Visit Do’s and Don’t’s
Mondays With Your Manual
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- **Contact Period** - period of time when it is permissible for coaching staff to make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations. Coaching staff may telephone and provide general correspondence and official and unofficial visits may occur (13.02.5.1).

- **Evaluation Period** - period of time when it is permissible for coaching staff to be involved in off-campus activities designed to assess the academic qualifications and playing ability of PSAs. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts may occur. Coaching staff may telephone and provide general correspondence and official and unofficial visits may occur (13.02.5.2).
• **Recruiting Period** (men’s basketball only) - period of time when it is permissible for coaching staff to make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations. Coaching staff may telephone and provide general correspondence and official and unofficial visits may occur (13.02.5.3).

• **Quiet Period** - period of time when it is permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts only on GW’s campus. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts or evaluations may be made. Coaching staff may telephone and provide general correspondence and official and unofficial visits may occur (13.02.5.4).
**GENERAL RECRUITING DEFINITIONS**

- **Dead Period** - period of time when it is not permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts or evaluations on or off GW’s campus. Coaching staff may telephone, text and provide general correspondence however official and unofficial visits may NOT occur (providing complimentary tickets to a PSA is also prohibited 13.7.2.1).

  - **Exception – After Commitment** (13.02.5.5.2)
    - A PSA is no longer subject to the application of a dead period after one of the following events occurs:
      - (a) PSA signs a National Letter of Intent (NLI) or GW's written offer of admission and/or financial aid; or
      - (b) GW receives a financial deposit in response to our offer of admission.

Note this exception does NOT apply to those PSAs who only sign GW's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or deposit with GW prior to the regular signing date for their sport.
OFFICIAL VISITS
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- **Definition**
  - A campus visit that is financed *in whole or in part* by GW.

- **Number Permitted**
  - PSA may take a maximum of *five* expense-paid visits to a Division I institution, with no more than one permitted to any single institution.
  - Restriction applies regardless of the number of sports in which the PSA is involved.

Bylaws 13.02.17.1, 13.6.2.1 and 13.6.2.2
OFFICIAL VISITS

- Sport Specific - Number Permitted
  - The total number of official visits GW may provide to PSAs in the following sports on an annual basis (August 1 - July 31) shall be limited to:
    - Women’s Basketball – 12
    - Baseball – 25
    - Men’s Basketball – up to 24 in a rolling 2 year period.
- All other sports are unlimited.

Bylaws 13.6.2.6 and 13.6.2.6.1
OFFICIAL VISITS

▪ First Opportunity to Visit
  ▪ In sports other than MBB, PSAs may not be provided an official visit prior to the opening day of classes of their senior year in high school.
    ○ MBB: PSA may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than January 1st of his junior year in high school.
    ○ WBB: PSA may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than the Thursday following the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship game of the PSA’s junior year in high school.
      ▪ PSA may not make an official visit during the July evaluation periods.

Bylaws 13.6.2.2.1 and 13.6.2.2.2
OFFICIAL VISITS

- Post-High School Visits
  - Limitations apply separately to the period in which the PSA is in high school and to the period beginning October 15 following the PSA’s completion of high school.
  - Subsequent to October 15 following completion of high school the PSA may receive an additional five official visits.

Bylaw 13.6.2.3
OFFICIAL VISITS

- Post-High School Visits
  - Non-Qualifier OR Academic Redshirt in First Year
    - A PSA who is enrolled in their first year at a two-year college may not be provided an official visit to GW until he/she has completed an academic year at the two-year college.
  - Transfer SA
    - A SA attending a four-year institution may not be provided an official visit until GW has received permission to contact from the SA’s original institution.

Bylaws 13.6.2.3.1 and 13.6.2.3.2
OFFICIAL VISITS

• Length of Official Visit
  • Cannot exceed 48 hours.
  • 48-hour time period begins when PSA arrives on GW’s campus, when PSA is picked up at closest airport (Reagan National Airport) or closest train station (Union Station) and brought to campus without delay.
  o 48-hour time period begins at time of pickup if PSA is picked up at BWI, Dulles, other train station, or if coach is picking up PSA from their home or high school.
  o PSA may receive lodging (hotel ONLY) without beginning 48 hours if they arrive to late for visit to start. Additional room for 4 family members may be provided.

Bylaws 13.6.4, 13.6.4.1, 13.6.4.1.1 and 13.6.4.1.2
OFFICIAL VISITS

• At completion of 48-hours, PSA must depart campus immediately, otherwise, GW may not pay any expenses incurred by PSA upon departure from campus, including cost of PSA’s transportation home.

• A PSA may remain in the locale of GW after the permissible 48-hour period for reasons unrelated to the official visit (e.g., visit a friend), provided that at the completion of the 48-hour visit the PSA departs campus and GW does not pay any expenses thereafter.
  • This includes cost of return transportation to PSA’s home.

Bylaws 13.6.4 and 13.6.4.1
OFFICIAL VISITS

- **Meals**
  - A PSA and up to 4 family members accompanying the PSA may receive three meals per day in addition to a snack.
    - Need not be included in $40-per-day entertainment expense.
    - Meals must be comparable to those provided SAs during academic year.
    - A luncheon, dinner or brunch at the home of a GW staff member (e.g., AD, coach, faculty member) may occur provided the entertainment is on a scale comparable to that of normal student life, is not excessive in nature and occurs on only one occasion.

Bylaws 13.6.7.7 and 13.6.7.7.1
**OFFICIAL VISITS**

- **Meals**
  - A host may receive meals, provided they are accompanying the PSA during the PSA’s official visit.
  - Meals for other members of the team may NOT be provided unless it is done on an “occasional” basis (e.g., season kick-off dinner, birthday dinner).

Bylaws 13.6.7.5(a) and 16.11.1.5
OFFICIAL VISITS

- **Entertainment**
  - GW may provide reasonable entertainment to a PSA and up to 4 family members accompanying the PSA.
  - Maximum of $40/day for entertainment of host(s), PSA and up to 4 family members.
    - Permissible to provide student host an additional $20 per day for each additional PSA the host entertains.
    - Entertainment for friends of a PSA is not permissible.
  - Cost of entertainment of GW staff who accompany PSA is excluded unless they are the host.
  - All entertainment must take place within 30-miles of GW.
  - Entertainment and contact by boosters is prohibited.

Bylaws 13.6.7.1 and 13.6.7.5
OFFICIAL VISITS

- Transportation
  - May be provided to view a practice or competition site in the PSA’s sport and other GW facilities and to attend a home athletics contest at any local facility when accompanied by a GW staff member.
  - May provide PSA’s actual round-trip transportation costs to GW from any location, provided PSA returns to the original point of departure.
  - GW coach may drive PSA to and from GW for visit via car only.
    - Visit must start when transportation of PSA begins.
    - Family members may travel in same car as PSA.

Bylaws 13.5.1, 13.5.2.1 and 13.5.2.2.2
OFFICIAL VISITS

- Lodging
  - May be provided to PSA and up to 4 family members accompanying the PSA within a 30-mile radius of campus.
  - May NOT include special accessories (e.g., Jacuzzis, luxury suite).

Bylaws 13.6.6 and 13.6.6.1
OFFICIAL VISITS
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- Complimentary Admissions
  - PSA may receive 3 comp tickets to any GW home ticketed athletics event. ([A] legislation permits 6)
    - We allow an 2 additional tickets for non-traditional family members.
  - Must be issued through a pass list on an individual-game basis.
  - Seating only in general seating area.
  - Conference, NCAA or other postseason contest tickets are prohibited.

Bylaws 13.6.7.2, 13.6.7.2.1, 13.6.7.2.3 and 13.6.7.2.4
UNOFFICIAL VISITS
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• Definition
  • A visit financed entirely by the PSA.
  • GW Department policies allow a PSA to stay overnight in the residence halls with their host (1 night ONLY).

• Number Permitted
  • A PSA may take an unlimited number of unofficial visits to GW.

Bylaws 13.02.17.2 and 13.7.1
UNOFFICIAL VISITS

- First Opportunity to Visit
  - Unofficial visits may take place at any time (except during a dead period)
    - PSA who has signed and NLI, admissions/financial agreement or deposited with GW may visit.
    - MBB: PSAs may not make unofficial visits during month of July.
    - WBB: PSAs may not make unofficial visits during July evaluation periods.

Bylaw 13.02.5.5.2, 13.7.1.1, 13.7.1.2
UNOFFICIAL VISITS

- **Post High School Visit**
  - Unlimited (except during dead periods - see 13.02.5.5.2).
  - Junior college PSA who is NOT a qualifier may not take an unofficial visit during first year at 2-year school.

- **Length of Visit**
  - No limit unless staying in the residence halls then it is one (1) night ONLY.

Bylaws 13.1.1.2 and 13.7.1
UNOFFICIAL VISITS

Transportation

- GW may not provide transportation expenses to a PSA except:
  - Transportation to view practice and competition sites.
  - Local transportation to attend a home athletics event.
  - GW staff member must accompany PSA in both of the above.

- GW may not arrange special parking for PSAs to use during an unofficial visit.

Bylaw 13.5.3
UNOFFICIAL VISITS

- Lodging
  - PSA may stay in an enrolled student-athlete’s residence hall ONLY IF PSA pays regular institutional rate for such lodging.
  - GW does not charge guests to stay in the residence halls however Department policies only allow a PSA to stay overnight in the residence halls with their host 1 night ONLY.

Bylaw 13.7.2.1.3
UNOFFICIAL VISITS

- **Meals**
  - PSA may not receive free meals.
    - PSA may pay actual cost of meals (or regular cost of training-table meals) and eat with other PSAs who are on their official visits or with enrolled student-athletes.
    - *Meal must occur on-campus*; PSA may not attend off-campus meal with other PSAs or student-athletes.
  - Hosts or SAs may NOT receive free meals. If they attend a meal with the coaching staff and PSA/PSA’s family members they MUST pay for their meal.

Bylaw 13.7.2.1.2
UNOFFICIAL VISITS

- Entertainment
  - PSA may not receive entertainment other than a maximum of 3 complimentary admissions to a home athletics event (may receive 2 additional tickets for nontraditional family members).
    - Tickets must be issued through a pass list.
    - Seats must be in general seating area only.
  - GW may not reserve tickets to be purchased by a PSA (or individuals accompanying the prospect) on an unofficial visit.
    - Tickets must be purchased in same manner as general public.

Bylaws 13.7.2.1 and 13.7.2.1.1
OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL VISITS
Activities

- In basketball, GW may conduct an evaluation of a PSA on GW’s campus under specific conditions.
- For all sports, PSA may participate in recreational activities, provided they are not organized or observed by members of athletics department, are not designed to test athletic ability of PSA and any GW facility used by PSA is open to the general public.
  - GW may provide necessary equipment/attire on a issue-and-retrieve basis.

Bylaws 13.11.2.1 and 13.11.2.3
OFFICIAL/UNOFFICIAL VISITS

Activities

• May NOT arrange miscellaneous, personalized recruiting aids (e.g., personalized jerseys, personalized audio/video scoreboard presentations).
  • Personalized recruiting aids include any decorative items and special additions to any location the PSA will visit (e.g., hotel room, locker room, coach's office, conference room, arena) regardless of whether the items include the PSA’s name or picture.
  • May NOT permit PSA to engage in any game-day simulations (e.g., running onto the field with the team during pregame introductions).

Bylaws 13.6.7.9 and 13.7.3
OFFICIAL/UNOFFICIAL VISITS

- Publicizing of Visits
  - PSA’s visit to campus may not be publicized (e.g., Tweet picture of PSA with team).
  - PSA may not participate in team activities that would make public or media aware of his/her visit to GW (e.g., celebratory walks to or around, on-field pregame celebrations).
  - PSA may not be introduced at a function (e.g., sports award banquet or an intercollegiate athletics contest) that is attended by media representatives or open to general public.

Bylaws 13.10.2.4 and 13.10.2.5
RESTRICTIONS AFTER SIGNING

• Once a PSA has signed an NLI PSA is no longer subject to Bylaw 13.1 (note those signing GW’s written offer of admissions/financial aid or depositing with GW are still bound until the first day of the regular signing date for the NLI).

Permissible

▪ Unlimited off-campus contacts and evaluations however evaluations of other PSAs on his/her team are still bound by rules.

Impermissible

▪ PSAs may not observe GW’s off-field or off-court practice session (e.g., meeting, film review) that are closed to the general public.

Bylaws 13.02.13.1 and 14.2.1.1.1
Q & A
Basketball PSA Top Dog arrives on for his official visit. Accompanying Top is his biological mother and step-father, his biological father and step-mother, grandmother, and an “uncle” who is of no blood relation to the family but has remained very close with them throughout the years.

Q: Is it permissible to allow the entire party to have complimentary admissions to a home basketball contest?

A: No. Top is permitted a total of six tickets for himself and those accompanying him. The “uncle” will need to purchase a ticket to the game.

Bylaws 13.6.7.2 and 13.6.7.2.4
After returning home from delivering soccer PSA Yellow Card to the BWI airport, you receive a phone call from him saying that all flights have been canceled due to a major snow storm in the area. Donald was just in town for his official visit and doesn’t have any relatives in the immediate area.

Q: Would it be permissible to extend his visit understanding doing so would exceed the 48 hour limit? What if his flight was merely delayed by three hours?

A: Yes. The visit could be extended and Yellow brought back to campus if the next available fight is not for another day or so (Bylaw 13.6.4.2). If the flight was merely delayed for a few hours then the visit could not be extended.