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Nov 2008 Football Recruiting Calendar

FOOTBALL EVALUATIONS AND RECRUITING SERVICE OFF -CAMPUS EVENTS (I)

S	M	Tu	W	T	F	S
						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	Contact Period					
	Quiet Period					

Recruiting Calendar
Nov 1– Nov 29
Quiet Period

Nov 30—Contact Period
(42 Possible Evaluations)

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Type: Educational Column

Item Ref: 2

Interpretation: NCAA Division I institutions should note that, in football, pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 13.1.8.9.4, all live athletics evaluations are limited to regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year college contests and practices and regular scholastic activities involving prospective student-athletes enrolled at the institution at which the regular scholastic activities occur. Therefore, live evaluations may not occur at nonscholastic events, including, but not limited to, camps, combines and all-star games. In order for an institution to evaluate at a practice activity or competition, such activity or competition must be permissible pursuant to the regulations of the appropriate governing body. For example, if the applicable high school athletics association permits high school spring practices and/or the regular scheduling of high school (as opposed to nonscholastic) spring 7 versus 7 competitions pursuant to its regulations, then an institution may evaluate at such activities.

Bylaw 13.1.8.9.4 does not limit off-campus receipt and review of information from recruiting services permitted under Bylaws 13.14.3.1 and 13.14.3.2. Therefore, an institution's coach may attend an off-campus event that is sponsored by a recruiting service and dedicated to the review of video of regularly scheduled regular-season high school and two-year contests and the receipt and review of regularly published recruiting service information, which may include transcripts and printed results from nonscholastic events. The event must be open to all member institutions at the same fee rate. Finally, the review of video at such an event would be considered an evaluation subject to applicable evaluation limits.

[References: Bylaws 13.1.8.9.4 (scholastic and nonscholastic activities), 13.14.3.1 (published recruiting services), 13.14.3.2 (video services); and an official interpretation (10/27/94, Item No. 4)]

CAA Tip: Use the CAA Compliance Corner and institutional forms to properly document recruiting logs, visits, and other recruitment monitoring issues (contacts, evaluations, telephone calls, un official visits, cancelled visits, etc.). The best preventative measures against violations are knowledge of the NCAA Bylaws, and proper documentation of activities.



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Completion of One Additional Core Course After High School Graduation

Date Issued: Oct 22, 2008

Type: Official Interpretation

Item Ref: 1

Interpretation: The committee determined that it is not permissible for a prospective student-athlete to use a core course, including an online course, completed after high school graduation to satisfy initial-eligibility requirements if the prospective student-athlete is enrolled in the course while concurrently receiving athletically related financial aid to attend an institution's summer term. Further, the committee determined that it is permissible to use a core course completed after high school graduation provided the prospective student-athlete either completes the course prior to receiving athletically related financial aid to attend an institution's summer term or does not enroll in the core course until after he or she completes the institution's summer term for which he or she is receiving athletically related financial aid.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaw 14.3.1.2.1.1 and an 8/27/08 official interpretation, Item Ref. 1-b, which has been archived]

Activities During Unofficial and Official Visits

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Type: Educational Column

Item Ref: 1

NCAA Division I institutions should note that in accordance with NCAA Bylaws 13.6.7.9, 13.7.3 and 13.10.5, an institution may not arrange miscellaneous, personalized recruiting aids (e.g., personalized jerseys, personalized audio/video scoreboard presentations) nor may an institution permit a prospective student-athlete to engage in any game-day simulations during an official or unofficial visit. Further, prospective student-athletes may not participate in team activities that would make the public or media aware of the prospective student-athlete's visit to the institution.

Impermissible game-day simulations involving prospective student-athletes include running onto the field during pregame introductions, participating in pregame team walks to the competition facility, riding with the team on the bus to the competition facility and/or participating in pregame on-field traditions. For example, if an institution's team normally participates in a pregame walk to the stadium on game day, prospective student-athletes who are on campus for official or unofficial visits would not be permitted to use the same route to the stadium during the time period when the public can reasonably be expected to be assembled to witness the team's arrival at the stadium. Another example to illustrate the application of the legislation would be if an institution's team normally rides on a bus to the competition facility with a police escort or takes a route occupied by fans, the prospective student-athletes who are on campus for official or unofficial visits would not be permitted to ride with the team on the bus to the competition facility. Instead, under either of these circumstances, an institution should make arrangements for prospective student-athletes who are on campus for official or unofficial visits to arrive at the stadium using a different route than the team.

While game-day activities vary by institution and by sport, institutions are reminded to review institutional official- and unofficial-visit policies to ensure all activities surrounding official or unofficial visits are not personalized or conducted in a manner that appears to publicize the prospective student-athlete's visit.

[References: Bylaws 13.6.7.9 (activities), 13.7.3 (activities while on unofficial visits) and 13.10.5 (prospective student-athlete's visit)]