



What is the National Letter of Intent (NLI)?

The NLI is a binding agreement between a prospective student-athlete and NLI member institution.

- Prospective student-athlete agrees to attend the institution full-time for one academic year (two semesters or three quarters).
- Institution agrees to provide athletics financial aid for one academic year (two semesters or three quarters).

Penalty for not fulfilling the NLI: Serve one year in residence (full-time two semesters or three quarters) at the next NLI member institution and lose one season of competition in all sports.

DID YOU KNOW?



If I am not attending an NLI member institution for the upcoming academic year, can I sign an NLI?

No. If signing an NLI, it is intended you will be attending the signing institution for the academic year as noted on the NLI. This means when you sign an NLI, attendance is for the upcoming academic year.



What happens if I sign an NLI and later decide to delay enrollment to participate in Junior Hockey?

If you and the signing institution mutually agree to delay enrollment, the institution will have you complete and sign the NLI delayed enrollment agreement. With the delayed enrollment agreement, the institution is agreeing to honor the athletics aid for the next academic year and you are honoring your commitment to attend the signing institution for the next academic year. If the signing institution does not guarantee the athletics aid for the next academic year, the delayed enrollment agreement would not be enacted since there is not a mutual agreement. You are not required to delay enrollment unless you mutually agree to. If the signing institution does not honor the athletics aid for the next academic year, the NLI is null and void. If the athletics aid is honored and you do not attend the signing institution, you are subject to the NLI penalty.



What is the NLI Recruiting Ban?

Once you sign an NLI, it is impermissible to have other coaches continue recruiting you. All communication from other coaches with you and your parents must cease after you sign the NLI.



Is the NLI Recruiting Ban in effect if I delay enrollment?

Yes. If you initiate the delayed enrollment, the NLI Recruiting Ban would be in effect for the upcoming academic year that you were supposed to be attending the signing institution (e.g., the year you are participating in Junior Hockey).

KNOW THE RULES BEFORE YOU SIGN!

If considering signing an NLI and also participating in Junior Hockey, ask these questions during your college recruitment:



Is it my decision to delay college enrollment to participate in Junior Hockey?

Should I sign an NLI if I will be delaying my college enrollment?

Will athletics aid be available to me after I participate in Junior Hockey?

