



Early Signing Period - December 20 – 22, 2017 (Division I)  
Regular Signing Period - February 7 – April 1, 2018

### DOES THE 7-DAY SIGNING DEADLINE APPLY TO THE FOOTBALL EARLY SIGNING PERIOD?

- Prospective student-athletes (PSAs) signing during the football early signing period will not have 7 days to sign the NLI. The 7-day signing window does apply to the football regular signing period.
- The 2018-19 NLI can be signed starting December 20, 2017 at 7 a.m. (PSA's local time) and will end at 11:59 p.m. on December 22, 2017.
- The 14-day conference submission deadline applies the same for the football early signing period as the regular signing period. If an NLI is signed on December 20, 2017, the conference submission deadline is January 3, 2018.

### HAS THE FOOTBALL EARLY SIGNING PENALTY BEEN ELIMINATED?

- The football early signing penalty remains as NLI Provision 5.

Prospective student-athletes who will participate in football are prohibited from signing an NLI during the early signing period for another sport. A prospective student-athlete 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 prospective student-athlete's primary sport is not football, but anticipates participating in football, the prospective student-athlete should delay signing an NLI until either the football early (Division I) or regular signing period or during the regular signing period for all other sports.

### WHO CAN SIGN DURING THE FOOTBALL EARLY SIGNING PERIOD?

- High school and two-year (JC) college PSAs intending to enroll at a signing institution the upcoming fall are permitted to sign during the early signing period. The early signing only applies to Division I (FBS and FCS).
- Two-year college transfers intending to enroll at the signing institution at midyear have an established football midyear JC transfer signing period (December 20, 2017 – January 15, 2018).

### CAN A HIGH SCHOOL EARLY GRADUATE ENROLLING MIDYEAR SIGN DURING THE EARLY SIGNING PERIOD?

- High school PSAs are permitted to sign an NLI in December and enroll at the signing institution midyear (e.g., upcoming January).
- The PSA will sign a 2018-19 NLI with 2018-19 athletics aid. The institution is permitted to add spring 2018 athletics aid (multiyear aid agreement).
- The PSA will fulfill the NLI agreement by attending the signing institution spring 2018 and fall 2018.
- High school PSAs are also permitted to sign an athletics aid agreement starting August 1 if graduating early and enrolling midyear (Per NCAA Bylaw). In this case, an NLI can later be signed in December after signing an athletics aid agreement.

### CAN A PSA SIGN ANOTHER NLI DURING THE REGULAR SIGNING PERIOD IF THE PSA'S NLI STATUS CHANGES?

- If an NLI signed during the early signing period is later declared null and void or the signee is granted a complete release, another NLI cannot be signed during the next signing period (e.g., February-April).
- If an NLI signed during the early signing period is declared invalid, another NLI can be signed anytime during applicable signing periods.

### WHEN CAN AN INSTITUTION ISSUE AN NLI FOR THE EARLY SIGNING PERIOD?

- Each year the NLI is available for institutions to populate on October 1.
- The issuance date should be noted as December 20, 2017 for the early signing period, allowing for the NLI to be populated earlier than December 20.