



National Letter of Intent

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**Do not sign prior to 7:00 a.m. (local time) on the following dates or
after the final signing date listed for each sport.**

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>INITIAL SIGNING DATE</u>	<u>FINAL SIGNING DATE</u>
_____ Basketball (Early Period)	November 13, 2002	November 20, 2002
_____ Basketball (Late Period)	April 16, 2003	May 15, 2003
_____ Football (Midyear JC Transfer)	December 18, 2002	January 15, 2003
_____ Football (Regular Period)	February 5, 2003	April 1, 2003
_____ Field Hockey, Soccer, M Water Polo	February 5, 2003	August 1, 2003
_____ All Other Sports (Early Period)	November 13, 2002	November 20, 2002
_____ All Other Sports (Late Period)	April 16, 2003	August 1, 2003

(Place an "X" on the proper line.)

IMPORTANT - READ CAREFULLY

It is important to read this entire document before signing it in triplicate. One copy is to be retained by you and two copies are to be returned to the institution, one of which will be filed with the appropriate conference commissioner. Copies transmitted by facsimile are considered to be valid.

1. **Initial Enrollment in Four-Year Institution.** This NLI is applicable only to prospective student-athletes who will be entering four-year institutions for the first time as full-time students, except for 4-2-4 transfers who are graduating from junior college as outlined in paragraph 8-b. With the exception of midyear transfer students in football, no prospective student-athlete enrolling at midyear shall sign a NLI.
2. **Financial Aid Requirement.** I must receive in writing an award including athletics financial aid for the entire 2003-2004 academic year from the institution named in this document at the time of my signing. A midyear football junior college transfer must receive athletics financial aid for the remainder of the 2002-2003 academic year. The award letter shall list the terms and conditions of the award, including the amount and duration of the financial aid. If such conditions are not met, this NLI shall be declared null and void, and the institution which submits such a letter for signature to a prospect shall be in violation of the NLI Program and may be subject to appropriate sanctions.
 - a. **Professional Sports Contract.** If I sign a professional sports contract, I will remain bound by the provisions of this NLI in all other sports, even if the institution named in this document is prohibited from making athletically-related financial aid available to me in the sport in which I signed under NCAA rules.
3. **Provisions of Letter Satisfied.**
 - a. **One-year Attendance Requirement Met.** The terms of this NLI shall be satisfied if I attend the institution named in this document for at least one academic year.
 - b. **Junior College Graduation.** The terms of this NLI shall be satisfied if I graduate from junior college after signing a NLI while in high school or during my first year of full-time enrollment in junior college, provided it is not the year I am scheduled to graduate from junior college.
4. **Basic Penalty.** I understand that if I do not attend the institution named within this document for one full academic year, and I enroll in another institution participating in the NLI program, I may not represent the latter institution in intercollegiate athletics competition until I have completed two full academic years of residence at the

latter institution. Further, I understand that I shall be charged with the loss of two seasons of intercollegiate athletics competition in all sports, except as otherwise provided in this NLI. This is in addition to any eligibility expended at the institution at which I initially enrolled.

a. Early Signing Period Penalties. A prospective student-athlete who signs a NLI during the early signing period (November 13-20, 2002) will be ineligible for practice and competition in football for a two-year period and also shall be charged with the loss of two seasons of competition in the sport of football.

5. Qualified Release Agreement. A Qualified Release Agreement shall be provided in the event the institution and I mutually agree to release each other from any obligation to the NLI. This form must be signed by my parent, my legal guardian, or me and the Director of Athletics of the institution named in the document, and I must file a copy of this agreement with the conference office that processes this NLI. (A Qualified Release Agreement may be obtained from the NLI website: www.national-letter.org/documents/)

a. Authority to Release. A coach is not authorized to void, cancel or give a release to this NLI.

b. Extent of the Qualified Release Agreement. The provisions of the Qualified Release Agreement shall apply to all participating institutions and shall not be conditional or selective by institution.

6. Appeal Process. I understand that the NLI Steering Committee has been authorized to issue interpretations, settle disputes and consider petitions for a full release from the provisions of this NLI where there are extenuating circumstances. I further understand that its 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 occurs:

a. Admissions Requirement. This NLI shall be declared null and void, if the institution with which I signed notifies me in writing that I have been denied admission or by the opening day of classes, has failed to provide me with written notice of admission, provided I have submitted a complete admission application.

(1) It is presumed that I am eligible for admission and financial aid until information is submitted to the contrary. Thus, it is mandatory for me, upon request, to provide a transcript of my previous academic record and an application for admission to the institution named in this document.

(2) If I am eligible for admission, but the institution named in this document defers admission to a subsequent term, this NLI shall be rendered null and void. However, if I defer my admission, the NLI remains binding.

b. Eligibility Requirements. This NLI shall be declared null and void if, by the opening day of classes in the fall of 2003, I have not met (a) the institution's requirements for admissions, (b) its academic requirements for financial aid to athletes, **OR** (c) the NCAA requirement for freshman financial aid (NCAA Bylaw 14.3) or the junior college transfer rule.

(1) If I become a nonqualifier (per NCAA Bylaw 14.3), this NLI shall be rendered null and void.

(2) If I am a midyear junior college football transfer signee, the NLI remains binding for the following fall term if I was eligible for admission and financial aid and met the junior 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 null and void if I have not attended any institution (or attended an institution, including a junior college, that does not participate in the NLI Program) for at least one academic year after signing this NLI, provided my request for athletics financial aid for a subsequent fall term is not approved by the institution with which I signed. To receive this waiver, I must file with the appropriate conference commissioner a statement from the Director of Athletics at the institution named in this document that such financial aid will not be available to me for the requested fall term.

d. Service in the U.S. Armed Forces. Church Mission. This NLI shall be null and void if I serve on active duty with the armed forces of the United States or an official church mission for at least eighteen (18) months.

e. Discontinued Sport. This NLI shall be null and void if my sport is discontinued by the institution named in the document.

- f. **Recruiting Rules Violation.** If the institution (or a representative of its athletics interests) named in this document violated NCAA or conference rules while recruiting me, as found through the NCAA or conference enforcement process or acknowledged by the institution, this NLI shall be declared null and void. Such declaration shall not take place until all appeals to the NCAA or conference for restoration of eligibility have been concluded.
8. **Only One Valid NLI Permitted.** I understand that I may sign only one valid NLI, except as listed below.
- a. **Subsequent Signing Year.** If this NLI is rendered null and void under Item 7, I remain free to enroll in any institution of my choice where I am admissible and shall be permitted to sign another NLI in a subsequent signing year.
- b. **Junior College Exception.** If I signed a NLI while in high school or during my first year of full-time enrollment in junior college, I may sign another NLI in the signing year in which I am scheduled to graduate from junior college. If I graduate, the second NLI shall be binding on me; otherwise, the original NLI I signed shall remain valid.
9. **Recruiting Ban After Signing.** I understand that all participating conferences and institutions are obligated to respect my signing and shall cease to recruit me upon my signing this NLI. I shall notify any recruiter who contacts me that I have signed. Once I enroll in the institution with which I signed, the provisions of NCAA bylaw 13.1.1.3 shall govern.
10. **Institutional Signatures Required Prior to Submission.** This NLI must be signed and dated by the Director of Athletics or his/her authorized representative before submission to me and my parents (or legal guardian) for our signatures. This NLI may be mailed prior to the initial signing date. When a NLI is issued prior to the initial signing date, the "date of issuance" shall be the initial signing date and not the date that the NLI was signed or mailed by the institution.
11. **Parent/Guardian Signature Required.** My parent or legal guardian is required to sign this NLI if I am less than 21 years of age at the time of my signing, regardless of my marital status. If I do not have a living parent or a legal guardian, this NLI may be signed by the person who is acting in the capacity of a guardian. An explanation of the circumstances shall accompany this NLI.
12. **Falsification of NLI.** If I falsify any part of this NLI, or if I have knowledge that my parent or guardian falsified any part of this NLI, I understand that I shall forfeit the first two years of my eligibility at any NLI participating institution as outlined in Item 4.
13. **14-Day Signing Deadline.** If my parent or legal guardian and I fail to sign this NLI within **14 days** of issuance to me, it will be invalid. In that event, another NLI may be issued within the appropriate signing period. (NOTE: This does not apply to the early signing period).
14. **Institutional Filing Deadline.** This NLI must be filed with the appropriate conference by the institution named in this document within **21 days** after the date of final signature or it will be invalid. In that event, another NLI may be issued.
15. **No Additions or Deletions Allowed to NLI.** No additions or deletions may be made to this NLI or the Qualified Release Agreement.
16. **Official Time for Validity.** This NLI shall be considered to be officially signed on the final date of signature by myself or my parent (or guardian). If no time of day is listed, then 11:59 p.m. is presumed.
17. **Statute of Limitations.** This NLI shall carry a four-year statute of limitations.
18. **Nullification of Other Agreements.** My signature on this NLI nullifies any agreements, oral or otherwise, which would release me from the conditions stated within this NLI.
19. **If Coach Leaves.** I understand that I have signed this NLI with the institution and not for a particular sport or individual. For example, if the coach leaves the institution or the sports program, I remain bound by the provisions of this NLI.
20. **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 it. This NLI may be delivered by express mail, courier service, regular mail or facsimile machine. An NLI transmitted to an institution by facsimile machine shall be considered valid.

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Name of Prospect

Last

First

Middle

(Type Proper Name, Including Middle Name or Initial)

Permanent Address

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Submission of this NLI has been authorized by:

SIGNED

Director of Athletics (or designee)

Date Issued to Prospect

Sport (Men's)

Sport (Women's)

☐ Check here if signee is a junior college transfer student.

This is to certify my decision to enroll at

Name of Institution

I certify that I have read all terms and conditions included in the four pages of 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. (All three copies of this NLI must be signed individually.)

SIGNED

Prospect's Signature

Date (Mth/Day/Yr)

Time (A.M. / P.M.)

Prospect's Social Security Number

PROSPECT'S DATE OF BIRTH

SIGNED

☐ Parent or ☐ Legal Guardian Signature

Date (Mth/Day/Yr)

Time (A.M. / P.M.)

(check one - required if student-athlete has not reached 21st birthday)

Print Name of Parent/Legal Guardian

Telephone Number (including area code)

Note: Falsification of a signature or a signature by a party other than the prospect and the prospect's parent or legal guardian may result in a prospect forfeiting the first two years of eligibility at any NLI participating institution.