



2011-12

Administered by the NCAA Eligibility Center on behalf of the Collegiate Commissioners Association (CCA).

Do not sign prior to 7 a.m. (local time) on the following dates or after the final signing date listed for each sport.

<u>SPORT</u> (Place an "X" on the proper line.)	<u>INITIAL SIGNING DATE</u>	<u>FINAL SIGNING DATE</u>
___ Basketball (Early Period)	November 10, 2010	November 17, 2010
___ Basketball (Regular Period)	April 13, 2011	May 18, 2011
___ Football (Midyear JC Transfer)	December 15, 2010	January 15, 2011
___ Football (Regular Period)	February 2, 2011	April 1, 2011
___ Field Hockey, Soccer, Men's Water Polo	February 2, 2011	August 1, 2011
___ Track and Field/Cross Country		
___ All Other Sports (Early Period)	November 10, 2010	November 17, 2010
___ All Other Sports (Regular Period)	April 13, 2011	August 1, 2011

IMPORTANT - READ CAREFULLY

It is important to read this entire document before signing it. One copy is to be retained by you and the other copy is to be returned to the institution, which will file a copy with the appropriate conference office. **Copies transmitted by facsimile or electronically are considered to be valid.** The National Letter of Intent (NLI) is a voluntary program with regard to both institutions and prospective student-athletes. No prospective student-athlete or parent is required to sign the NLI for a prospective student-athlete to receive athletics aid and participate in intercollegiate athletics.

1. **Initial Enrollment in Four-Year Institution.** This NLI applies only to prospective student-athletes who will be entering four-year institutions for the first time as full-time students. It is also permissible for 4-2-4 transfer student-athletes who are graduating from a two-year college to sign the NLI. No prospective student-athlete enrolling at midyear shall sign an NLI, with the exception of midyear two-year college transfer student-athletes in football, who must graduate at midyear for this NLI to be valid.
2. **Financial Aid Requirement.** At the time I sign this NLI, I must receive a written offer of athletics financial aid for the entire 2011-12 academic year from the institution named in this document. The offer must list the terms, conditions and amount of the athletics aid award. (A midyear football two-year college transfer student-athlete must receive a written offer of athletics financial aid for the remainder of the 2010-11 academic year. If the institution does not renew the athletics aid for the following academic year, the student-athlete must be released of the NLI). In order for this NLI to be valid, my parent/legal guardian and I must sign the NLI and I must also sign the offer of athletics aid (see institutional policy for parent/legal guardian signature) prior to submission to the institution named in this document, and any other stated conditions must also be met. If the conditions stated on the financial aid offer are not met, this NLI shall be declared null and void.
 - **Professional Sports Contract.** If I sign a professional sports contract in the sport in which I signed the NLI, I remain bound by the NLI in all sports, even if NCAA rules prohibit the institution named in this document from providing me with athletics financial aid.
3. **Provisions of Letter Satisfied.**
 - a. **One-Year Attendance Requirement.** The terms of this NLI shall be satisfied if I attend the institution named in this document for one academic year (two semesters or three quarters) as a full-time student.
 - b. **Two-Year College Graduation.** After signing this NLI while in high school or during my first year of full-time enrollment at a two-year college, the terms of this NLI will be satisfied if I graduate from the two-year college.
4. **Basic Penalty.** I understand that if I do not attend the institution named in this document for one full academic year and I enroll in another institution participating in the NLI program, I may not compete in intercollegiate athletics until I have completed one full academic year in residence at the latter institution. Further, I understand I shall be charged with the loss of one season of intercollegiate athletics competition in all sports. This is in addition to any seasons of competition expended at any institution.
5. **Early Signing Period Penalties.** Prospective student-athletes who will participate in football are prohibited from signing an NLI during the early signing period. A student who signs an NLI during the early period in a sport other than football will be ineligible for practice and competition in football during the first year of enrollment at an NLI member institution and shall forfeit one season of competition in football. In circumstances where a student's primary sport is not football, but the student anticipates participating in football, the student should delay signing an NLI until either the football signing period or during the regular signing period for all other sports.
6. **Release Request and Appeal Process.** In the event I wish to be released from my NLI obligation, the NLI release request form and appeal process information can be reviewed on the NLI Web site at www.national-letter.org. I understand that the NLI Policy and Review Committee has been authorized to issue interpretations, settle disputes and consider petitions for complete release from the provisions of the NLI when

extenuating circumstances are determined to exist and the signing institution denies my request for release. I further understand the Committee's decision may be appealed to the NLI Appeals Committee, whose decision shall be final and binding.

7. **Letter Becomes Null and Void.** This NLI shall be declared null and void if any of the following occur:
- a. **Admissions Requirement.** This NLI shall be declared null and void if the institution named in this document notifies me in writing that I have been denied admission or, by the opening day of classes in fall 2011, has failed to provide me with written notice of admission, provided I have submitted a complete admission application. It is my obligation to provide, by request, my academic records and an application for admission to the signing institution. If I fail to submit the necessary academic credentials and/or application to determine an admission decision prior to September 1, the NLI shall be declared null and void. If discovered I purposely failed to provide all necessary academic credentials to the institution, the NLI office per its review may determine the NLI remain binding.

This NLI shall be rendered null and void if I am eligible for admission, but the institution named in this document defers admission to a subsequent term. However, this NLI remains binding if I defer my admission.
 - b. **Eligibility Requirements.** This NLI shall be declared null and void if, by the opening day of classes in fall 2011, I have not met (1) the NCAA initial eligibility requirements; (2) the NCAA, conference or institution's requirements for financial aid to student-athletes; or (3) the two-year college transfer requirements, provided I have submitted all necessary documents for eligibility determination.
 - (1) This NLI shall be rendered null and void if I become a nonqualifier (per Bylaw 14.3). This NLI remains valid if I am a partial qualifier per NCAA Division II Bylaw 14.3.2.1 unless I do not meet the institution's policies for receipt of athletics aid.
 - (2) It is my obligation to register with and provide information to the NCAA Eligibility Center. If I fail to submit the necessary documentation for an initial-eligibility decision and have not attended classes at the signing institution, the NLI shall be declared null and void. If discovered I purposely failed to provide all necessary information to the NCAA Eligibility Center, the NLI office per its review may determine the NLI remain binding.
 - (3) This NLI shall be rendered null and void if I am a midyear football two-year college transfer and I fail to graduate from two-year college at midyear (only for Division I nonqualifier). The NLI remains binding for the following fall term if I graduated, was eligible for admission and financial aid and met the two-year college transfer requirements for competition for the winter or spring term, but chose to delay my admission.
 - c. **One-Year Absence.** This NLI shall be declared null and void if I have not attended any institution (two-year or four-year) for at least one academic year, provided my request for athletics financial aid for a subsequent fall term is denied by the signing institution. I may still apply this provision if I initially enrolled in an NLI member institution but have been absent for at least one academic year. To apply this provision, I must file with the appropriate conference office a statement from the director of athletics at the institution named in this document that such athletics financial aid will not be available for the requested fall term.
 - d. **Service in the U.S. Armed Forces/Church Mission.** This NLI shall be declared null and void after serving active duty with the armed forces of the United States or an official church mission for at least 12 months.
 - e. **Discontinued Sport.** This NLI shall be declared null and void if the institution named in the document discontinues my sport.
 - f. **Recruiting Rules Violation.** If eligibility reinstatement by the NCAA student-athlete reinstatement staff is necessary due to NCAA and/or conference recruiting rules violations, the institution must notify me that I have an option to have the NLI declared null and void due to the rules violation. It is my decision to have the NLI remain valid or to have the NLI declared null and void, permitting me to be recruited and not be subject to NLI penalties.
8. **Recruiting Ban After Signing.** I understand all participating conferences and institutions are obligated to respect my signing and shall cease to recruit me after my signing this NLI. I shall notify any recruiter who contacts me that I have signed an NLI. Once I enroll in the institution named in this document, the NLI Recruiting Ban is no longer in effect and I shall be governed by applicable NCAA bylaws.
9. **14-Day Signing Deadline.** If my parent/legal guardian and I fail to sign this NLI and accompanying offer of athletics financial aid (see institutional policy for parent/legal guardian signature) within 14 days after the date of issuance, it will be invalid. In that event, another NLI may be issued within the appropriate signing period. **Signing Deadline (November Only):** NLI must be signed between the dates of November 10-17, 2010 (the 14-day signing deadline is not applicable during the November signing period). Additionally, the institution must file the NLI with its conference office within 21 days of the date of final signature; otherwise, the NLI is invalid.
10. **Statute of Limitations.** This NLI is in full force and effect for a period of four years, commencing with the date I sign this NLI. I am subject to the NLI penalty if I do not fulfill the agreement; however, once four years has elapsed, the NLI is no longer binding.
11. **Coaching Changes.** I understand I have signed this NLI with the institution and not for a particular sport or coach. If a coach leaves the institution or the sports program (e.g., not retained, resigns), I remain bound by the provisions of this NLI. I understand it is not uncommon for a coach to leave his or her coaching position.
12. **Coaching Contact Prohibited at Time of Signing.** A coach or an institutional representative may not hand deliver this NLI off campus or be present off campus at the time I sign the NLI per NCAA rules. This NLI may be delivered by express mail, courier service, regular mail, e-mail or facsimile machine. An NLI submitted to an institution electronically shall be considered a valid copy.



Name of Prospective Student-Athlete _____
Last First Middle Initial

Permanent Address _____
City State Postal Code Country

Prospective Student-Athlete's NCAA ID _____ Date of Birth _____
(must be registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center and on the Institutional Request List)

Submission of this NLI has been authorized by:

SIGNED _____ Date Issued to Prospective Student-Athlete
Director of Athletics (or designee)

_____ Sport

For Institutional Use Only:
[] Two-year college transfer
[] 2-4 Qualifier [] 2-4 Nonqualifier
[] Two-year college graduate Expected graduation date _____

This is to certify my decision to enroll at _____ Name of Institution

I certify that I have read all terms and conditions included in this document. I have discussed them with the coach and/or other staff representatives of the institution named above, and I fully understand, accept and agree to be bound by them. I understand that signing this NLI is voluntary and I am not required to sign the NLI to receive athletics aid and participate in intercollegiate athletics. Additionally, I give my consent to the signing institution, to disclose to authorized representatives of its athletics conference (if any), the NCAA, the NCAA Eligibility Center and the NLI Office any documents or information pertaining to my NLI signing. Further, I give my consent to the NLI Office to disclose my name and personally identifiable information from my education records to a third party (including but not limited to the media) as necessary to correct any inaccuracies reported by the media or related to my NLI signing, without such disclosure constituting a violation of my rights, including my rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

If I falsify any part of this NLI, or if I have knowledge that my parent or legal guardian falsified any part of this NLI, I understand I shall forfeit the first year of my athletics competition at any NLI participating institution.

My signature on this NLI nullifies any agreements, oral or otherwise, which would release me from the conditions stated within this NLI.

SIGNED _____ Signing Date (Mth/Day/Yr) Time (A.M. / P.M.)
Prospective Student-Athlete Signature Do not sign prior to 7:00 a.m. (local time) on the initial signing date.

Parent/ legal guardian signature is required if prospective student-athlete has not reached his or her 21st birthday.

SIGNED _____ Signing Date (Mth/Day/Yr) Time (A.M. / P.M.)
[] Parent or [] Legal Guardian Signature Do not sign prior to 7:00 a.m. (local time) on the initial signing date.
(check one)

_____ Telephone Number (including area code)
Print Name of Parent/Legal Guardian

