

FOOTBALL COMPLIANCE MONTHLY



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Recruiting Calendar

Championship Division

Sept. 1–Sept. 30 ~ Quiet Period

In NCAA Football Championship Subdivision, 42 evaluation days (see Bylaw 13.02.9) during the months of September, October and November, (not to exceed a period of 42 days) selected at the discretion of the institution and designated in writing in the office of the director of athletics; authorized off-campus recruiters shall not visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution on more than one calendar day during this period.

NLI Signing Period

Football (Midyear JC Transfer)
Dec. 19, 2007 - Jan. 15, 2008

Football (Regular Period)
Feb. 6, 2008 - April 1, 2008

Important Dates

Thursday Sept. 6, 2007
Football SID Conference Call

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2007 Educational Column -- Activities during Official and Unofficial Visits

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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)]



COMPLIANCE QUIZ

Reminder! In order for coaches to recruit off-campus they must pass the 2007-2008 Coaches Certification Exam

Fill in the blank:

1. _____ may be sent to a prospective student-athlete as early as his freshman or sophomore year of high school.
2. During an official visit, an institution may entertain a prospective student-athlete by taking the prospective student-athlete to a social event that is located within _____ miles of the institution's campus.
3. An individual that is known by an institution to have made financial contributions to the institution's athletics program is considered a representative of that institution's athletics interests for how long? _____.

Answers: 1) Questionnaires, 2) 30, 3) Indefinitely