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Official Visit (Bylaw 13.02.16.1) - A visit to a member institution by a prospective student-athlete is a visit financed in whole or in part by the member institution.

Unofficial Visit (Bylaw 13.02.16.2)- A visit to a member institution by a prospective student-athlete at the prospective student-athlete's own expense. The provision of any expenses or entertainment valued at more than \$100 by the institution or representatives of its athletics interests shall require the visit to become an official visit, except as permitted in Bylaws [13.5](#) and [13.7](#). (Revised: 2/22/07, 5/9/08)

Complimentary Admissions (Bylaw 13.6.7.2)

During the **official visit**, a maximum of three complimentary admissions to a home athletics event at any facility within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus in which the institution's intercollegiate team practices or competes may be provided to a prospective student-athlete. Such complimentary admissions are for the exclusive use of the prospective student-athlete and those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the visit and must be issued only through a pass list on an individual-game basis. Such admissions may provide seating only in the general seating area of the facility used for conducting the event. Providing seating during the conduct of the event (including intermission) for the prospective student-athlete or those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete in the facility's press box, special seating box(es) or bench area is specifically prohibited. **[R]** (Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 1/11/94, 10/28/97, 11/1/00, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 4/24/03, 1/9/06, 4/24/08 effective 8/1/08)

13.6.7.2.1 Exception -- Nontraditional Family.

If a prospective student-athlete is a member of a nontraditional family (e.g., divorce, separation), the institution may provide up to two additional complimentary admissions to the prospective student-athlete in order to accommodate the parents accompanying the prospective student-athlete (e.g., stepparents) to attend a home athletics event. **[R]** (Adopted: 4/24/08 effective 8/1/08)

13.6.7.2.2 Exception -- Football.

In football, an institution may provide up to two additional complimentary admissions to the prospective student-athlete in order to accommodate family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete to attend a home athletics event. A family member is an individual with any of the following relationships to the prospective student-athlete: spouse, parent or legal guardian, child, sibling, grandparent, domestic partner or any individual whose close association with the prospective student-athlete is the practical equivalent of a family relationship. (Adopted: 4/24/14)

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13.5.2 Transportation on Official Paid Visit

Bylaw 13.5.2.1 General Restrictions

A member institution may pay the prospective student-athlete's actual round-trip transportation costs for his or her official visit to its campus from any location, provided the prospective student-athlete returns to the original point of departure, or if return transportation is provided to the prospective student-athlete's home, educational institution or site of competition, the cost does not exceed round-trip expenses from the prospective student-athlete's original point of departure. Use of a limousine or helicopter for such transportation is prohibited. **[R]** (Revised: 1/9/06, 5/26/06)

13.5.2.2 Automobile Transportation

If a prospective student-athlete travels by automobile on an official paid visit, the institution may pay round-trip expenses to the individual incurring the expense (except the prospective student-athlete's coach as set forth in Bylaw [13.8.1.2](#)) at the same mileage rate it allows its own personnel. Any automobile may be used by the prospective student-athlete, provided the automobile is not owned or operated or its use arranged by the institution or any representative of its athletics interests. **[R]** (Revised: 1/11/94)

13.5.2.2.2 Coach Accompanying Prospective Student-Athlete and Parents and Legal Guardians

Except as permitted in Bylaw [13.5.2.4](#), coaching staff members shall not accompany a prospective student-athlete in the coach's sport to or from an official visit unless the prospective student-athlete travels only by automobile. If such transportation is used, the 48-hour period of the official visit shall begin when the coach begins transporting the prospective student-athlete and his or her parents or legal guardians, if applicable, to campus. A coach who makes an in-person, off-campus contact (any dialogue in excess of an exchange of a greeting) with that prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians) during a permissible contact period prior to transporting the prospective student-athlete and his or her parents or legal guardians, if applicable, to campus for an official visit is charged with a countable contact. On completion of the 48-hour period, the coach shall terminate contact with the prospective student-athlete and his or her parents or legal guardians, if applicable, immediately. **[R]** (Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 11/12/97, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08)

13.5.2.2.2.1 FCS Exception

In championship subdivision football, any member of an institution's athletics department (except a volunteer coach per Bylaw [11.01.5](#)) who has been certified pursuant to a conference certification program may provide such transportation for a prospective student-athlete between the prospective student-athlete's home or educational institution and the member institution. (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 12/15/06)

13.5.2.4 From Airport or Bus or Train Station

During the official visit, any member of an institution's athletics department staff may provide ground transportation for a prospective student-athlete and the prospective student-athlete's parents, relatives or legal guardians between the campus and any bus or train station or airport. If a prospective student-athlete is transported by a member of the institution's athletics department from an airport or bus or train station other than the major airport or bus or train station nearest the institution, the 48-hour official visit period begins with the initiation of the ground transportation by the member of the institution's athletics department staff. (Revised: 4/28/05, 7/27/07)



Participation Prior to Certification Bylaw 14.3.5.1

If a student-athlete reports for athletics participation before his or her qualification status has been certified, the student may practice, but not compete, during a 45-day period, provided the student meets all other requirements to be eligible to practice. An institution shall not provide athletically related financial aid to the student during this period. After the 45-day period, the student shall have established minimum requirements (as certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center) to continue practicing or to compete and receive athletically related financial aid. (Revised: 1/11/89, 10/7/05, 5/9/07, 9/18/07, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

Student-Athlete Reinstatement Case

During 2010 spring semester, institution permitted nonrecruited, third-year, "2-4" transfer football student-athlete (SA) to practice one day beyond 45-day temporary certification period before receiving final academic certification from the NCAA Eligibility Center. Specifically, on the last day of the 45-day certification period, director of football administration and other staff members outside football received eligibility email detailing SA's eligibility status. Email stated SA was not eligible to participate in practice activities after the temporary certification period until SA was certified as eligible by NCAA Eligibility Center. SA was still waiting for one high school transcript which had not been received. Violation occurred due to miscommunication between director of football administration and director of football operations. Violation discovered when SA attempted to receive complimentary ticket to annual spring football game and was told by director of compliance he was not eligible to receive ticket due to his eligibility status. SA then informed director of compliance that football staff had not told him he was ineligible and that he had practiced one time beyond 45-day temporary certification period. SA served transfer year-in-residence during the 2010 spring and fall semesters due to nonqualifier status.

Additional Facts:

Institution Action:

Institution will withhold SA from two practices during 2011 spring semester. Rules education with involved institutional staff members. Rules review on specific bylaw to be conducted at next regularly scheduled monthly compliance meeting. Letter of admonishment issued to involved staff members.

Enforcement Action:

No further action.

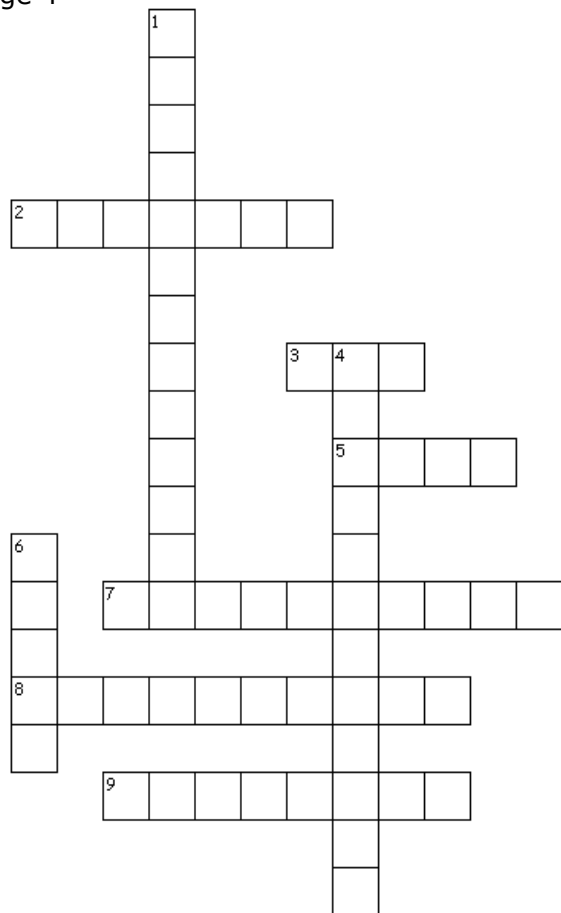
Eligibility Action:

STAFF: Eligibility reinstated based on institution's action withholding SA from two practices once he is otherwise eligible to compete. Please note, the institution's action exceeded what the NCAA student-athlete reinstatement staff would have imposed (one-for-one).

Rationale:

STAFF: Based on case precedent.

Football Bylaw 13 Crossword Puzzle



Across

2. Face to face encounter between a PSA or the PSA's parents, relatives, or legal guardians and an institutional staff member or athletics representative during which nay dialogue occurs in excess of an exchange of greeting.

3. The number of off-campus recruiting contacts each institution is limited to per PSA at any site and shall include contacts made with the PSA's relatives or legal guardians, but shall not include contacts made during an official visit.

5. Period when it is not permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts or evaluations on or off the institution's campus or to permit official or unofficial visits by PSAs to the institution's campus.

7. Any solicitation of a PSA or PSA's relatives by an institutional staff member or by a representative of the institution's athletics interest for the purpose of securing the PSA's enrollment and ultimate participation in the institution's intercollegiate athletics program.

8. An off-campus activity designed to assess the academic qualifications or athletics ability of a PSA.

9. A student who has started classes for the ninth grade.

Down

1. This form of recruiting material may be given to a PSA at any time.

4. The duration of the representative of athletics interests status.

6. Period when it is permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts only on the institution's campus.



Answers: Across 2. contact 3. six 5. dead 7. recruiting 8. evaluation 9. prospect
Down 1. questionnaire 4. indefinitely 6. quiet

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

FCS Recruiting Calendar

Quiet Period/Eval. Period ■

42 Eval days during the months of September, October, and November selected at the discretion of the institution and the designated in writing in the office of the director of athletics, authorized off-campus recruiters shall not visit a PSA's educational institution on more than one calendar day during this period. ***NOTE* All other dates shall be considered a quiet period.**