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## Did You Know?

### NCAA Staff Interpretation

Providing Transportation for a Prospect-Aged Sibling During a Prospective Student-Athlete's Visit

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#### Interpretation:

The academic and membership affairs staff determined that an institution may permit a prospect-aged sibling of a prospective student-athlete to ride in an automobile driven by a coaching staff member for the purpose of providing ground transportation to a prospective student-athlete as part of an official or unofficial visit.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.5.2.6 (transportation of prospective student-athlete's relatives, friends or legal guardians) and 13.5.3 (transportation on unofficial visit), official interpretations (12/12/12, Item No. a) and (1/10/13, Item No. 1), and a staff interpretation (5/23/11, Item No. a)]



## High School Outreach Update

As part of the NCAA Eligibility Center's continuing outreach and education efforts, its staff has made direct phone contact with high school administrators at more than 5,000 high schools in a concentrated effort to provide information regarding the NCAA Division I Initial-Eligibility Standards, which go into effect in 2016. The NCAA Eligibility Center is excited about the response and feedback it has received as a result of this outbound phone campaign that began in October 2013. During these calls, school administrators are also encouraged to maintain their List of NCAA Courses and are directed to the many resources available to them and prospective student-athletes on the High School Portal and the NCAA Eligibility Center website.



2013-14 Division I Championship Subdivision Football Recruiting Calendar						
March 14						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Quiet period: March 1-31						
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29
Yellow - Quiet period						



Educational Column**NCAA Division I Football Summer Athletics Activities**

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Educational Column:

The following questions and answers are intended to assist the membership in applying NCAA Division I legislation as it relates to summer athletics activities in football.

**Question No. 1:** Does the eight-week period for required summer athletics activities need to coincide with the designated eight weeks for the summer conditioning period?

**Answer:** Yes. Except for this eight-week period, all remaining days from the conclusion of the academic year and the institution's reporting date for preseason practice shall be considered student-athlete discretionary time.

**Question No. 2:** When may an institution begin to conduct summer athletics activities with its football student-athletes? When must summer athletics activities end?

**Answer:** Summer athletics activities may begin the day following the institution's spring commencement exercises. Summer athletics activities must end by the start of the preseason. Note that unless a student-athlete meets the exception to the summer-school requirement, workouts are only permissible during the time period (term or terms) in which the student-athlete is enrolled, which includes only the time from the opening day of classes through the last day of final exams for each applicable term.

**Question No. 3:** Is it permissible for football student-athletes to engage in both voluntary and required activities during this eight-week period?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question No. 4:** Is it permissible to conduct required summer athletics activities the week before finals and during the final exam period of the summer term(s)?

**Answer:** Yes, if those weeks fall within the eight-week period designated by the institution.

**Question No. 5:** May coaches be present during and/or conduct weight training and conditioning activities that are part of the eight hours per week of required summer athletics activities?

**Answer:** Yes, provided only football student-athletes participating in the eight hours per week of required summer athletics activities are present.

**Question No. 6:** If a coach engages in film review with a student-athlete at the student-athlete's request during the eight week period, must the time count toward the eight hours per week limitation and toward the week's permissible two hours of film review?

**Answer:** Yes. If a coach is present for film review, the activity is not considered voluntary. Therefore, only a football student-athlete participating in the eight hours per week of required summer athletics activities may participate and the activity must count toward the student-athlete's eight hours per week limitation and toward the student-athlete's permissible two hours of film review for the week.

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**Question No. 7:** If an institution has multiple summer sessions, do the eight weeks of required summer athletics activities have to be continuous?

**Answer:** No. The eight weeks do not have to be consecutive or continuous. However, unless a student-athlete meets the exception to the summer-school requirement, workouts are only permissible during the time period (term or terms) in which the student-athlete is enrolled, which includes only the time from the opening day of classes through the last day of final exams for each applicable term.

**Question No. 8:** Are there exceptions for the service academies for situations when their student-athletes are assigned to summer work at a location (e.g., military base) that is separate from the service academy? May the coaching staff conduct workouts with those student-athletes assigned to another area of the country?

**Answer:** If a student-athlete is enrolled in a summer-school session, or meeting an exception to the enrollment requirement, it is permissible for the coaching staff to conduct workouts at the assigned location.

**Question No. 9:** Must incoming student-athletes (freshmen and transfers) sign the drug-testing consent form before participating in required summer athletics activities?

**Answer:** No. Summer drug testing is part of the previous academic year testing.

**Question No. 10:** Must an incoming student-athlete be certified as eligible to practice in order to participate in required summer athletics activities?

**Answer:** No.

**Question No. 11:** Are institutions required to provide student-athletes any days off during the eight weeks in which they are participating in required summer athletics activities?

**Answer:** No. There is no requirement to provide a day (or days) off during the eight weeks of required activities. However, student-athletes are limited to a maximum of eight hours per week, with not more than two hours per week spent on film review.

**Question No. 12:** May an institution conduct required summer athletics activities on a vacation day during the summer?

**Answer:** Yes. However, the activities must count toward the eight hours per week limitation and any film review must also count toward the week's permissible two hours of film review.

**Question No. 13:** May student-athletes participate in unlimited hours of countable activities with their coaches during an institutional vacation period (e.g., Memorial Day, Independence Day) while engaging in required summer athletics activities?

**Answer:** No, a student-athlete engaging in required summer athletics activities is limited to a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than two hours per week spent on film review.

**Question No. 14:** May a student-athlete who has been certified as a nonqualifier participate in required summer athletics activities during the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution?

**Answer:** Yes, provided he is enrolled in summer school and the activities are conducted during the time period (term or terms) in which the student-athlete is enrolled, which includes only the time from the opening day of classes through the last day of final exams for each applicable term.

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**Question No. 15:** If a student-athlete was certified as a nonqualifier during the academic year, when may he begin to engage in required summer athletics activities after the year in residence?

**Answer:** Such a student-athlete may begin to participate in required summer athletics activities the day following the institution's spring commencement exercises, provided the student-athlete is enrolled in summer school or meets the exception to summer school enrollment.

**Question No. 16:** Does a student-athlete's temporary certification period begin when he starts participating in required summer athletics activities?

**Answer:** No.

**Question No. 17:** May a student-athlete who is enrolled in consecutive summer-school sessions during the same summer (e.g., the first and second summer-school sessions) engage in required summer athletics activities during the time in between sessions?

**Answer:** Only student-athletes who met the exception to summer-school enrollment at the end of the preceding regular academic term (e.g., spring semester, spring quarter) may engage in required summer athletics activities between terms.

**Question No. 18:** How does the required summer athletics activities legislation apply to an institution that offers only one summer session, and the session lasts less than eight weeks?

**Answer:** Prospective student-athletes (freshmen or transfers) are only permitted to participate in required athletics activities during the time period (term) in which the student-athlete is enrolled, which includes only the time from the opening day of classes through the last day of final exams for the term. Continuing student-athletes would be subject to the same application as prospective student-athletes unless they meet the appropriate provisions of the exception to summer-school enrollment. A continuing student who meets the exception may continue to engage in any remaining portion of the eight weeks of required summer athletics activities until the day before the first day of classes for the fall term.

**Question No. 20:** May coursework from an early summer-school session (e.g., first four-week session) from that same summer be considered when determining whether a student-athlete is meeting the exception to the summer-school requirement for the remaining weeks of the required summer athletics activities?

**Answer:** No. In order to meet the exception to summer-school enrollment, the student-athlete must have successfully completed the applicable academic requirements by the end of the preceding regular academic term (e.g., spring semester, spring quarter).

**Question No. 20:** May remedial, tutorial or noncredit courses be used to satisfy the requirements of the exception to summer-school enrollment?

**Answer:** Yes, provided such courses meet the requirements of NCAA Bylaw 14.4.3.4.4.

**Question No. 21:** Must a student-athlete who has just completed four semesters or six quarters have declared a degree program (and have completed 50 percent of the program) in order to meet the exception to summer-school enrollment?

**Answer:** No. Pursuant to Bylaw 14.4.3.1.7, a student-athlete must designate a degree program prior to participation in competition that occurs during or immediately before the third year of enrollment. Further, pursuant to Bylaw 14.4.3.1.7, during the first two years of enrollment, a student-athlete may use credits acceptable toward any of the institution's degree programs. Therefore, a student-athlete may fulfill the 50 percent requirement based on credits acceptable toward any of the institution's degree programs.

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**Question No. 22:** Must a student-athlete who has just completed eight semesters or 12 quarters have completed all of the baccalaureate degree requirements for the student-athlete's specific degree in order to meet the exception to the summer-school enrollment requirement?

**Answer:** Yes. After completing eight semesters or 12 quarters, a student-athlete who has not completed all of the baccalaureate degree requirements for his specific degree must be enrolled in summer school in order to participate in summer athletic activities.

**Question No. 23:** May an institution provide room and board to returning student-athletes to participate in required summer athletics activities if the individuals are not enrolled in summer school?

**Answer:** No. It is not permissible to provide room and board to student-athletes who are not enrolled in summer school. Room and board may be provided, pursuant to Bylaw 15.2.8, to student-athletes who are enrolled in summer school.

**Question No. 24:** May an institution provide training table meals to student-athletes who are participating in required summer athletics activities?

**Answer:** No.

**Question No. 25:** Is it permissible to provide entertainment to student-athletes who are participating in required summer athletics activities?

**Answer:** No. Bylaw 16.7 does not apply to summer athletics activities.

**Question No. 26:** Is it permissible for a student-athlete to engage, either concurrently or separately, in both required summer athletics activities in football and permissible practices for a foreign tour?

**Answer:** Yes, provided the student-athlete is eligible to participate in both activities. However, if a student-athlete is only eligible for either the foreign tour or the required summer activities in football, he may only engage in the activity for which he is eligible.

[References: NCAA Bylaws 13.11.3.10 (required summer athletic activities -- national service academies -- incoming freshmen), 14.02.15.1 (academic year of residence), 14.1.4.1 (content and purpose), 14.3.4 (residence requirement -- nonqualifier), 14.3.5.1 (participation prior to certification), 14.4.3.1.7 (hours earned or accepted for degree credit), 14.4.3.4.4 (remedial, tutorial and noncredit courses), 15.2.8 (summer financial aid), 16.5.2 (permissible housing and meals), 16.7 (entertainment in conjunction with practice or competition), 16.8.1 (permissible expenses for practice and competition), 17.1.6.2.1.5.1 (summer athletic activities -- football), 17.1.6.2.1.5.3 (exception to summer school enrollment -- academic requirements -- basketball and football), 17.1.6.2.1.5.3.1 (application to transfer student-athletes), 17.1.6.2.2 (skill instruction -- sports other than baseball and football), 17.1.6.3.3 (definition of week), 17.1.6.3.6 (vacation periods and between terms), 17.9.6 (out of season athletically related activities), 17.9.6.1 (conditioning activities -- bowl subdivision), 17.9.6.2 (conditioning activities -- championship subdivision), 17.9.6.5 (summer practice), 17.28.1.4 (foreign tour - eligibility of student-athletes), 17.28.1.4.1 (incoming-student participation) and 17.28.1.5 (practice limitation)]





## Educational Column



### **Football Official Visits -- Meals and Lodging of Prospect-Aged Siblings**

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#### **Educational Column:**

Division I member institutions are reminded that, during an official visit in football, an institution is permitted to provide meals for up to four family members accompanying a prospective student-athlete on an official visit. Further, it is permissible for a prospect-aged sibling of the prospective student-athlete to be among the four family members who receives meals, even if he or she is being recruited by the institution. Provided no recruitment of the prospect-aged sibling occurs during the visit, receiving the meals will not trigger an official visit for the sibling. However, providing lodging for a prospect-aged sibling is subject to a different standard. If a prospect-aged sibling that is being recruited by the institution stays as an additional person in the same room as the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's parents, spouse or legal guardians, then an official visit would trigger for the prospect-aged sibling, regardless of whether any additional costs result from the additional occupant or whether recruitment of the sibling occurs during the visit.

[References: NCAA Bylaws 13.02.13.1 (recruited prospective student-athlete), 13.6.7.7 (meals on official visit), 13.6.7.7.2 (exception-meals-football) and 13.6.9 (lodging for additional persons), and a staff interpretation (12/5/2013, Item No. b)]

## NCAA Official Interpretation

### **Institution Providing Expenses Related to Delivery of a Prospective Student-Athlete's Transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center**

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#### **Interpretation:**

The committee determined that it is permissible for an institution to provide expenses (e.g., transcript fee, express delivery charges) for a prospective student-athlete's institution to send his or her academic transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center, provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.2.1 (offers and inducements -- general regulation) and 13.15.2.1 (ACT and SAT scores); Official Interpretation (4/6/94, Item No. 4); and a staff interpretation (12/20/13, item a), which has been archived.]

