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# Compliance Monthly

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## Educational Column - August 17, 2012 Issues Related To Campus Recruiting Visits (I)

### Hosting Duties.

Institutions should note that pursuant to NCAA Bylaws 13.6.7.5 and 13.7.2.1.8, a student host involved in an official or unofficial visit must be either a current student-athlete or a student designated in a manner consistent with the institution's policy for providing campus visits or tours to prospective students in general. In this regard, individuals are considered hosts if they are involved in traditional hosting duties, such as tasks that require specific interaction with the prospective student-athlete (e.g., entertaining, escorting). Individuals who are involved solely in administrative functions (e.g., stuffing envelopes, collecting unofficial visit money, handling complimentary admissions) are not considered student hosts.

Further, for purposes of this legislation, student managers and other student employees are considered to be students, as opposed to athletics department employees. Therefore, those individuals are restricted to engaging in general employment functions and are not permitted to host prospective student-



athletes unless they meet the criteria noted in the aforementioned bylaws. Finally, inasmuch as student-hosting duties are considered incidental to athletics participation, and an individual must be either a student-athlete or a member of the official university host group, a student-athlete may not be paid to perform this function unless the university typically pays its official host groups for their services.

### Athletics Department Involvement with Institutional Hosting Groups.

Pursuant to Bylaws 13.6.7.5 and 13.7.2.1.8, a student host involved in an official or unofficial visit must be either a current student-athlete or a student designated in a manner consistent with the institution's policy for providing campus visits or tours to prospective students in general. Consistent with this legislation, athletics departments are expected to remain completely uninvolved in the management and operation of these programs. ....(Continued on page 5)

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**Educational Column - August 17, 2012**  
**Sports Sponsorship Minimum Contest Requirements --**  
**Counting Multiteam Events in Individual Sports (I)**

NCAA Division I institutions should note that, in individual sports, not more than three institution-versus-institution meetings shall be counted as contests in any multiteam competition (e.g., quadrangular track and field meet) for purposes of meeting the minimum-contests requirement for sports sponsorship. If the institution achieves a single score in competition with the other competing institutions (e.g., a conference championship), it shall be counted as one contest. In addition, a meet at which no team scoring is kept counts as a contest for the purpose of meeting the minimum-contest requirement, provided at least the minimum number of participants, per NCAA Bylaw 20.9.4.3, participate in the event. Finally, if a sponsor of an event conducts the event either with no team scoring or with institutions achieving a single score against other competing institutions, it is not permissible for institutions to score the event as an institution-versus-institution event.

The following questions and answers are designed to assist the Division I membership with the application of this legislation.

**Question:** If the operator of a track and field event conducts the event with no team scoring and participants compete on an individual basis, may an institution with individuals competing in the track and field event change the scoring of the event from individual scoring to head-to-head scoring with other participating institutions after the event has been conducted?

**Answer:** No.

**Question:** A swimming event is advertised by the event operator as not having team scoring. May an institution with individuals competing in the swim meet event change the scoring of the event to head-to-head scoring with another participating institution(s) after the event has been conducted?

**Answer:** No.

**Question:** May participating institutions request that the event operator of an individual sport event (e.g., track and field meet, swimming meet) conduct the event on an institution versus institution basis?

**Answer:** Yes, but only if the event is scored as such during the conduct of the event and not rescored by the operator or participating institutions after the event.

**Question:** If the participating institutions and the operator of a track and field event agree as to how a multiteam event will be scored prior to the event (e.g., Team A vs. Team C, Team D vs. Team B, and Team F vs. Team E) may a competing institution(s) change how the event is scored (e.g., Team A vs. Team B, Team C vs. Team E, and Team F vs. Team D) after the event has been conducted?

**Answer:** No.

**Question:** Prior to the beginning of or before the completion of a multiteam and/or multidivisional wrestling event, is it permissible for Division I institutions to conduct a separate event (in which the institutions will compete in a separate competition) and use the event in meeting the 100 percent scheduling requirements?

**Answer:** Yes

*[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 20.9.4.3.3 (counting multiteam events in individual sports), 20.9.4.3.3.1 (meets with no team scoring); and an official interpretation (6/30/93, Item No. 8.(2))]*

## **Staff Interpretation - August 24, 2012**

### **Graduation and Credit-Hour Requirements (I)**

The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that a student-athlete who receives a baccalaureate degree is not required to have met the credit-hour requirements in the preceding regular academic term or terms in order to be eligible for competition in the regular academic term immediately following the receipt of the degree.

*[References: NCAA Bylaws 14.4.3.1 (fulfillment of credit-hour requirements), 14.4.3.1.6 (additional requirements -- football), 14.4.3.1.6.1 (regaining eligibility for two contests), 14.4.3.1.6.2 (regaining full eligibility -- one-time exception), and 14.4.3.5 (exceptions to progress-toward-degree rule)]*

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## **Staff Interpretation - August 24, 2012**

### **Telephone Calls to Two-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes (I)**

The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that a prospective student-athlete who was not a qualifier and who is enrolled in his or her first year at a two-year college may be contacted by telephone for recruiting purposes, subject to the applicable telephone calls legislation.

*[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.1.1.2 (two-year college prospective student-athletes), 13.1.2.3 (general restrictions - staff members and governing board), 13.1.3.1 (time period for telephone calls -- general rule) and 14.5.4.2 (not a qualifier); and a 11/15/1991 staff interpretation, Item No. a ]*

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## **Staff Interpretation - August 24, 2012**

### **Coach Traveling with Prospective Student-Athlete's Parents to Campus on an Official Visit (I)**

The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that if a prospective student-athlete flies to an institution for an official visit and the prospective student-athlete's parents drive to the institution's campus to accompany the prospective student-athlete on the official visit, it is permissible for a member institution's coach to ride with the prospective student-athlete's parents from their home to the institution and back to their home, provided the contact with the prospective student-athlete's parents occurs during a contact period (recruiting period in men's basketball) and is counted as one of the in-person off-campus contacts that may occur with the prospective student-athlete. Also, in men's basketball, an institution may reimburse the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians (expenses for up to two people) for the actual round-trip costs to accompany the prospective student-athlete on his official visit.

*[References: NCAA Bylaws 13.02.4 (contact), 13.02.5.3 (recruiting period -- men's basketball), 13.1.5 (contacts), 13.5.2.2.1 (prospective student-athlete's relatives or friends), 13.5.2.6 (transportation of prospective student-athlete's relatives, friends or legal guardians) and 13.5.2.6.1 (exception -- transportation expenses for a prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians -- men's basketball), and staff interpretation (01/28/87, Item Ref: 4-a-(3), which has been archived]*

## Staff Interpretation - August 24, 2012

### Walk-on Student-Athlete Receiving Training Table Meal (I)

The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that a student-athlete who is not receiving athletically related financial aid that includes board (e.g., walk-on) may receive training table meals under any of the following circumstances:

1. The student-athlete has previously paid for all meals through a regular institutional meal plan and misses a meal due to practice activities (i.e., the meal is available in the dining hall only during the time practice is in session);
2. The student-athlete pays for the training table meal at the same rate that the institution deducts from the board allowance of student-athletes who receive athletically related aid covering board costs;
3. The student-athlete is on an institutional meal plan and pays the difference in the cost between the two meals, provided the student-athlete could not use the unused meal under the regular institutional meal plan at a later date; or
4. The student-athlete reports on call and becomes involved in activities related to a home competition.

*[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 16.5.2-(d) (meals incidental to participation) and 16.8.1.2 (competition while representing institution) and a 8/25/04 staff interpretation, item 1a and a 5/12/93 staff interpretation, item c, which have been archived]*

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## Staff Interpretation - August 24, 2012

### Coach Speaking at a Banquet for Prospective Student-Athletes in which Fundraising Activities Occur in Sports Other Than Men's Basketball (I)

The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that in sports other than men's basketball, a coach may speak at a banquet for prospective student-athletes in which fundraising activities also occur only if fundraising activities are not the primary purpose for conducting the banquet or meeting. Further, the staff confirmed that, in sports other than men's basketball, if the fundraising activities are the primary purpose of the banquet or meeting, institutional staff members may attend the fundraiser subject to the following conditions:

1. The staff members could play no active role in fundraising activities;
2. The attendance of the staff members at the event could not be publicized in advance;
3. No contact with prospective student-athletes or parents of prospective student-athletes would be permitted outside the permissible contact period, and
4. Conversations between staff members and the high school's coaching staff members, parents, prospective student-athletes and other individuals could not include recruiting information or contain a recruiting presentation.

*[References: NCAA Bylaws 13.1.8 (banquets, meetings and NCAA promotional activities); 13.15 (precollege expenses); 13.15.1 (prohibited expenses); 13.15.1.10 (donation to nonprofit - men's basketball) and official interpretation (01/25/1991) which has been archived]*

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### Issues Related To Campus Recruiting Visits (I) *Cont. from page 1*

Athletics departments may, however, contribute funds to the overall university host program, provided such funding does not result in the athletics departments assuming control or compromising university oversight of such programs. Further, if permitted by institutional policy, athletics departments may request specific hosts from the institution's pool of hosts only if such opportunities are available to other institutional departments and the athletics department does not compromise the university's control or oversight of the host program.

#### Transportation Costs/Meals and Lodging While in Transit for Parents or Legal Guardians -- Men's Basketball.

Pursuant to Bylaw 13.5.2.6.1, in men's basketball, an institution may pay the actual round-trip costs for a prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians (expenses for up to two people) to accompany the prospective student-athlete on his official visit. In addition, per Bylaw 13.6.7.1.1, in men's basketball, an institution may pay the actual costs for meals and lodging for a prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians (expenses for up to two people) that are incurred while traveling to and from campus to accompany the prospective student-athlete on his official visit.

#### Standard Lodging.

Pursuant to Bylaw 13.6.6, a prospective student-athlete on an official visit shall be provided lodging and take meals as regular students normally do. Local commercial facilities may be used but at a scale comparable to that of normal student life and only within a 30-mile radius of the institution's campus. Lodging may not include special accessories (e.g., jacuzzis, suites) that are not available generally to all guests residing at the establishment. Consistent with the overarching theme that prospective student-athletes should be housed in a similar manner as other prospective students generally, institutions should adhere to the following guidelines: hotels selected to house prospective student-athletes should be similar to hotels in which prospective students are housed, hotels in which visiting teams are housed or lodging used by the institution for away from home contests.

#### Standard Meals.

Pursuant to Bylaw 13.6.6, a prospective student-athlete on an official visit shall be provided lodging and take meals as regular students normally do. Pursuant to Bylaw 13.6.7.7, meals must be comparable to those provided to student-athletes during the academic year. In this regard, meals provided during an official visit will be considered standard if they are similar in nature to campus meals, including training table meals. Additionally, institutions should note that the training table meal standard is considered the upper limit for all sports, regardless of whether training table is typically provided in a particular sport. Further, pursuant to Bylaw 13.6.7.1, a member institution may not arrange or permit excessive entertainment of a prospective student-athlete on campus or elsewhere. This restriction includes special arrangements for admittance to exclusive or elite restaurants where such opportunities are not generally available to the public.

#### Standard Transportation.

Pursuant to Bylaw 13.5.2.2.4, an institution transporting a prospective student-athlete (and those accompanying a prospective student-athlete) around campus during the official visit must use institutional vehicles normally used to transport prospective students while visiting the campus. In addition, coaching staff members or student hosts may use personal vehicles to transport a prospective student-athlete (and those accompanying the prospective student-athlete) around campus during an official visit. As a general principle, institutions should note that vehicles used for transportation around campus should be consistent with the type of vehicle an institution uses (or would use) for regular prospective students under similar circumstances, regardless of whether the institution actually provides such transportation. Also, a coaching staff member may use his or her personal vehicle for such purposes, provided the vehicle is used on a regular basis by the coach and has not been modified for the purpose of transporting prospective student-athletes. Further, coaches may rent vehicles for transportation purposes as needed, pursuant to institutional policy, provided those vehicles are considered basic transportation and not modified in any manner for this purpose. Finally, unmodified golf carts and similar vehicles are considered basic transportation; therefore, such vehicles may be used to transport prospective student-athletes around the campus.

*[References: NCAA Bylaws 13.5.2.2.4 (on-campus transportation), 13.5.2.6.1 (exception -- transportation expenses for a prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians – men's basketball) 13.6.6 (accommodations on official visit) 13.6.7.1 (general restrictions) 13.6.7.1.1 (meals and lodging while in transit), 13.6.7.5 (student host) 13.6.7.7 (meals on official visit), 13.7.2.1.8 (student host) and staff interpretations (7/26/12, Item Ref. a and b)]*



# September Recruiting Calendars



Cross Country/ Track & Field						
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Men's Basketball						
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September 9-30 : Recruiting Period.						1
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30	All live evaluations during the academic year shall be limited regularly scheduled high/prep school and two-year college contests/tournaments, practices and regular scholastic activities involving other student-athletes enrolled only at that institution.					

Women's Basketball						
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September 28-30 : Evaluations permitted at nonscholastic women's basketball events.						1
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30	Women's Basketball staff members shall not exceed 100 recruiting person days. A recruiting person day is defined as one coach engaged in an off-campus recruiting activity of a WBB prospect on one day; two coaches engaged on the same day shall use two recruiting days					

Women's Volleyball						
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30	In those states that play high school softball season in the fall, evaluations shall be permissible during those seasons, except during dead periods.					

Baseball						
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Women's Lacrosse						
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Note: This is a color coded visual of the recruiting calendars, please consider this when printing.



Quiet Period



Contact Period



Evaluation Period



Dead Period