

THE COMPLIANCE CRAWLER



OCTOBER 2011

RECRUITING CALENDARS

Men's Basketball

October 1 - 5: Contact Period

October 6 - 31: Evaluation Period

Women's Basketball

October 1 - 6: Contact Period

October 7 - 31: Evaluation Period

Cross Country/Track

October 1 - 31: Contact Period

Women's Volleyball

October 1 - 31: Contact Period

Women's Lacrosse

October 1 - 31 - Contact Period

Football

October 1 - 31: Quiet Period

*Evaluation Period: not to exceed 42 evaluation days during the months of September, October and November selected at the discretion of the institution; authorized off-campus recruiters shall not visit a PSA's educational institution on more than one calendar day during this period.

National Letter of Intent

NCAA Requirements Prior to Issuing an NLI:

- **NCAA ID:** A prospective student-athlete must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center and be placed on an Institutional Request List (IRL).
- **AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE:** A high school, preparatory school or transfer prospective student-athlete must complete the amateurism certification questionnaire administered by the NCAA Eligibility Center prior to providing a written offer of athletically related financial aid

Official Time for Validity: On the first date of a signing period, the prospective student-athlete and parent/legal guardian are not permitted to sign the NLI *prior to 7 a.m.* Consequently, the NLI shall be declared invalid if the date of signature is the first day of a signing period and the time of signing is not included.

Signing Deadline: The prospective student-athlete must sign the NLI and athletics aid agreement within **14 days of issuance**; otherwise, the NLI is invalid.

- The 14-day signing deadline does not apply to the early signing period (November). During the early signing period, the NLI must be signed by the last day of the signing period.
- The 14-day signing deadline would also not apply if the prospective student-athlete receives the NLI on the last day of a signing period (e.g., August 1). In this case, the 14-day signing deadline only applies if there are 14 days remaining for the signing period.

Coaching Contact Prohibited at Time of Signing

A coach or institutional representative may not hand deliver the NLI off-campus or be present off-campus at the time of signing. The NLI may be delivered by express mail, courier service, regular mail, e-mail or fax. An NLI submitted to an institution by fax or electronic means is permissible.

Sport	Initial Signing Date	Final Signing Date
Basketball (Early Period)	Nov. 9, 2011	Nov. 16, 2011
Lacrosse, Rowing, Swimming, Tennis, Volleyball (Early Period)	Nov. 9, 2011	Nov. 16, 2011
Football (Midyear JC Transfer)	Dec. 21, 2011	Jan. 15, 2012
Football (Regular Period)	Feb. 1, 2012	April 1, 2012
Soccer, Track and Field, Cross Country	Feb. 1, 2012	Aug. 1, 2012
Basketball (Regular Period)	April 11, 2012	May 16, 2012
Lacrosse, Rowing, Swimming, Tennis, Volleyball (Regular Period)	April 11, 2012	Aug. 1, 2012

6 Credit & 9 Credit Rule Reminders

With mid-term grades available later this month, the Compliance Office wanted to remind you of the credit rules per semester:

- **All sports except Football:** For the Fall 2011 semester, all student-athletes must pass a minimum of 6 credits to be eligible for competition in the Spring 2012 semester.
 - Example: if a student-athlete passes only 5 credits in the Fall 2011 semester, he/she is not eligible for competition in the Spring 2012 semester.

NEW FOOTBALL 9 CREDIT RULE

Football Only: For the Fall 2011 semester, all football student-athletes must pass a minimum of 9 credits to be eligible for competition in the first 4 games in the Fall 2012 semester!

- Example: If a football student-athlete passes only 7 credits in the Fall 2011 semester, he must sit out the first 4 games of the following football season (Fall 2012).

***Note for All Sports: Full Time at All Times!** As always, all student-athletes must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits to be eligible for practice and competition.

The Scary Truth about Extra Benefits

An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or a representative of the institution's athletics interests to provide a student-athlete or the student-athlete's relative or friend a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation. Receipt of a benefit by student-athletes or their relatives or friends is not a violation of NCAA legislation if it is demonstrated that the same benefit is generally available to the institution's students or their relatives or friends or to a particular segment of the student body (e.g., foreign students, minority students) determined on a basis unrelated to athletics ability.

You May Not:

Providing a student-athlete with extra benefits or services including, but not limited to:

- ⊗ a loan of money
- ⊗ a guarantee of bond
- ⊗ the use of an automobile
- ⊗ signing or co-signing a note with an outside agency to arrange a loan;
- ⊗ Make services available to a student-athlete (e.g., movie tickets, dinners, lunches, use of a car) from commercial agencies (e.g., movie theaters, hotels, restaurants, car dealers) without charge or at reduced rates;
- ⊗ Provide a student-athlete with a special discount, payment arrangement or credit on a purchase or service;
- ⊗ Provide a student-athlete with professional services without charge or at a reduced cost;
- ⊗ Allow a student-athlete to use a telephone or credit card without charge or at a reduced cost; or
- ⊗ Serve as a "sponsor" or "family" for enrolled student-athletes.



You May:

- ✓ Local Transportation: Staff members may provide reasonable local transportation to student-athletes on an occasional basis. *Note: "Occasional" is defined by Duquesne Athletics as no more than once per month.*
- ✓ Occasional Meal: A student-athlete or the entire team in a sport may receive an occasional meal in the locale of the institution on infrequent and special occasions from an institutional staff member. An institutional staff member may provide reasonable local transportation to student-athletes to attend such meals.
 - ✓ *Note: All occasional meals must have prior approval from the athletics compliance office.*
- ✓ Reasonable Refreshments for Parents (or Legal Guardians): an institution may provide the parents (or legal guardians) of a student-athlete with reasonable refreshments (e.g., soft drinks, snacks) on an occasional basis.

COMPLIANCE HOT SEAT

South Carolina Tangled in a Web of Extra Benefits and Impermissible Loans

The University of South Carolina has been asked by the NCAA to look into several allegations.

The Allegations

Twelve student-athletes were provided with off-campus housing at a hotel, at a reduced daily rate. The extra benefits received by these twelve athletes ranges from \$740 to \$19,280. In addition, the hotel was making arrangements with most of those twelve athletes to defer

payments, which is a form of an impermissible loan.

In addition to these extra benefits, it has also been reported that two boosters made impermissible recruiting contacts and provided impermissible inducements to several recruits. The total amount of inducements and benefits received totals approximately \$8,000.

The school is also being charged with failure to monitor as it was not monitored where the student-athletes were living off-campus.

Compliance Trivia Question

Answer the following question related directly to Bylaws found in the 2011-12 NCAA Division I Manual. The fifth DU Athletics staff member to email the correct answer with the relevant Bylaw cited to Christine (lowthertc@duq.edu) in the Compliance Office wins 100 team points in the DU Compliance Cup competition and gets to deduct 100 points from another sports' score. The winner will be announced in the next Weekly DU Compliance Item.

Drew Kane, a senior in high school, is interested in playing football. Drew will be flying in for an official visit this weekend. Drew's mother and father will also be accompanying him on the visit. It is permissible for the university to pay the airfare for Drew and his parents.

- A. True
- B. False



Monthly Meetings

Mandatory Staff Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 11

Time: 9:30AM

Location: AJP Team Room

Monthly Compliance Meetings

Men's Basketball

Date: Monday, October 10

Time: TBD

Location: MBB Offices

Women's Basketball

Date: Monday, October 10

Time: 1:00PM

Location: WBB Offices

Football

Date: Friday, October 14

Time: 10:30AM

Location: FB Offices

All Other Sports

Date: Thursday, October 6

Time: 10:00AM

Location: AJP Team Room



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Have a question about NCAA rules?
Please contact the Duquesne Athletics Compliance Office.

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