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This document contains questions and answers to assist the NCAA Division I membership in applying NCAA Division I Proposal Nos. 2017-112 and 2017-113.

Unofficial Visits.

Question No. 1: What is a coach permitted to say if a prospective student-athlete shows up unscheduled on-campus to meet with an institution's coach prior to September 1 of the prospective student-athlete's junior year?

Answer: The coach may not engage in any recruiting conversations with the prospective student-athlete. However, the coach may confirm the prospective student-athlete's age, explain the recruiting rules, and then must end the contact. While it is permissible for the coach to direct the prospective student-athlete to admissions, or the institutional authority outside of the athletics department designated to provide campus tours, it is not permissible for the coach to arrange a campus tour on behalf of the prospective student-athlete.

Question No. 2: Does the visit unrelated to recruitment legislation remain applicable to an individual prior to September 1 of his or her junior year in high school?

Answer: Yes, the visit unrelated to recruitment legislation remains applicable. In order to permissibly provide complimentary admissions, the visit may not be related to the prospective student-athlete's athletics recruitment by the institution, and the institution's athletics department may not be involved in any way with the arrangements for the visit, other than providing (in accordance with established policy) free admissions to an athletics event on a group basis (rather than personally to the prospective student-athlete).

Question No. 3: May complimentary admissions to a home athletics event be provided to a group (e.g., scholastic or nonscholastic team, boys or girls club, YMCA) unrelated to recruitment for athletics, if that group includes individuals not yet juniors in high school?

Answer: Yes, provided no athletics recruiting activities (e.g., facility tour, access to field) or conversations occur with any individuals prior to September 1 of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school.

Question No. 4: May an institution's coach, in response to a request from a group or team, add the group or team to the pass list during a visit unrelated to recruitment?

Answer: Yes, the provision of complimentary admissions as part of a visit unrelated to recruitment legislation may be administered by anyone in athletics, including coaches in accordance with institutional policy.

Question No. 5: May the children of a booster, who are not yet juniors in high school, receive access to the field, court, or other restricted areas while attending an athletics contests?

Answer: Yes, provided the benefits are available to all boosters and the family members of boosters in accordance with institutional policy.

Question No. 6: May a high school junior or senior prospective student-athlete bring a sibling on an unofficial visit before September 1 of the sibling's junior year in high school?

Answer: Yes, the younger sibling may receive complimentary admissions and access to accompany the prospect on the unofficial visit, however, no recruiting conversations may occur with the younger sibling.

Question No. 7: During an unofficial visit may a high school junior or senior prospective student-athlete assign one of the three permissible complimentary admissions to an individual who is a teammate or friend before September 1 of the individual's junior year in high school?

Answer: Yes, it is permissible for the prospective student-athlete's teammate or friend to receive one of the prospective student-athlete's three complimentary admissions to a home athletics event. However, the institution's athletics staff cannot direct or request the attendance of the teammate or friend on the unofficial visit. Additionally, no athletics recruiting activities (e.g., facility tour, access to field) or conversations occur with any individuals prior to September 1 of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school.

Question No. 8: May an institution's coach ask a high school and or club coach to inform his or her team of the recruiting legislation?

Answer: Yes, however, this request should be generic and not directed toward a specific prospective student-athlete.

Question No. 9: If requested, may the institution's athletics staff provide a tour of athletics facilities to a team of prospective student-athletes that includes individuals who are not yet juniors in high school?

Answer: No. A tour involving athletics staff would trigger an unofficial visit and would not be permissible.

Question No. 10: May admissions, or the institutional authority outside of the athletics department designated to provide campus tours to prospective students, provide a campus tour to team of prospective student-athletes that includes individuals who are not yet juniors in high school, and include institutional athletics facilities as part of the tour?

Answer: Yes, provided there is no involvement from athletics, and the tour is facilitated by the office of admissions or the regular authority for providing campus tours.

Question No. 11: May the president, chancellor, board of governors or regents direct athletics department staff to provide an athletics facility tour to an individual and their children that include individuals who are not yet juniors in high school?

Answer: Yes, provided the visit is unrelated to athletics recruitment.

Question No. 12: May a prospective student-athlete, who is not yet a junior in high school meet with an academic advisor, who is an athletics department employee during a visit to campus?

Answer: No.

Question No. 13: May a prospective student-athlete, who is not yet a junior in high school, meet with an academic advisor, who is not considered an athletics department employee, but has duties that are specific to athletics?

Answer: Yes, provided meeting with prospective students (not just prospective student-athletes) is within the scope of job responsibilities of the individual and the meeting does not include recruiting conversations related to athletics or is at the direction of athletics.

Question No. 14: May an institution rent an athletics facility to a group that includes individuals who are not yet juniors in high school?

Answer: Yes, provided the institution does not engage in any recruiting activities involving prospective student-athletes that are not yet juniors in high school during the facility rental.

Camps and Clinics.

Question No. 15: During an institutional camp or clinic, may a coach provide a campus tour available to all camp participants, if the group includes a prospective student-athlete(s) prior to September 1 of his or her junior year in high school?

Answer: Yes, a campus tour (including athletics facilities) provided to all camp participants would be permissible; however, no recruiting conversations may occur.

Question No. 16: During an institutional camp or clinic, may a coach have recruiting conversations, or conduct an individual facility tour, with a prospective student-athlete prior to September 1 of his or her junior year?

Answer: No.

Question No. 17: During an institutional camp or clinic, may a coach have recruiting conversations, or conduct an individual facility tour, with a prospective student-athlete after September 1 of his or her junior year in high school?

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 18: During an institutional camp or clinic, may a coach have recruiting conversations with an individual who has not triggered prospective student-athlete status (e.g., sixth, seventh or eighth grader)?

Answer: No.

Question No. 19: During an institutional camp or clinic, may a coach conduct an informational session about the recruiting process and the student-athlete experience to a prospective student-athlete prior to September 1 of his or her junior year in high school?

Answer: Yes, a general informational session would be permissible; however, no institution-specific recruiting information may be presented at these informational sessions.

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Legislative References

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13.4.1.4	Exception -- Electronic Correspondence in Conjunction With an Unofficial Visit.
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