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## Banquets or Meetings at a Prospect Student-Athlete's Educational Institution

### [Bylaw 13.1.8.1-(d)]

### Football. [FBS/FCS]

(1) **During a Contact Period.** In football, a coach who speaks at a meeting or banquet at a prospective student-athlete's educational institution during a contact period, uses one of the institution's six in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts per prospective student-athlete and also uses the institution's once-per-week visit to a prospective student-athlete's educational institution.

(2) **Outside a Contact Period.** In football, a coach may speak at a meeting or banquet at a prospective student-athlete's educational institution outside a contact period without such attendance being considered an evaluation or a visit to a prospective student-athlete's educational institution (except for dead periods per Bylaw [13.02.5.5](#)), provided: (Revised: 9/9/98, 2/22/01, 5/18/05)

(i) The meeting or banquet is initiated and conducted by the educational institution;

(ii) The coach does not make a recruiting presentation in conjunction with the appearance;

(iii) The coach does not have direct contact with any prospective student-athlete (or a prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians) in attendance; and

(iv) The coach does not engage in any evaluation activities.

**Good luck to the teams who continue to compete for a National Championship.**

### December 13, 2013

Eastern Illinois vs. Towson  
2013 NCAA Division I National Championship-  
Quarterfinals  
Watch on ESPN2 at 8:00 PM



Southeastern Louisiana vs. New Hampshire  
2013 NCAA Division I National Championship-  
Quarterfinals  
Watch on ESPN3 at 7:00 PM



2013-14 Division I Championship Subdivision Football  
Recruiting Calendar**December 13**

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>Contact period:</b> December 1-14 <b>Quiet period:</b> December 15**; 20-21 ** (for all junior college prospective student-athletes who intend to enroll midyear); 22 <b>Dead period:</b> December 16-19 *(Institutional staff members may have contact with a prospective student-athlete who has been admitted for midyear enrollment, provided the prospect has signed an NLI or other offer of admission and/or financial aid to attend the institution and is required to be on campus to attend institutional orientation sessions for all students). 23-31						
<b>1</b> Contact period: December 1-14	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> ** See explanation above	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> ** See explanation above	<b>21</b> ** See explanation above
<b>22</b> Quiet period	<b>23</b> Dead period: December 23-31	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	Green - Contact period Yellow - Quiet period Red - Dead period			

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



Please turn to page 3 for the January recruiting calendar.

2013-14 Division I Championship Subdivision Football  
Recruiting Calendar**January 14***Sun**Mon**Tue**Wed**Thu**Fri**Sat***Dead period:** January 1-3\*(see explanation); 13-16 \*(see explanation)

\* Institutional staff members may have contact with a prospective student-athlete who has been admitted for midyear enrollment, provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or other offer of admission and/or financial aid to attend the institution and is required to be on campus to attend institutional orientation sessions for all students.

**Quiet period:** \*\* January 4-11: ( All junior college prospective student-athletes who intend to enroll midyear); January 12**Contact period:** January 4-11\*\*; 17-31

			<b>1</b> Dead period: January 1-3 *	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Contact period: January 4-11 **
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Quiet period	<b>13</b> Dead period: January 13-16 *	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Contact period: January 17-31	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

Red - Dead period  
Green - Contact period  
Yellow - Quiet period

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## Publicity Before Commitment

### **Bylaw 13.10.2.1 Comments Before Commitment**

Before the signing of a prospective student-athlete to a National Letter of Intent or an institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or before the institution receives his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission, a member institution may comment publicly only to the extent of confirming its recruitment of the prospective student-athlete. The institution may not comment generally about the prospective student-athlete's ability or the contribution that the prospective student-athlete might make to the institution's team; further, the institution is precluded from commenting in any manner as to the likelihood of the prospective student-athlete committing to or signing with that institution. [D] (Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

### **Bylaw 13.10.2.1.1**

#### **Evaluations for Media, Recruiting Services**

Athletics department staff members shall not evaluate or rate a prospective student-athlete for news media, scouting services or recruiting services. [D] (Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

### **Publicity After Commitment (Bylaw 13.10.3)**

There are no restrictions on publicity related to a prospective student-athlete after he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or after the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission, except as set forth in Bylaw [13.10.1](#). [D] (Revised: 1/14/97, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 8/25/04, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

## Football Recruiting Calendar Notes

Midyear JC Transfer Signing Date December 18, 2013– January 15, 2014

Football Midyear Two-Year College Transfer Signing Period is Wednesday, December 18, 2013 through Wednesday, January 15, 2014 and is only for football prospective student-athletes who are transferring from a two-year college and enrolling at your institution midyear. A football two-year college transfer who will not enroll until the Fall 2014 term must wait to sign an NLI in the Regular Signing Period February 5-April 1, 2014.

### **Dead Period Reminders**

**Contacts, Evaluations & Recruiting Trips.** No in-person, on- or off-campus contact with a prospective student-athlete may be made during the Dead Period, including evaluating a prospect or visiting a high school, prep school, or junior college, even if no contact is made with prospects. [Bylaw 13.02.5.5]

**Speaking Engagements.** Coaches may not serve as speakers at or attend a meeting or banquet at which prospects are in attendance during a Dead Period. [Bylaw 13.1.8, 13.02.5.5]

**Telephone Calls.** Institutional coaching staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to midyear JC transfer student-athletes during the period starting at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, December 16 until 7:00 a.m. on Friday, December 20 (i.e., 48 hours before and 48 hours after 7:00 a.m. on the initial signing date for the NLI.) [Bylaw 13.1.3.3.2.1]

**Official/Unofficial Visits/Complimentary Admissions.** A prospect may not visit your campus on an official (paid) or unofficial (self-paid) visit. Complimentary admissions may not be provided to prospects during a Dead Period. [Note: See "Communications" Item 9-A below for Unofficial Visit exception applicable after the prospect signs a valid NLI or written offer of admission.] [Bylaw 13.02.5.5]

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## Dead Period Reminders Continued From Page 4

**Delivery of NLI.** The NLI cannot be hand-delivered or picked up during the Dead Period or at any other time. It may be delivered and returned by express mail, courier service, regular mail, electronic mail or fax during the NLI signing period. [Bylaw 13.1.5.7.1]

**Written Correspondence.** Coaches may write prospects during the Dead Period. [Bylaw 13.02.5.5]

**Prior to Signing Athletics Grant-In-Aid (GIA).** The following requirements must be met before an institution may provide a written offer of athletically related financial aid to a prospective student-athlete: [Bylaw 13.9.1]

- A. Prospect must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center; and
- B. Prospect's name must be placed on the institution's Institutional Request List (IRL) with the NCAA Eligibility Center; and
- C. Prospect must complete the Amateurism Certification Questionnaire administered by the NCAA Eligibility Center.

**Written Offer of Aid Before Signing Date.** [Bylaw 13.9.2.2]

Prior to August 1 of a prospect's senior year in high school, an institution shall not, directly or indirectly, provide a written offer of athletically related financial aid or indicate in writing to the prospect that an athletically related GIA will be offered.

After August 1 of a prospect's senior year in high school an institution may indicate in writing to a prospect that an athletically related GIA will be offered by the institution; however, the institution may not permit the prospect to sign a form indicating his/her acceptance of such an award before the initial signing date in that sport in the NLI Program.

**Communication.** The restrictions on the forms and frequency of communication between institutional administrators or coaching staff members and a prospective student-athlete (or prospect's relatives or legal guardians) no longer apply **after the prospect signs a valid NLI or written offer of admission and/or financial aid, or the prospect submits a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.** Permissible activities for prospects that meet the criteria include:

- A. Prospect is permitted to make an Official or Unofficial Visit during a Dead Period. [Bylaws 13.02.5.5.2]
- B. There are no limits on the number of Telephone Calls by the institution to a prospect. [Bylaw 13.1.3.3.3]
- C. A noncoaching institutional staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.4 may make Telephone Calls to or receive Telephone Calls from the prospect (or the prospect's relatives or legal guardians). [Bylaws 11.7.1.2.2-(a)-(b) and 13.1.3.2.2]
- D. There is no limit on the number of Contacts by the institution with a prospect (or prospect's relatives or legal guardians). [Bylaw 13.02.12.1]
- E. There is no limit on the number of Evaluations by the institution with a prospect. [Bylaw 13.02.12.1]
- F. There is no limit on the forms of Electronically Transmitted Correspondence sent to a prospect (or prospect's relatives or legal guardians). [Bylaw 13.4.1.2.2]

### **NCAA Official Interpretation**

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).

The NCAA has further clarified that this 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, the staff interpretation (item d) would apply even if one of the potential opponents is on the institution's schedule as a "future opponent."



## Educational Column

### Travel Expenses for Practice and Competition

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#### Educational Column:

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)]

