



# FOOTBALL COMPLIANCE MONTHLY

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## Reminders for Official/Unofficial Visits



### Official (Paid) Visit Length of Official Visit

#### (13.6.4)

An official visit to an institution shall need exceed 48 hours.

#### 48-Hour Defined (13.6.4.1)

The 48-hour period of the official visit begins at the time the prospective student-athlete arrives on the institution's campus.

#### Lodging (13.6.4.1.2)

A prospective student-athlete may receive lodging in the locale of the institution without beginning the 48-hour period if the prospective student-

athlete arrives in the locale too late to begin the official visit that day. In sports other than basketball, such expenses may not be provided for any other individual who is accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the official visit (e.g., parents, spouse) before the start of the 48-hour period, including the cost of additional occupants in the same room, if applicable.

### Unofficial (unpaid) Visit Number Permitted (13.7.1)

A prospective student-athlete may visit a member institution's campus at his or her

own expense an unlimited number of times. (\*Exceptions apply for Men's Basketball and Women's Basketball)

### General Restrictions (13.7.2.1)

During an unofficial visit, the institution may not pay any expenses or provide any entertainment except a maximum of three complimentary admissions (issued through a pass list) to a home athletics event at any facility within a 30-mile radius of a member institution's main campus in which the institution's intercollegiate team practices or competes.

### September 2013 FCS Recruiting Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					

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

### Evaluation Period



\* Evaluation period– Not exceeding a period of 42 evaluation days (54 for U.S. service academies) during the months of September, October and November 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-athletes educational institution on more than one calendar day during this period. All other dates shall be considered a quiet period.

## CAA Football Intraconference Transfer Rule

Any football student-athlete who transfers from one Conference institution to another is not eligible for athletic financial aid during the year of residency. An appeal of this rule to the Board of Directors for extenuating circumstances may be requested by the Director of Athletics of the institution to which the student-athlete intends to transfer. [Adopted: June 3, 2007]

## CAA Nonqualifier Rule

Since the median of each institution's freshman class academic profile far exceeds the NCAA minimum standards for freshman eligibility, if a **recruited** nonqualifier enrolls at a member institution directly from high school, the individual will not be eligible to represent the institution in football. The institution through its chief executive officer, may appeal in instances of special circumstances for relief from this legislation.

### NCAA DEFINITION

Per NCAA Bylaw 13.02.13.1, Actions by staff members or athletics representatives that cause a prospective student-athlete to become a recruited prospective student-athlete at that institution are:

- A. Providing the prospective student-athlete with an official visit;
- B. Having an arranged, in-person, off-campus encounter with the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's parents, relatives or legal guardians;
- C. Initiating or arranging a telephone contact with the prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians on more than one occasion for the purpose of recruitment;
- D. Issuing a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of athletically related financial aid to the prospective student-athlete. Issuing a written offer of athletically related financial aid to a prospective student-athlete to attend a summer session prior to full-time enrollment does not cause the prospective student-athlete to become recruited.



## Transfer Students and Official Visits

If a student-athlete attending four-year institution #1 desires to transfer and institution #1 provides the permission to contact required (per Bylaw 13.1.1.3), it is permissible for institution #2 to provide the student-athlete one official visit to institution #2's campus.

### Did You Know?

The total number of official visits a member institution may provide prospective student-athletes in the sport of football on an annual basis (August 1-July 31) shall be limited to 56.

### Activities During Unofficial Visit (Bylaw 13.7.3)

An institution may not arrange miscellaneous, personalized recruiting aids (e.g., personalized jerseys, personalized audio/visual scoreboard presentations) and may not permit a prospective student-athlete to engage in any game-day simulations (e.g., running onto the field with the team during pregame introductions) during an unofficial visit. Personalized recruiting aids include any decorative items and special additions to any location the prospective student-athlete will visit (e.g., hotel room, locker room, coach's office, conference room, arena) regardless of whether the items include the prospective student-athlete's name or picture.

### Meals (Bylaw 13.7.2.1.2)

A prospective student-athlete on an unofficial visit to an institution may pay the actual cost of meals (or the regular cost of training-table meals) and eat with other prospective student-athletes who are on their official visits or with enrolled student-athletes.



### 2013-2014 CAA Football Handbook Excerpt:

#### Squad Size Limits

**Visiting Team:** 65 (This may be exceeded for one game per year, through notification to the conference office in advance.) [Revised: 6/3/13]

**Home Team:** At the discretion of the institution.

(CAA Article IX, Bylaw 9.16)

### NCAA 2013-14 Manual Excerpt:

#### Eligibility for Competition

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 APR eligibility point for the fall term shall not be eligible to compete in the first four contests against outside competition in the following playing season.

(NCAA Bylaw 14.4.3.1.6)

### **Prospects on Sideline During Pregame**

Prospects that attend a home football game during an Official or Unofficial Visit are permitted to be on the sidelines only during Pregame Activities. Please note that once the game begins all prospects must be off the sidelines and seated in the general seating area and remain in the seating area throughout the remainder of the game, including halftime.

The NCAA AMA staff was asked a question on August 28, 2013 in regard to the use of hospitality areas by prospective student-athletes and their guests while on official/unofficial visits during the conduct of a game in accordance with Bylaw 13.6.7.2. Specifically, the staff was asked whether it is permissible for prospects and their guests to briefly access hospitality areas during a game and return to their assigned seats in the general seating area after visiting the area.

The AMA staff agreed that as long as prospects and their guests are not provided special seating to view the game, it is permissible for prospects and their guests to briefly access hospitality areas during the conduct of the game (including intermission) and then they must return to their assigned seats in the general seating area.

### **Complimentary Admissions-NCAA Bylaw 13.6.7.2**

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.

### **Countable Coaches and Headsets**

Just a friendly reminder that countable football coaches are the only staff members that are permitted to wear headsets during practices and games. Strength and conditioning coaches, athletic trainers, managers, and other individuals are not permitted to wear a headset. It is permissible for student-athletes to wear headsets to communicate with countable coaches as needed while participating in the practice or competition.

### **Staff Interpretation: November 19, 1997**

**Institutional Noncoaching Staff Member Sitting on Institution's Bench**

Institutional Noncoaching Staff Member Sitting on Institution's Bench. (I) The membership services staff confirmed that an institution, at its discretion, may permit a noncoaching staff member to sit on the bench during an institution's contest. However, the institution is responsible for ensuring that the individual does not engage in coaching activities as set forth in NCAA Bylaw 11.7.1.1.1.1.

[Reference: 11.7.1.1.1.1 (noncoaching activities)]