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Quiet Period



Contact Period



Evaluation Period



Dead Period

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

Evaluation Period: April 15 through May 31

*168 evaluation days (excluding Memorial Day and Sundays selected at the discretion of the member institution and designated in writing in the office of the director of athletics.

**An authorized recruiter may use one evaluation to assess the prospective student-athlete's athletics ability and one evaluation to assess the prospective student-athlete's academic qualifications during this evaluation period. If an institution's coaching staff member conducts both an athletics and an academic evaluation of the prospect on the same day during this evaluation period, the institution shall be charged with the use of an academics evaluation only and shall be permitted to conduct a second athletics evaluation of the prospect on a separate day during this evaluation period. Those days in April not designated for evaluation shall be considered a quiet period.

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James Madison University

University of Maine

University of New Hampshire

Georgia State University

Old Dominion University

University of Rhode Island

University of Richmond

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Educational Column - April 11, 2013

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

NCAA Division I institutions should note that pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 13.5.2.2.3, coaching staff members may accompany a prospective student-athlete in the coach's sport to or from an official visit if the prospective student-athlete travels only by automobile. The official visit's 48-hour period begins when the coach begins transporting the prospective student-athlete and/or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians to campus.

The following questions and answers are designed to assist the Division I membership with the application of legislation regarding a coach accompanying prospective student-athlete and/or parents legislation.

Question No. 1: May a coach transport a prospective student-athlete (and/or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians) to campus for an official visit without being charged with a countable contact?

Answer: Once transportation begins, the interaction between a coach and a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians) does not count as a contact. However, prior to beginning the transportation, any interaction that includes dialogue in excess of an exchange of a greeting must be counted as a contact. Therefore, such contact is permissible only during a contact period or, in men's basketball, a recruiting period.

Question No. 2: May a coach have dinner with a prospective student-athlete's mother and father before transporting them to campus without being charged with a contact?

Answer: No. Such activity would count as a contact. Any in-person, off-campus contact must occur during a contact period or, in men's basketball, a recruiting period.

Question No. 3: If a prospective student-athlete and his or her parents or legal guardians live in the locale of the institution (i.e., within a 30-mile radius), may a coach transport them to campus for an official visit outside of a contact period?

Answer: Yes, such an arrangement does not count as a contact; however, it does begin the 48-hour official visit time period.

Question No. 4: If a prospective student-athlete and his parents or legal guardians live in the locale of the institution (i.e., within a 30-mile radius), may a coach have dinner with them before transporting them to campus for an official visit without being charged with a contact?

Answer: Yes. However, the meal begins the 48-hour official visit time period.

[References: NCAA Bylaws 13.02.4 (contact), 13.02.5.3 (recruiting period -- men's basketball), 13.1.5 (contacts), 13.5.2.2.3 (coach accompanying prospective student-athlete and parents and legal guardians), a staff interpretation (11/22/1989, Item No. c), and official interpretations (03/13/97, Item No. 5, 10/19/2012, Item No. 5, 10/19/2012 Item No. 6, 01/10/13, Item No. 1)]

Staff Interpretation - April 19, 2013

Recruiting Conversations at Camps and Clinics (I)

The committee confirmed that a camp or clinic is considered an athletics competition or athletics event. Therefore, a host institution's coaching staff member may not engage in recruiting activities (e.g., campus tours for recruiting purposes, meetings with faculty members, complimentary admissions, extending written offers or aid) other than recruiting conversations with prospective student-athletes participating in the institution's camp or clinic until after the completion of the camp or clinic. Any recruiting activities that occur after completion of the camp or clinic are subject to applicable recruiting calendar restrictions.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.1.6.2 (practice or competition site); 13.12.1.5 (recruiting calendar exceptions); and staff interpretations (10/02/92, Item No. b) and (03/25/13, Item No. a), which have been archived]

Staff Interpretation - April 26, 2013

Noncountable Coaches and Noncoaching Staff Members Serving as Countable Coaches (I)

The academic and membership affairs staff determined that an institution may temporarily employ and compensate a noncountable coach (e.g., volunteer coach) or noncoaching staff member as a countable coach if the regular countable coach has left the program, provided the institution does not exceed the total number of countable coaches for the sport. Further, the noncountable coach or noncoaching staff member may return to his or her original position once a permanent countable coach is employed by the institution.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 11.01.3 (coach, graduate assistant -- bowl subdivision football and women's rowing); 11.01.5 (coach, volunteer); 11.5.1 (annual certification requirement); 11.7.1.1.1.1 (noncoaching activities); 11.7.1.1.1.1.1 (exception -- noncoaching staff member with sport specific responsibilities) and official interpretation (02/19/87, Item No. 17) which has been archived]

Staff Interpretation - April 26, 2013

Use of Nontraditional Courses during Final Semester or Quarter (I)

The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that a student-athlete may satisfy the final semester/quarter exception through enrollment in one or more nontraditional courses, provided the student-athlete is a regularly enrolled, degree-seeking student in the final semester or quarter of his or her degree program at the certifying institution and the institution certifies that the student-athlete is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete degree requirements.

[References: NCAA Bylaws 14.1.6.1 (admission), 14.1.7.2.1.3 (final semester/quarter), 14.1.7.2.3 (concurrent courses at two institutions), 14.1.7.2.6 (nontraditional courses), 14.4.3.4.3 (nontraditional courses from another institution), and a staff interpretation (12/06/95, Item No. c), which has been archived]

Staff Interpretation - April 26, 2013

Use of Nontraditional Courses during Final Semester or Quarter (I)

The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that an institution's coaching staff member may not observe enrolled students or student-athletes in nonorganized athletically-related activities (e.g., "pick-up" basketball games) outside the institution's declared playing season. However, in individual sports, a coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. Further, a coaching staff member may observe enrolled students or student-athletes in organized competition (e.g., summer basketball league, intramurals), provided the coach does not direct or supervise the organized activity. If prospective student-athletes are also participating in the organized competition, the institution's coaching staff member may observe such competition only if it occurs during a permissible contact or evaluation period, or in men's basketball, recruiting period.

[References: NCAA Bylaws 17.02.1.1(h) (countable athletically related activities) and 17.3.2.1.2(f) (prohibited activities); and staff interpretations (07/22/88, Item No. 1e and 07/02/93, Item No. a) which have been archived]