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NCAA Staff Interpretation Scouting Restrictions not Applicable to NCAA Championships

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The committee determined that the off-campus, in-person scouting prohibition does not preclude an institution's coaching staff from attending a conference championship contest or an NCAA championship contest in which a future opponent participates (e.g., an opponent on the institution's nonchampionship segment schedule participates in a fall conference or NCAA championship).

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaw 11.6.1 (off-campus, in-person scouting prohibition), and staff interpretation (8/13/13, Item No. d), which has been archived]

NCAA staff has further clarified that the staff interpretation also permits coaches from the institution who will face the winning team to attend a NCAA championship contest, regardless of location. The staff has clarified that for the purposes of the scouting legislation, the "potential opponents" do not trigger "future opponents." Also, this staff interpretation would apply even if one of the potential opponents is on the institution's schedule as a "future opponent."



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Division I Legislative Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief Approves Blanket Waiver for NCAA Bylaw 13.17.8 (cross country). [Nov. 08, 2013]

The NCAA Division I Legislative Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief approved a blanket waiver to permit Division I cross country coaches to attend and evaluate prospective student-athletes at the December 14, 2013, Foot Locker Cross Country National Championships. The Division I recruiting period legislation specifies that the recruiting quiet period begins the day after the second Sunday in December. In issuing this waiver, the subcommittee noted the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association supports the waiver. The subcommittee also noted the event historically occurs the third Saturday after Thanksgiving and the date is typically permissible, except when Thanksgiving falls late in the month of November. Additionally, the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee is supportive of the waiver request for 2013, 2019 and 2028. See Case No. 489631 in RSRO via the search tab.

NCAA Educational Column

Travel Expenses for Practice and Competition

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NCAA Division I member institutions should note that, with the adoption of NCAA Division I Proposal No. RWG-16-7, an institution may provide actual and necessary expenses to a student-athlete to represent the institution in practice and competition, including travel expenses incidental to practice or competition. This provides member institutions flexibility when determining which travel expenses may be reasonably considered incidental to practice or competition, including expenses for student-athletes who do not travel with the team to or from competition during vacation periods (e.g., travel from the competition site to home prior to returning to campus) and travel to the institution for purposes of engaging in required practice activities after the student-athlete's initial arrival on campus for the academic year. Institutions should note the following specific limitations when applying the legislation governing travel for practice or competition:

1. To receive competition-related expenses, the student-athlete must be eligible for the away-from-home competition, even if practice activities will also be associated with the travel.
2. An institution may provide travel expenses only if the student-athlete actually incurs such expenses.
3. Travel expenses must be based on the transportation actually used by the student-athlete.
4. An institution may not provide expenses for a prospective student-athlete's initial arrival at the institution except for transportation from the nearest bus or train station or major airport to the campus. A continuing student-athlete may not receive expenses for his or her initial arrival at the institution for each academic year.
5. In bowl subdivision football, an institution may not provide expenses to a student-athlete who is a midyear enrollee (freshman or transfer) for participation in a postseason bowl game that occurs before or during the student-athlete's initial term of full-time enrollment at the institution.

Finally, an institution may not provide a student-athlete cash for anticipated travel expenses unless the amount provided does not exceed the student-athlete's actual travel costs and institutional policies and procedures applicable to all student-athletes permit providing cash for travel expenses prior to the student-athlete incurring the expense.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.5.4 (transportation to enroll or to attend required orientation), 16.8 (expenses provided by the institution for practice and competition), 16.8.1 (permissible), 16.8.1.1 (incidental expenses at NCAA championships, national governing body championships in emerging sports and postseason bowl games), 16.8.2 (nonpermissible), 16.8.2.1 (expenses for participation in postseason bowl games - midyear enrollee - bowl subdivision football) and 16.11.2.2 (other prohibited benefits)]

NCAA Staff Interpretation



Subscribing to a Recruiting or Scouting Service

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Interpretation:

The academic and membership affairs staff determined that an institution is considered to have subscribed to a recruiting or scouting service when a staff member registers to access information provided by the service only to paid subscribers or registers to access information available only to a select group of individuals (e.g., coaches), regardless of whether a charge is associated with accessing the information. However, an institution is not considered to have subscribed to a recruiting or scouting service if a staff member registers to access information about prospective student-athletes from a service that provides the same information to the general public at no cost.

References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.14.3 (recruiting or scouting services); 13.14.3.1 (basketball and football); 13.14.3.2 (sports other than basketball and football); 13.14.3.3 (subscription limited to approved services – basketball and football); and staff interpretation (04/01/11, Item No. a)]

**The CAA wishes
you Happy
Holidays.**

Institutional Awards Banquet

Compliance University will be hosting its annual end of the year women's soccer banquet in December. Goal E. Smith, a junior student-athlete on the team, will be receiving the offensive player of the year award, so her parents and grandparents would like to attend the event.

Is it permissible for Goal's parents and grandparents to receive complimentary admissions to attend the institutional banquet?

Yes. With the adoption of **RWG-16-5**, complimentary admissions may be provided to family members prior to the student-athlete's final year of eligibility.

NCAA Bylaw 16.02.4 states that for purposes of Bylaw 16, a family member is an individual with any of the following relationships to a student-athlete: spouse, parent or legal guardian, child, sibling, grandparent, domestic partner or any individual whose close association with the student-athlete is the practical equivalent of a family relationship. (*Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13*)

NCAA Bylaw 16.6.1.6 states that an institution may provide complimentary admissions to an institutional awards banquet for the family members of any student-athlete being honored at the banquet.

[R] (Adopted: 11/1/00, Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

**Look for the next
Compliance
Monthly where
we discuss the
CAA Spring
Community
Service
Initiative.**



December Recruiting Calendars

Note: This is a color coded visual of the recruiting calendars, please consider this when printing.

	Contact Period		Quiet Period		Evaluation Period		Dead Period
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Cross Country/ Track & Field

Sun	Mo	Tu	We	Th	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	31				

Dec. 1-8 Contact, Dec. 9-16 Quiet,
Dec. 16-19 Dead, Dec. 20-31 Quiet

Men's Basketball

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Th	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	31				

Dec. 1-23, 27-31 Contact,
Dec. 24-26 Dead Period

Women's Basketball

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Th	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	31				

Dec. 1-23, 27-31 Evaluation,
Dec. 24-26 Dead

Women's Volleyball

Sun	Mo	Tu	We	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	31				

Dec. 1 Contact, Dec. 2-17 Quiet,
Dec. 18-31 Dead

Softball

Sun	Mo	Tu	We	Th	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	31				

Dec. 1-3, 8-31 Quiet, Dec. 4-8 Dead
*December 8 Dead Period Until 12:01 AM,
Quiet Period Begins December 8 at 12:02 AM*

Baseball

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Th	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	31				

Dec. 1-31 Quiet

Men's Lacrosse

Sun	Mo	Tu	We	Th	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	31				

Dec. 1, 24-31 Dead, Dec. 2-23 Quiet

Women's Lacrosse

Sun	Mo	Tu	We	Th	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
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Dec. 1-31 Quiet