

SIGNING DATE INFORMATION

Each academic year the NCAA manages the daily operations of the NLI program while the Collegiate Commissioners Association (CCA) provides governance oversight of the program. Started in 1964 with seven conferences and eight independent institutions, the program now includes 657 Division I and Division II participating institutions.

The NLI is a voluntary program with regard to both institutions and student-athletes. No prospective student-athlete or parent is required to sign the NLI and no institution is required to join the program.

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

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

The penalty for not fulfilling the NLI agreement: A student-athlete has to 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. An important provision of the NLI program is a recruiting prohibition applied after a prospective student-athlete signs the NLI. This prohibition requires member institutions to cease recruitment of a prospective student-athlete once an NLI is signed with another institution.

This letter is typically sent with the athletic financial aid package from the institution. The letter refers to what athletic financial aid the prospective student athlete will be receiving from the institution of choice. It is an agreement between the PSA and the selected institution to play college athletics. Some agreements are one or multiply year contracts, depending on the conference or school policy.

Several times throughout an academic year designated dates are selected to sign the NLI, which vary per sport or division.

Sport	Initial Signing Date	Final Signing Date
DI Basketball	November 13, 2019	November 20, 2019
	April 15, 2020	May 20, 2020
DI Football	December 18, 2019	December 20, 2019
	February 5, 2020	D1: April 1, 2020 D2: August 1, 2020
All Other DI and II Sports	November 13, 2019	August 1, 2020

Wauwatosa East Athletics will offer a celebration signing on the following dates for any student-athlete that will be committing to a college or university to continue playing athletics.

- **November 13, February 5 and April 15**
- If no one is signing on one of the designated dates, no ceremony will occur

The event will be at 4:00pm in the commons area with school spirit displayed, along with cake and drinks. The student athlete and parents are encouraged to wear the clothing of their future school.

Outside of those dates, families are welcome to do a celebration at the school or make arrangements with the athletes respective coach to do it at the venue they play, if possible. If a family is interested in doing their own celebration, contact Sue Flatley to make arrangements.