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## Bylaw 13.12.1.1.2 Purposes of Camps and Clinics



An institution's sports camp or clinic shall be one that: (Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/10/90, 5/9/06)

- (a) Places special emphasis on a particular sport or sports and provides specialized instruction or practice and may include competition;
- (b) Involves activities designed to improve overall skills and general knowledge in the sport; or
- (c) Offers a diversified experience without emphasis on instruction, practice or competition in any particular sport.

## 13.12.1.1.3 Football

In bowl subdivision football, an institution's football camp or clinic may be conducted only during two periods of 15 consecutive days in the months of June and July or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days of those months (e.g., May 28-June 3). The dates of the two 15-day periods must be on file in the office of the athletics director. **In championship subdivision football, an institution's camp or clinic may be conducted only during the months of June, July and August or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days of those months (e.g., May 28-June 3).** [D] (Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 1/8/07, 1/16/10, 4/29/10)

## 13.12.1.3 Attendance Restriction

In basketball, an institution's camp or clinic shall be conducted on the institution's campus or within a 100-mile radius of the institution's campus. **In football, an institution's camp or clinic shall be conducted on the institution's campus, within the state in which the institution is located or, if outside the state, within a 50-mile radius of the institution's campus.** (Revised: 4/29/10; for men's basketball camps, a contract signed before 9/17/08 may be honored; for women's basketball camps, a contract signed before 9/16/09 may be honored)



2013-14 Division I Championship Subdivision Football  
Recruiting Calendar**May 14***Sun**Mon**Tue**Wed**Thu**Fri**Sat*

**Evaluation period:** May 1-31 \* 168 evaluation days (216 for U.S. service academies) (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 off-campus recruiter may use one evaluation to assess the prospect's athletics ability and one evaluation to assess the prospect's academic qualifications during this evaluation period. If an institution's coaching staff member conducts both an athletics and an academic evaluation 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 May not designated above for evaluation opportunities shall be considered a quiet period.

				<b>1</b> Evaluation period: May 1-31*	<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>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
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<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

Blue - Evaluation period  
Yellow - Quiet period

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



## NCAA Staff Interpretation

### Coach Accompanying a Prospective Student-Athlete During Travel to and from an Official Visit

Date Published: December 12, 2012

Item Ref: a

#### Interpretation:

The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that only those coaches who are counted by the institution within the numerical limitations on full-time coaches who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus are permitted to accompany a prospective student-athlete [and his or her parents or legal guardian(s)] to and from his or her home to campus on an official visit, regardless of whether such a visit occurs during a permissible contact period; further, that it is permissible for such coaches to transport the prospective student-athlete in an institutional vehicle or the coach's automobile.

[References: NCAA Divisions I Bylaws 13.5.2.2.3.1 (football championships subdivision exception), 11.7.2.2 (contact and evaluation of prospective student-athletes), 11.7.3.2 (off campus contact and evaluation of prospective student-athletes), 13.5.2.6 (transportation of student-athletes relatives, friends or legal guardians) and 13.15.1.10 (donation to nonprofit foundation -- men's basketball); and a staff interpretation (08/17/88, Item No. j), which has been archived]

### Fulfillment of Credit-Hour Requirements NCAA Bylaw 14.4.3.1

Eligibility for competition shall be determined based on satisfactory completion of at least: *(Revised: 1/10/92, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 3/10/04, 4/28/05)*

- (a) Twenty-four-semester or 36-quarter hours of academic credit prior to the start of the student-athlete's second year of collegiate enrollment (third semester, fourth quarter);
- (b) Eighteen-semester or 27-quarter hours of academic credit since the beginning of the previous fall term or since the beginning of the certifying institution's preceding regular two semesters or three quarters (hours earned during the summer may not be used to fulfill this requirement) (see Bylaw [14.4.3.1.4](#)); and
- (c) Six-semester or six-quarter hours of academic credit during the preceding regular academic term (e.g., fall semester, winter quarter) in which the student-athlete has been enrolled full time at any collegiate institution (see Bylaw [14.1.9](#) for postseason certification).

### Additional Requirements- Bylaw 14.4.3.1.6

In football, a student-athlete who is a member of the institution's football team and who does not successfully complete at least nine-semester hours or eight-quarter hours of academic credit during the fall term or does not earn the Academic Progress Rate eligibility point for the fall term (or does not successfully complete either requirement) shall not be eligible to compete in the first four contests against outside competition in the following playing season. (Adopted: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 5/28/13)

### Weekly Hour Limitations-Outside the Playing Season Bylaw 17.1.6.2

(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97, 11/1/00, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 3/10/04)

(c) Championship Subdivision Football. [FCS] Activities between the institution's last contest and the start of summer conditioning are limited to required weight training, conditioning and the review of game film. A student-athlete's participation in such activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week, of which not more than two hours per week may be spent on the viewing of film. All activities beginning with the start of summer conditioning and outside the playing season shall be conducted pursuant to Bylaws 17.9.6.2 and 17.9.6.4. (Revised: 12/15/06)

### First Practice Date. FBS/FCS Bylaw 17.9.2.1

A member institution shall not commence official preseason football practice sessions, for the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team, prior to the date that will permit a maximum of 40 units (see Bylaw 17.02.11) prior to its first scheduled intercollegiate game. During the preseason practice period, institutions may not engage in more than 29 on-field practice sessions (see Bylaw 17.9.2.4.1). (Revised: 1/11/89, 4/14/03, 4/24/03 effective 5/1/03, 4/28/05)

### General Stipulations– Summer Financial Aid Bylaw 15.2.8.1

A student-athlete who is eligible for institutional financial aid during the summer is not required to be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies. However, the student-athlete may not receive financial aid that exceeds the cost of attendance in that summer term. A student-athlete may receive institutional financial aid based on athletics ability (per Bylaw 15.02.4.1) and educational expenses awarded (per Bylaw 15.2.6.4) up to the value of a full grant-in-aid, plus any other financial aid up to the cost of attendance. (See Bylaws 15.01.6.1, 16.3, 16.4 and 16.12.) (Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 5/26/09, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)

### Prospective Student-Athlete Status Bylaw 13.02.12

A prospective student-athlete is a student who has started classes for the ninth grade. In addition, a student who has not started classes for the ninth grade becomes a prospective student-athlete if the institution provides such an individual (or the individual's relatives or friends) any financial assistance or other benefits that the institution does not provide to prospective students generally. An individual remains a prospective student-athlete until one of the following occurs (whichever is earlier):

- (a) The individual officially registers and enrolls in a minimum full-time program of studies and attends classes in any term of a four-year collegiate institution's regular academic year (excluding summer);
- (b) The individual participates in a regular squad practice or competition at a four-year collegiate institution that occurs before the beginning of any term; (Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/90, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)
- (c) The individual officially registers, enrolls and attends classes during the certifying institution's summer term prior to his or her initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution; or (Adopted: 4/28/05, Revised: 1/17/09, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)
- (d) The individual reports to an institutional orientation session that is open to all incoming students within 14 calendar days prior to the opening day of classes of a regular academic year term. (Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

Newly Adopted Proposals

## 2013-19-FCS

**PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE -- AFTER FIVE-DAY ACCLIMATIZATION PERIOD -- THREE-HOURS OF RECOVERY TIME BETWEEN ANY SESSIONS -- CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL**

Status: Adopted, 60-Day Override Period

Intent: In championship subdivision football, to require at least three continuous hours of recovery time for student-athletes between any sessions (e.g., practices, walk-throughs) occurring during the preseason practice period and after the five-day acclimatization period; further, to specify that meetings and film review may occur during recovery time.

Bylaws: Amend 17.9.2, as follows:

[Federated provision, FCS only]

## 17.9.2 Preseason Practice.

[17.9.2.1 through 17.9.2.3 unchanged.]

17.9.2.4 Preseason Activities After Five-Day Acclimatization Period. The remaining preseason practice period shall be conducted as follows:

[17.9.2.4-(a) through 17.9.2.4-(c) unchanged.]

(d) *On days that institutions conduct multiple practice sessions, student-athletes* **Student-athletes** must be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between *the end of the first practice and the start of the last practice that day* **any sessions (e.g., practices, walk-throughs)**. During this time, student-athletes may not *attend any meetings or* engage in *other* **physical** athletically related activities (e.g., weight lifting); *however, time* **Time** spent **in team meetings, film review,** receiving medical treatment and eating meals may be included as part of the recovery time.

17.9.2.4.1 Exception -- "Walk-Throughs." During the preseason practice period only and after the five-day acclimatization period, a walk-through is not considered an on-field activity *under Bylaw 17.9.2.4* **for purposes of the limits on the number of practice sessions per day or the limits on the number of hours of on-field practice activities**, provided protective equipment (e.g., helmets, shoulder pads) is not worn, equipment related to football (e.g., footballs, blocking sleds) is not used and conditioning activities do not occur. If a walk-through is conducted on a day in which no other on-field activities occur, the walk-through must be included in the limit of 29 on-field practices for the preseason practice period. In championship subdivision football, on-field walk-throughs shall not exceed a total of two hours per day on the days one practice is conducted and one hour per day on the days multiple practice sessions are conducted.

Source: NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet (Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports)

Effective Date: Immediate

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**2013-19-FCS****PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE -- AFTER FIVE-DAY ACCLIMATIZATION PERIOD -- THREE-HOURS OF RECOVERY TIME BETWEEN ANY SESSIONS -- CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL**

Proposal Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: The NCAA Principle of Student-Athlete Well-Being states it is the responsibility of each member institution to protect the health of, and provide a safe environment for, each of its student-athletes. Although deaths from football drills have been reduced, risk exists and is greatest throughout the preseason period, not just during the first five days. Research supports heat acclimatization extending over a 14-day period. Therefore, risk extends beyond the five days, with additive effects of the environment, physical activity and equipment playing a role. The three-hour recovery period is important to allow student-athletes to dissipate and reduce body heat, eat food for energy, rehydrate and to prepare the body for the next session. The opinion of sports medicine and sports science research experts is that three hours generally provides adequate recovery time to achieve the goals of recovery between practice sessions. Reducing this recovery time increases risk of negative effects associated with inadequate recovery. Dehydration has been shown to influence player safety as well as decrease exercise performance. Participation in strenuous activities while incurring environmental stress with additional equipment and/or clothing has also been proven to increase the risk of Exertional Heat Illness (EHI) occurrence in football.

**2014-1-FCS****RECRUITING -- OFFICIAL (PAID) VISIT -- COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSIONS -- EXCEPTION -- UP TO TWO ADDITIONAL FOR FAMILY MEMBERS -- CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL**

Status: Adopted, 60-Day Override Period

Intent: In championship subdivision football, to specify that an institution may provide up to two additional complimentary admissions to a prospective student-athlete in order to accommodate family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete to attend a home athletics event.

Bylaws: Amend 13.6.7.2, as follows:

[Federated provision, FCS only]

13.6.7.2 Complimentary Admissions. During the official visit, a maximum of three complimentary admissions to a home athletics event at any facility within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus in which the institution's intercollegiate team practices or competes may be provided to a prospective student-athlete. Such complimentary admissions are for the exclusive use of the prospective student-athlete and those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the visit and must be issued only through a pass list on an individual-game basis. Such admissions may provide seating only in the general seating area of the facility used for conducting the event. Providing seating during the conduct of the event (including intermission) for the prospective student-athlete or those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete in the facility's press box, special seating box(es) or bench area is specifically prohibited. **[R]**

[13.6.7.2.1 unchanged.]

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**RECRUITING -- OFFICIAL (PAID) VISIT -- COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSIONS -- EXCEPTION -- UP TO TWO ADDITIONAL FOR FAMILY MEMBERS -- CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL**

**13.6.7.2.2 Exception -- Championship Subdivision Football. In championship subdivision football, an institution may provide up to two additional complimentary admissions to the prospective student-athlete in order to accommodate family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete to attend a home athletics event. A family member is an individual with any of the following relationships to the prospective student-athlete: spouse, parent or legal guardian, child, sibling, grandparent, domestic partner or any individual whose close association with the prospective student-athlete is the practical equivalent of a family relationship.**

[13.6.7.2.2 through 13.6.7.2.5 renumbered as 13.6.7.2.3 through 13.6.7.2.6, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Board of Directors [Leadership Council (Football Recruiting Subcommittee)]

Effective Date: Immediate

Proposal Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: This proposal, developed with input and support from the Division I members of the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Board of Trustees, protects the integrity of the recruiting process and provides a healthy recruiting environment for both prospective student-athletes and football coaches. In October 2013, legislation was adopted to permit institutions appropriate flexibility to provide meals to up to four family members who accompany the prospective student-athlete on the official visit. This proposal would align the number of complimentary admissions the prospective student-athlete is permitted to receive with the number of family members permitted to have their meals paid for by the institution. This is a reasonable approach to dealing with situations involving other family members without requiring institutions to request a waiver of the legislation. Permitting up to two additional complimentary admissions for use by family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the official visit is expected to result in only minimal additional expense for the institution, while helping provide a better experience for the prospective student-athlete's family.

