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**Proposal Title:** Application of recruiting rules after commitment

**Proposal:** To specify that the exceptions to recruiting rules that apply after a prospective student-athlete has committed to an institution shall not apply to a prospective student-athlete who only signs an institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid before the initial regular (as opposed to early) signing date of the National Letter of Intent program.

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Amend 13.02.12.1, as follows:

13.02.12.1 Exception -- After Commitment. After an individual has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or after the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission, the individual shall no longer be subject to the restrictions of Bylaw 13.1. The individual remains a prospective student-athlete for purposes of applying the remaining provisions of Bylaw 13 and other bylaws. This exception does not apply to an individual who only signs an institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid prior to the initial regular (as opposed to early) signing date of the National Letter of Intent program in the applicable sport.

**THEN LIST THE RULE YOU WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE, INDICATING WHERE THE CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE. STRIKE THROUGH SHOULD BE USED FOR TEXT TO BE ELIMINATED AND UNDERLINE TEXT TO BE ADDED.**

**Rationale:** Recent deregulatory proposals were enacted to allow the Bylaw 13 recruiting and publicity restrictions to be relaxed for prospective student-athletes who have ended the recruiting process by making a commitment to attend an institution. Unfortunately, these changes have led to some institutions using these exceptions to pressure uncommitted prospects to sign institutional written agreements in order to gain a recruiting advantage. This pressure has been especially prevalent in football, because of the sport's more restrictive recruiting rules. The unintended consequences include unlimited recruiting and celebrity visits prior to the end of traditional recruitment. The legislation was never intended to apply in this manner, and as a result, this proposal seeks to close these "loopholes" by only allowing the recruiting and publicity exceptions to apply to prospects who have actually committed to an institution and ended the recruiting process by signing a National Letter of Intent or other commitment after the initial regular national letter of intent signing date. This proposal promotes the NCAA's commitment to responsible recruiting standards and will make the violation deterrent currently included in the April 16, 2014 official interpretation (Item No. 10-a) unnecessary.

**Supporting Documents:**

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