

# DUSTDEVIL COMPLIANCE

APRIL 2020



## ATHLETIC COMPLIANCE REMINDERS

- NCAA will be suspending normal building operation until May 1, 2020.
- Temporary dead period extended through May 31, 2020 in All Sports.
- In the eligibility center student-athletes can request Final Amateurism.
- The 2020-21 coaches certification curriculum has been released and is available on Division II University.
- High schools that have moved to distance or e-learning environments, the eligibility center will not require a separate review of distance or e-learning programs utilized by schools with NCAA-approved core courses that have moved to distance or e-learning environments for Spring/Summer 2020.
- See NCAA Division 2 [COVID-19 Approved Actions](#). (current)

### IN THIS ISSUE

**ATHLETIC  
COMPLIANCE  
REMINDERS**  
PG.1-4

**CAMPUS REMINDERS**  
PG.5-6

**RECRUITING  
CALENDAR**  
PG.7

## **DIVISION 2 COVID-19 NLI Q&A (CURRENT)**

- NLI SIGNING RESUMES ON APRIL 15, 2020.
  - All Division I and II sports will be in a signing period from April 15, 2020 – August 1, 2020, including Division I basketball and football. Please refer to the following questions and answers regarding the NLI signing period starting April 15, 2020. (Updated on April 8, 2020)
- With NLI signing resuming on April 15, 2020, can the NLIs be sent to PSAs before April 15, 2020?
  - No, NLIs cannot be sent (electronic or mail) until April 15, 2020. Compliance offices can start populating NLIs in the NLI portal before April 15, but these cannot be sent until April 15. If you populate the NLI in advance, make sure the issuance date on the NLI is no earlier than the first date the NLIs have resumed (April 15). To do this you will need to select the appropriate issuance date which will then be recorded on the NLI.
- What time on April 15 can the NLI be sent to a PSA?
  - There is not a designated time when the NLI can be sent to a PSA; however, the NLI cannot be sent prior to April 15.
- What time on April 15 can the PSA and parent/legal guardian sign the NLI?
  - The PSA and parent/legal guardian cannot sign the NLI until 7 a.m. (PSA's local time) on April 15. This time is consistent with the time of signing on the initial NLI signing date.
- Since athletics aid agreements must accompany the NLI, does the financial aid authority's signature date on the athletics aid agreement have to be the same date as the NLI issuance date?
  - No, the NLI issuance date and the financial aid authority's signature date does not have to be the same date. If you are preparing NLIs in advance to send to a PSA on April 15, the financial aid authority's signature date may be before the date listed on the NLI as the issuance date.

- Can the director of athletics or designee's signature on the NLI and the financial aid authority's signature on the athletics aid agreement be an electronic signature?
  - Yes, these signatures can be electronic or digital signatures. The institutional signatures do not have to include an authentication code. It is permissible to place a signature stamp on the NLI or aid agreement such as what you see when pasting a signature on a letter or form. Additionally, as many compliance offices are using electronic means to send the NLIs and aid agreements, digital or electronic signatures are permissible for the PSA and parent/legal guardian signatures provided the signature includes the authentication code.
- What is permissible if using a signature platform such as Adobe pdf to type a signature?
  - Some platforms allow the PSA to select a signature font or type a signature. In these platforms, the signature will include an authenticated code. The signature is permissible provided it can be verified with the authenticated code. If the PSA or parent/legal guardian signature does not include such verification, the signature cannot be accepted. Some platforms allow the use of a stylus, mouse or finger to sign. This is a replica signature, so this is permissible without the authenticated code.
- If I do not have an electronic platform for sending and receiving NLIs besides through scanner and email, what are other permissible methods for receiving the NLI from the PSA?
  - It is permissible for a PSA to take a photo of the NLI signature page and the athletics aid agreement signature page. This photo can then be sent by text or email. The compliance administrator can then save that photo as a pdf and upload in the NLI Portal.
- Does the 7-day signing deadline still apply?
  - Yes, the PSA will have seven days from the issuance date to sign the NLI. For example, an NLI issued on April 15, 2020 must be signed by April 22, 2020. If the 7-day signing deadline expires, another NLI can be issued to the PSA.
- Does the 14-day conference submission deadline still apply?
  - Yes, the signing institution must upload the NLI with the athletics aid agreement within 14 days of the final signature. For example, an NLI signed on April 15, 2020 must be uploaded by April 29, 2020

- Is the NLI signing year extended since there was a time period when NLIs could not be signed and the recruiting dead period has been extended?
  - Yes, only for Division I basketball and football since these sports had regular signing periods that previously ended on April 1 (football) and May 20 (basketball). These sports will be aligned with all other Division I and II sports with the signing year ending on August 1, 2020.
- If a PSA signs an athletics aid agreement without the NLI, can a PSA later sign an NLI?
  - Yes, if a PSA signs the athletic aid agreement without an NLI, the PSA can later sign an NLI. The institution would attach the previously signed aid agreement to the NLI, and another aid agreement would not be signed. In this case, the PSA's signature date on the aid agreement would precede the PSA's signature date on the NLI.



# CAMPUS REMINDERS

## REGISTRARS

- The new deadline for students to drop course is Thursday, April 23, 2020. This is also the last date for students to select the credit/non-credit grading option.
- All courses offered this Summer, including Maymester, will be delivered online in the Virtual Classroom.

## FINANCIAL AID

- The Financial Aid Office is working remotely. If you have any questions you can email Veronica Garcia at [roni@tamiu.edu](mailto:roni@tamiu.edu).
- Students make sure to log in to UCONNECT to check if you have any pending documentation in your financial aid folder.

## ACADEMICS

- Registration for Summer and Fall 2020 starts Monday, April 6, 2020.
- Students-Athletes can schedule their appointment by using: <https://calendly.com/diana-blackwell/tamiu-amc>.
- Student-athletes who need advice on the CR/NC option, schedule an appointment.

## ADMISSIONS

- Application for Spring 2021 is now open in ApplyTexas.
- Due to the suspension of all ACT and SAT test dates because of the COVID-19 National Emergency, the ACT/SAT admission requirement for summer and fall 2020 freshman applicants has been waived. Applicants that are top 40% of their class will be admitted automatically and those that are below the top 40% may submit a petition for special review.
- ETS is offering the TOEFL iBT® Special Home Edition test to every location where the TOEFL iBT testing is normally available, with the exception of Mainland China and Iran.

## INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

- Current international students being allowed to take online classes due to COVID-19 and may do it from their home countries.
- The US consulate is not providing visa services. New International students may be eligible to receive their I-20's but will not have a visa. It is recommended that if this continues that they defer their attendance.
- If a student returns to their home country, they should have a valid travel signature on their I-20, submit the TAMIU Departure Form (this is to keep track of the international students).
- If a student does not have a valid travel signature at the moment of return, they can contact International engagement to request a new print out of their I-20 that can be mailed to them.
- Health Insurance - if a student will not be in the U.S. during the summer, they may request for a health insurance refund by completing the [TAMUS 2020 Refund form](#).
- For any questions visa questions please contact the [Office of International Engagement](#).

#DUST'EM

# RECRUITING CALENDAR

## April 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

## All Sports

March 1-31: Dead Period - see red-colored dates on the calendar.

### DEAD PERIOD

NO IN-PERSON CONTACT WITH  
COACHES ON OR OFF CAMPUS  
WITH YOU OR PARENTS

## ATHLETIC COMPLIANCE RESOURCES

Veronica Garcia  
Financial Aid Coordinator  
956.326.2164  
roni@tamiu.edu

Antonio Gonzalez  
Compliance Coordinator  
956.326.2731  
antonio.gonzalez@tamiu.edu

Henry Miller  
Director Athletic Compliance  
956.326.2731  
henry.miller@tamiu.edu

Diana Blackwell  
Academic Coordinator  
956.326.2992  
diana.blackwell@tamiu.edu

Monica Castellanos  
Registrars Coordinator  
956.326.2252  
monica.castellanos@tamiu.edu