

Signing an Athletic Scholarship

The reference to prospect or PSA includes students before initial four-year college attendance and transfer student-athletes.

WHAT'S NEW?

Beginning with the 2024-25 academic year, NCAA Division I and II institutions will use a new signing model that is tied to the signing of an athletic scholarship. This new signing model removes the former National Letter of Intent from the signing process; however, the signing experience for PSAs will feel largely the same.



CELEBRATORY SIGNING

Pursuing academic and athletic opportunities at an NCAA institution is a significant achievement for student-athletes. The signing of an athletic scholarship culminates these achievements.

NCAA coaches and athletics staff members may not have in-person on- or off-campus contact with a PSA on the day an athletic scholarship is signed. After a PSA signs an athletic scholarship, the institution who signed the PSA is no longer subject to contact limitations; however, coaches may still communicate with PSAs on the day of signing (e.g., phone calls, text).



SIGNING DATES

The 2024-25 signing dates can be found [here](#).

High school, prep school and two-year college transfers must wait until the initial signing date or early signing period for their sport to sign their athletic scholarships agreement.

Division I basketball and football have an early and regular signing period. The early signing period has specific start and end dates. The regular signing period has a specific signing start date, but ends based on the institution's policy for awarding scholarships. All other sports have one signing period and PSAs can sign at any point on or after the initial signing date through the end of the institution's policy for awarding athletic scholarships.

Signing dates do not apply to four-year transfers. NCAA four-year transfers who are permissibly entered in the NCAA Transfer Portal may sign their athletic scholarship. Non-NCAA four-year transfers may sign whenever coaches can permissibly communicate with them, if applicable under the respective divisional legislation.



RECRUITING COMMITMENT

Once a PSA signs their athletic scholarship, coaches from other NCAA member institutions that offer athletic scholarships must stop communication with the signed PSA and individuals associated with the PSA (e.g., family members, scholastic or club coach, advisor). If a PSA changes their mind after signing an athletic scholarship agreement, they must request in writing to be released from the contact prohibition that is in effect. If the release is provided, the current school will update the PSA's signed status in their IRL or the NCAA Transfer Portal. Requesting a release from the contact prohibition does not automatically cancel the athletic scholarship.

Coaches are reminded to check with their athletic compliance office or the appropriate NCAA application to determine the signed status of a PSA before responding or initiating communication with the PSA and/or individuals associated with the PSA.