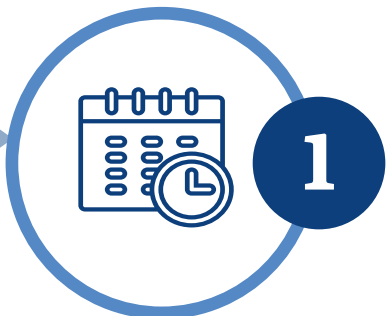


SIGNING AN ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP

EDUCATION RESOURCE FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES

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

When can an athletic scholarship be signed?



Prospective student-athletes can sign their athletic scholarship to attend an NCAA Division I or II institution if planning to attend the institution for the upcoming academic year.

Division I and II sports have specific dates when the athletic scholarship can be signed before initial four-year college attendance. Signing dates do not apply to four-year transfers. NCAA four-year transfers must be permissibly entered in the NCAA Transfer Portal to 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.

Can a collegiate coach attend a prospect's signing celebration?



NCAA coaches and institutional staff members may not have in-person on- or off-campus contact with a prospective student-athlete on the day that a written commitment is signed and may not attend a prospective student-athlete's celebratory signing activity in-person.

Can a prospect continue to be recruited after signing?



Once prospective student-athletes sign their athletic scholarship, coaches from other NCAA member institutions must cease communication with the signed prospect and individuals associated with the signed prospect (e.g., family members, scholastic coach, non-scholastic coach, advisor). This defines the recruiting commitment for prospective student-athletes and institutions.

Prospective student-athletes may not sign more than one valid athletic aid agreement with an NCAA Division I or II institution before attending the signing institution.

Can a prospect request for their recruitment to be re-opened after signing an athletic scholarship?



A signed prospective student-athlete may make this request to their signing institution in writing. If the institution grants the request and once the release is designated by the institution in the appropriate NCAA application, coaches at other institutions would be permitted to have recruiting contact with the prospective student-athlete.

This release only lifts the contact prohibition and does not automatically cancel the athletic scholarship signed by the prospective student-athlete.