



2022 Regional Seminars

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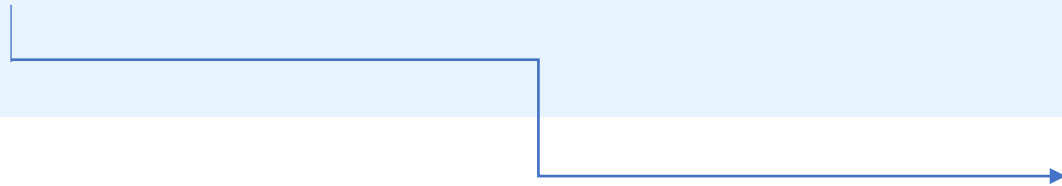
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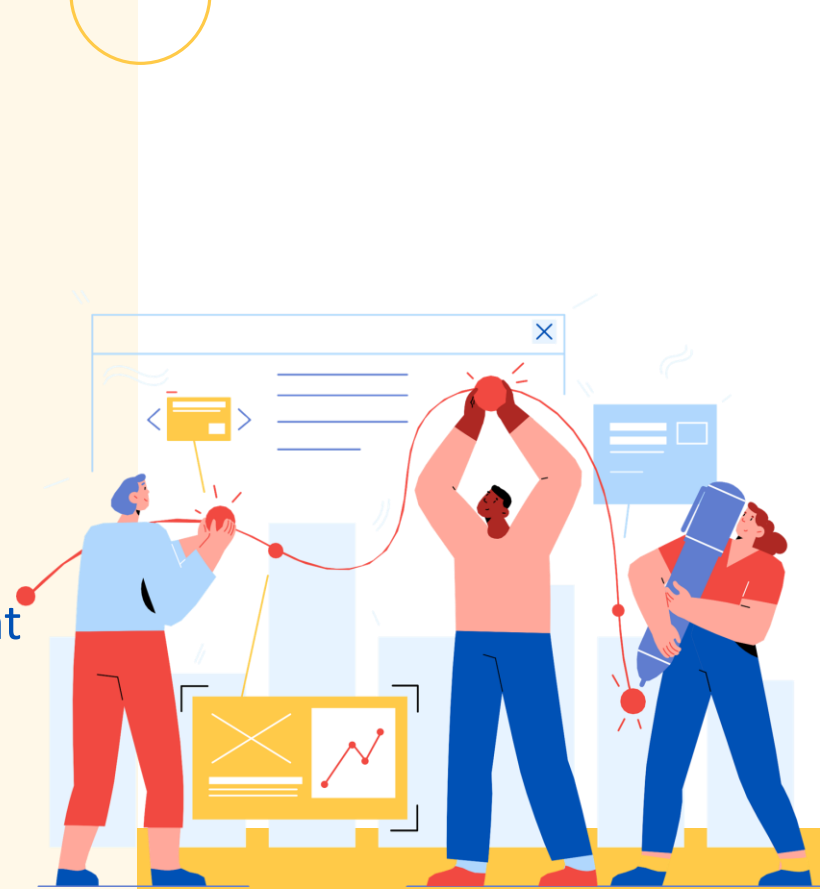
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Who Can Sign?



High School PSAs

- PSA must be in position to enroll the upcoming fall to sign the NLI.
 - By signing the NLI, the PSA and signing institution are intending for the PSA's enrollment during the NLI and athletic aid agreement year.
 - NLI should not be signed if it is known the PSA will not enroll the upcoming year.
- !** Check the NLI status to ensure the PSA does not have a previously signed valid NLI.



Who Can Sign?



International PSAs

- Many international PSAs are on a non-traditional academic calendar so they will not be in position to enroll the upcoming fall.

2022-23 NLI SIGNING YEAR
(2023-24 NLI)



PSA WILL NOT GRADUATE UNTIL NEXT
ACADEMIC YEAR (DECEMBER 2023)



PSA CANNOT SIGN UNTIL THE NEXT
SIGNING YEAR (2023-24)



- In this case, the PSA could sign a 2024-25 NLI. If enrolling spring 2024, the PSA could receive spring 2024 athletics aid in addition to the 2024-25 athletics aid. (Division I)
- Since Division II cannot offer multiyear aid, the PSA cannot receive spring 2024 athletics aid if also signing NLI.

Who Can Sign?



Two-Year College Transfers

(Signed NLI Before Two-Year Enrollment)

- 1 NLI signee attends two-year college instead of the signing institution.
- 2 NLI signee can sign another NLI while at the two-year college.
- 3 The NLI status will be contingent on the two-year college graduation if previous NLI is still valid.



! The graduation requirement to satisfy the previously signed NLI only applies to NLIs signed prior to two-year college enrollment.

Who Can Sign?



Four-Year College Transfers

- A four-year transfer cannot sign an NLI even if the transfer never previously signed an NLI.
 - Attendance at an international institution is considered a four-year transfer.
 - Four-year transfers signing athletic aid agreements are not bound by NLI signing dates; therefore, they can sign an athletic aid agreement any time.
- !** If you discover your institution signed a 4-4 transfer, the NLI must be declared invalid and the NLI violation submitted in the NLI portal.

Athletic Aid Agreement

- The NLI must be accompanied by an athletic aid agreement and must be the same year as the NLI.
 - Example: 2023-24 NLI with a 2023-24 athletics aid agreement.
- Football midyear two-year college transfers have the only exception to sign spring only athletic aid due to the specific signing period for this group of signees.
- Division I multiyear aid agreements can accompany the NLI.
 - NLI with a multiyear aid agreement with a zero amount of aid for the first year is not permitted.



Athletic Aid Agreement

- A PSA must still adhere to NLI signing dates if only signing the aid agreement without signing the NLI.
 - The PSA can sign an athletic aid agreement and later decide to sign an NLI if offered.
 - In this case, the date on the athletic aid agreement and NLI will not match.
 - Upload previously signed athletic aid agreement with the NLI since the PSA does not need to sign another athletic aid agreement with the NLI.
- Reminder: If the athletic aid agreement is later cancelled per institutional, conference or NCAA rules, NLI is no longer binding.



Signatures



Wet Ink Signature

Traditional handwritten pen to paper.
The signature does not have to be in cursive form.



Electronic Signature

Digitally captured signature using a mouse, stylus, finger on a touch device (e.g., tablet, smartphone).



Digital Signature

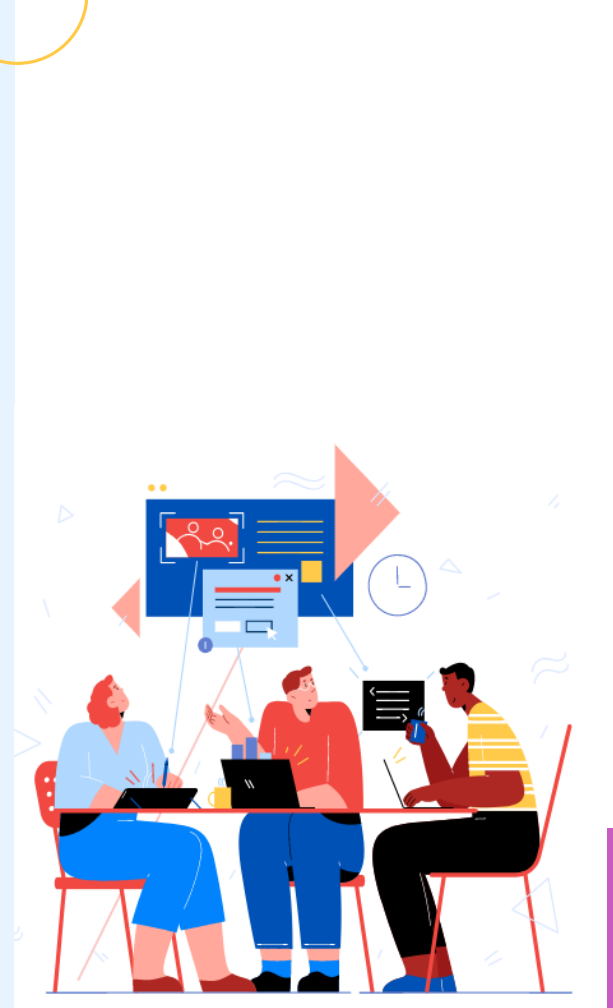
Typed name includes an authenticated code or audit report.
Digital signatures usually include date and time of signature; therefore, it is not necessary for the PSA/Parent to complete the NLI date/time field.



Deadlines

7-Day Signing Deadline

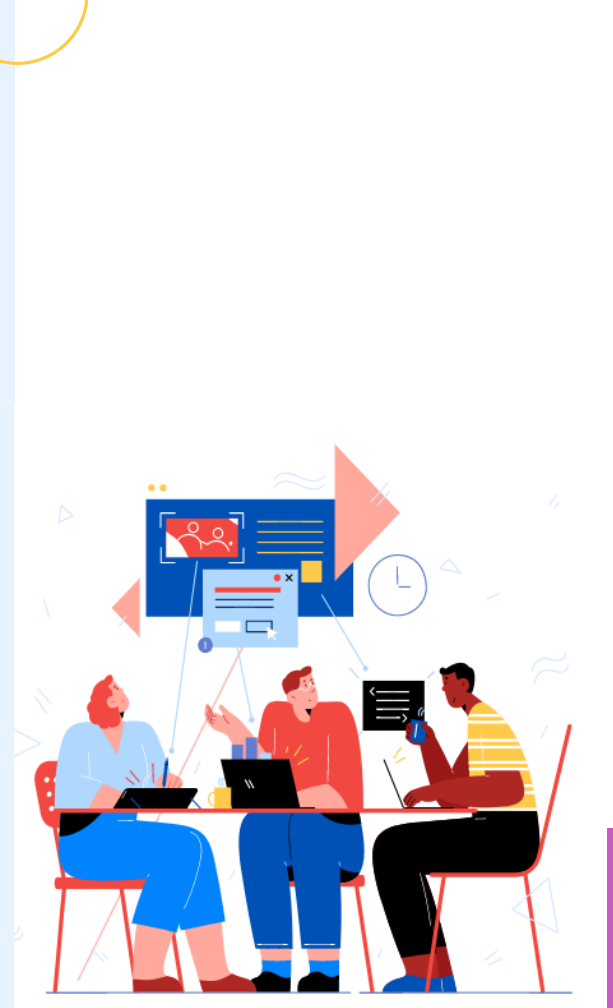
- The PSA has 7 days from the issuance date to sign the NLI. The athletic aid agreement must be signed within the 7 days if accompanying the NLI.
- Another NLI can be issued to the PSA if the signing deadline expires.
- If providing the NLI to the PSA before the initial signing date, the issuance date should be noted as the initial signing date.
- PSA and parent signature date do not have to be the same date but do have to be within the 7-day signing deadline.



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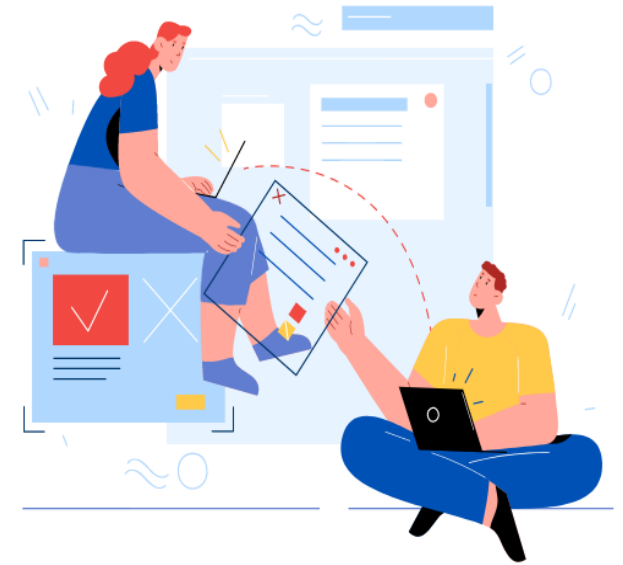
14-Day Submission Deadline

- The NLI must be uploaded in the NLI portal within 14 days from the PSA or parent signature, whichever is later.
- Only the NLI signature page and athletic aid agreement need to be uploaded.
- ! Always check to ensure the NLI has been uploaded. Look for the YES next to the record in the NLI upload list.



Validation

- The conference office determines the NLI as valid or invalid using set guidelines.
 - Once the conference office validates the NLI, the signee will show in your NLI report.
 - NLIs should be acted on by the conference office in a timely manner.
 - The PSA has the opportunity to sign the NLI again if the NLI is declared invalid provided the NLI signing period has not ended.
- ! • If you need to upload the NLI again for the same PSA, populate the NLI again and the record will then show in the NLI upload list.



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NLI STATUS

VALID

Signee and signing institution are subject to the NLI requirements. Other coaches cannot have communication with the signee and/or parents.

INVALID

Signee and signing institution do not have a binding agreement. Conference office records the NLI as invalid. PSA can sign another NLI.

NULL AND VOID

Signee and signing institution no longer have a binding agreement. Submitted by signing institution in the NLI Portal. PSA can sign another NLI.



PENDING RELEASE/ RECRUITING BAN LIFTED

NLI release status is pending when submitted by the signee. Other coaches can communicate with the signee and/or parents.

COMPLETE RELEASE

Release request is granted by the signing institution. Signee and signing institution no longer have a binding agreement. PSA can sign another NLI.

NO RELEASE

Release request is not granted by the signing institution. The NLI remains binding along with the athletic aid agreement.

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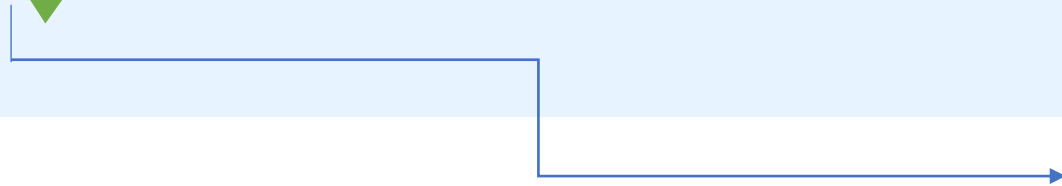
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NLI Recruiting Ban



Communication with a PSA must cease once the PSA signs an NLI.



PSA contacts a coach and the PSA is a senior in high school (after initial NLI signing) or beyond senior year.

- Coach should always check with the compliance office on the PSA's NLI status.



Recruiting ban violations must be self-reported in the NLI Portal.



Recruiting ban violations result in a monetary fine for the sport program.

- Division I - \$500 for first violation
- Division II - \$250 for first violation

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Early / Midyear Enrollment

A PSA may sign an NLI and decide to enroll before the fall term.

ATHLETIC AID AGREEMENT:

Division I – spring athletics aid CAN be added to the aid for the academic year.

Division II – spring athletics aid CANNOT be added to the aid for the academic year as this would then be an impermissible multiyear aid agreement.

SATISFYING THE NLI:

The NLI will be satisfied with the two semesters of attendance (spring/fall) or three quarters (spring/fall/winter).

Delayed Enrollment

A PSA may sign an NLI and decide to delay enrollment from the FALL TO SPRING.

- The NLI remains binding. This is still within the academic year matching the NLI. The NLI would then be satisfied with the signee's full-time attendance for spring/fall terms.
- The signing institution can null and void the NLI only if athletics aid is contingent on fall attendance and the signee fails to attend.
- The delay to spring would cause the NLI to be null and void if the delay was initiated by the institution (coach, admissions) without the PSA's agreement.
- The NLI delayed enrollment agreement does not apply to a delay of one term.

Delayed Enrollment

A PSA may sign an NLI and later decide to delay enrollment by ONE OR MORE ACADEMIC YEARS.

- The NLI remains binding if the athletics aid is available to the signee for the delayed academic year.
- The NLI is null and void if the athletics aid is no longer available to the signee for the delayed academic year.
- If the delayed enrollment is a mutual agreement, the NLI Delayed Enrollment Agreement form is enacted provided the signee is admitted and meets initial eligibility requirements.
- If the NLI Delayed Enrollment Agreement form is signed, this means the signee and institution mutually agree the signee will attend the signing institution the next year and the institution will provide athletics aid for the next year.

No Enrollment

A PSA may sign an NLI and decide to not attend the signing institution.

NLI remains binding if the PSA does not satisfy the NLI agreement to enroll at the signing institution for a minimum of one academic year.

NO ACTION NEEDED!

- The NLI would not be declared null and void.
- The signee can submit an NLI release request.

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How does the one-time transfer exception work with the NLI penalty?

A transfer student-athlete may meet the one-time transfer exception criteria; however, if the student-athlete signed an NLI and transfers without satisfying the NLI, the NLI penalty would apply unless granted an NLI complete release.

- ! It is important to check the NLI status and the semesters/quarters the student-athlete completed.

NLI status does auto populate in the transfer portal transfer tracer.



