the student-athlete's cost of attendance. If the student-athlete was recruited, the award will also count against the team's financial aid limitations. All outside awards are subject to review by financial aid liaison, Rob Drybread.

GARA AFTER A CONTEST

It is not permissible for a team to participate in **ANY** required athletic activity following competition, including watching film. The only exception is between contests, rounds or events during a multiday or multievent competition (e.g., rounds of golf in a multiday tournament).

COMPLIANCE UNSUNG HERO



TIM HORTON BUSINESS OFFICE

Tim has done a great job working with the Compliance Office and keeping track of the NCAA Special Assistance Fund. Tim's diligence and attention to detail helps ensure the fund is being utilized correctly. We appreciate Tim's efforts to follow NCAA rules. Congrats Tim!

PERMISSIBLE AWARDS

Awards given to student-athletes based on their athletic participation are limited to the following types of awards:

- Annual Participation
- Conference championship
- NCAA Championship
- All-star game or postseason bowl participation
- Established meets or tournaments that feature individual competition

*Please be aware of the maximum values for awards found on page 235 of the NCAA Manual.