

For Their Eyes Only: Northwestern To Limit Media Access At Union Polling Location

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Northwestern University has confirmed that no media will be allowed in the vicinity of the polling place on Friday but will be allowed to gather nearby in the event any of the players choose to be interviewed. The polls will be open from 6 to 7:30 a.m. and again from 10 a.m. until noon Friday. The University said it will have no comment until the vote has concluded which is consistent with the requirements of the National Labor Relations Act. Both the union and the university as the potential employer are in the so-called “quiet period” which is enforced during the 24 hours in advance of a scheduled election. An NLRB spokesman has also confirmed that the results of the vote will not be made public if the NLRB has not yet decided if it will hear Northwestern's [appeal](#) of the NLRB Chicago Regional Director's ruling last month that Northwestern football players are employees of the University.

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