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Major League Lacrosse Draft and Agents

The IMLCA provides the following key information regarding the upcoming Major League Lacrosse draft and what student-athletes need to know in order to retain their eligibility.

Four Points to Remember:

A student-athlete will lose his eligibility **IF**:

1. He agrees orally or in writing to be represented by an agent or any individual acting on behalf of the agent [e.g., runner].
2. He (or any of his relatives or friends) accepts any benefits from a professional sports team, agent, a prospective agent or any individual acting on behalf of the agent [e.g., runner].
3. He uses an advisor throughout the process and does not pay the going rate for the advising services; or
4. If an advisor markets his athletic ability or reputation to a professional team on your behalf.

Key Dates:

- MLL Draft: **January 13, 2012**
- NCAA Championship Weekend: **May 26-28, 2012**

Frequently Asked Questions

MLL Draft

1. *Is a student-athlete allowed to be drafted in the MLL draft without losing his eligibility?*

YES! Because the MLL draft does not require a student-athlete to affirmatively declare his intentions to enter the draft, a student-athlete may be drafted during his senior season without jeopardizing his eligibility provided that he does not violate any of the rules described in this memorandum and will be exhausting his eligibility after his senior season.

2. *Can a student-athlete participate in private workouts/tryouts with MLL teams before he exhausts his eligibility?*

NO! To limit the distractions prior to the start of the student-athlete's senior season, the MLL has determined that potential draftees are not to have any direct contact with MLL teams. The MLL also has determined that teams are not allowed to have direct contact with any potential draftee. If any MLL team makes direct contact with a potential player prior to the draft they will be in violation of league rules and subject to MLL discipline.

3. *If a student-athlete is drafted, may he receive anything from the MLL team that selects him? (e.g., hat, jersey)*

NO! If a student-athlete accepts any type of item or benefit from an MLL team, this would be considered an extra benefit violation under NCAA rules. MLL teams have specifically been instructed not to provide student-athletes with any league product, subject to severe League discipline. If a student-athlete is offered any free MLL team gear from anyone, please return it immediately and contact your coaches and the Compliance Office.

4. What happens if a student-athlete is not selected in the Draft?

After the NCAA men's lacrosse season is complete on Memorial Day weekend, the MLL will allow all undrafted seniors who have exhausted their eligibility to register for the Player Pool for a one-week period. After this time period, teams will be able to select you by using the normal MLL waiver wire process. Please note there is no "free agent process" in the MLL, so all undrafted players will go through this process.

Agents/Advisors

1. What is an "agent" according to NCAA rules?

An individual would be considered an "agent" if the individual markets a student-athletes lacrosse skills to any MLL team or other professional teams (e.g., contact MLL teams to discuss a players' skills, set up tryouts with MLL teams). [NCAA Bylaw 12.3.1.2]

2. Is a student-athlete allowed to have any type of agreement with an agent?

NO! Student-athletes are **not** permitted to have a written or oral agreement with an agent, or anyone who is employed by or acting on behalf of an agent or sports agency (i.e., "runner"). [NCAA Bylaw 12.3.1]

3. What is an "oral agreement" with an agent?

An oral agreement occurs if a student-athlete verbally agrees to have an agent perform any services (e.g., providing any expenses related to tryouts, arranging disability insurance, etc.) on behalf of the student-athlete OR the student-athlete has knowledge that an agent is performing such services. [NCAA Bylaw 12.3.1]

4. Is an agent allowed to contact teams on behalf of a student-athlete to arrange private workouts or tryouts?

NO! Student-athletes cannot have an agent arrange a private workout/tryout with an MLL team.

5. Can family members or other individuals who are associated with a student-athlete as a result of playing lacrosse (e.g., high school coach, club coach, etc.) have an agreement with an agent to perform services on behalf of the student-athlete?

NO! Family members and other individuals are not permitted to enter into any agreements with an agent on behalf of a student-athlete. [NCAA Bylaw 12.3.1.2]

6. Is a student-athlete allowed to have an agreement with an agent if it is for future representation?

NO! Student-athletes are not permitted to agree to a future representation agreement with an agent. [NCAA Bylaw 12.3.1.1]

7. Is an agent allowed to provide a student-athlete any benefits?

NO! Student-athletes, their family, or their friends are not permitted to receive any benefits from an agent. Examples of material benefits include money, transportation, dinner, clothes, cell phones, jewelry, etc.

8. Can an institution cancel a student-athlete's scholarship if he has an agreement with an agent?

YES! An agreement with an agent renders the student-athlete ineligible for competition, and an institution is permitted to reduce or cancel an athletics scholarship if a student-athlete renders himself ineligible for competition. [NCAA Bylaw 15.3.4.2-(a)]

Helpful Tips:

- Student-athletes should keep their head coach and compliance coordinator informed of all activities during this process.
- Student-athletes should be careful who they associate with during this process. It is recommended that student-athletes do it all themselves or work through the head coach.

Student-athletes may receive the assistance of family members, provided they are not working with any individual who is marketing your athletics ability (e.g., contacting MLL teams, setting up tryouts with MLL teams).

- Student-athletes should remain in school and complete their academic courses while they "test the waters."
- Questions regarding this draft, eligibility and agent information should be addressed with an institution's compliance officer.