

## Student-athletes role in recruiting

Current student-athletes are an information resource about the campus and athletic program; therefore, they have an important role in recruiting. To ensure fairness, the NCAA carefully defines the conditions under which prospects may be recruited by GW.

As a student-athlete you may be asked, on occasion, to assist your coaching staff in recruiting prospects by acting as a Student Host during a prospect's official or unofficial campus visit. Acting as a student host is an important service to GW and the Department of Athletics. Appropriate conduct is required of you by GW and NCAA standards. All activities should be planned and approved by the head coach. These activities should always promote the University and its values.

### What is a "Prospective Student-Athlete"?

A "prospect" is a student in the ninth grade or above, including students in junior colleges and individuals who have officially withdrawn from four-year schools. A student becomes a prospect when any of the following occurs:

1. GW providing the prospect with an official visit;
2. GW coaching staff having an arranged, in-person, off-campus encounter with the prospect or the prospect's parents, relatives or legal guardians;
3. GW coaching staff initiating or arranging a telephone contact with the prospect, the prospect's relatives or legal guardians on more than one occasion for the purpose of recruitment; or
4. GW issuing a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of athletically related financial aid to the prospect.

### General Rules

- Off-campus, in person contacts between enrolled student-athletes and a prospect are permissible as long as such contacts are unavoidable incidental contacts and do not occur at the direction of a coaching staff member. If unavoidable incidental contact occurs between a student-athlete and a prospect (even at the prospect's high school), such contact is permissible, provided GW had no prior knowledge of the occurrence of the contact.
- GW **may not** provide you with transportation or expenses to recruit a prospect except for those permitted when you serve as the student host.
- You may write letters or send e-mails to prospects at any time as long as it is **not** done at the direction of GW coaching staff or expense of GW.
- You **may not** make or participate in telephone calls to prospect at the direction of a coaching staff member or financed by GW or a representative of its athletics interests; however, you **may** receive telephone calls at the expense of the prospect on or after July 1 following the completion of the prospect's junior year in high school. You may receive telephone calls made at the expense of a prospect prior to July 1 following the completion of the prospect's junior year in high school, provided there is no direct or indirect involvement by athletics department staff.

## Official Visits

An official visit by a prospect to the campus is a visit financed by the University. Please note the following rules:

1. GW may finance only one visit per prospect to its campus.
2. A prospect may take a maximum of five expense-paid visits, regardless of the number of sports in which the prospect participates.
3. An expense-paid visit may not be earlier than the opening day of a prospect's senior year in high school.
4. A person who is not a qualifier and who is enrolled during the first year at a two-year college may not be provided an expense-paid visit.
5. An official visit shall not exceed 48 hours beginning at the time a prospect arrives on campus and ending when the prospect leaves campus.
6. A prospect may be provided lodging and meals just like regular students. Local hotels and restaurants may be used but at a scale comparable to that of a normal student life and only within a 30-mile radius of campus.
7. Entertainment for the prospect and his or her parents (or legal guardians) or spouse may be provided if it is not excessive and within a 30-mile radius of campus. It is not permissible to entertain other relatives or friends, including siblings, of the prospect at any time.
8. Complimentary admissions to a campus athletic event may be provided to the prospect and his or her parents (or legal guardian) or spouse through a pass list. These admissions must be located in the general seating area. Seats in the press box, special seating boxes, or bench area are prohibited.
9. It is not permissible for GW to provide cash to the prospect for entertainment purposes.

## Student Hosts – Official Visits

1. As the host you are required to read and sign a Student Host Instructions and Entertainment Receipt form prior to hosting the prospect on an official visit.
2. As a host you may be provided a maximum of \$30 per day to cover all actual costs of entertaining the host, the prospect, the prospect's parents (legal guardians) and spouse, excluding the costs of meals and admission to campus athletic events. **NOTE: THE \$30/DAY IS THE ONLY MONEY THAT MAY BE SPENT ON ENTERTAINMENT** (e.g., you or the prospect **CANNOT** put in your own money to pay for entertainment above the \$30/day). A host may be provided with an additional \$15 per day for each additional *prospect entertained*.
3. **The entertainment money must not be used to purchase alcohol, or souvenirs (e.g., T-shirts, hats, etc.).**
4. Several student-athletes may host a prospect, but GW may provide only **one** current student-athlete with entertainment money.
5. A car may not be provided to you or the prospect for use during the official visit.
6. One meal may be held for a prospect on an official visit at the home of the sport's head coach.
7. Meals on an official visit (maximum of three meals/day) are limited to the host, the prospect, the prospect's parents (or legal guardian), or the prospect's spouse.
8. As the host you must retain all receipts and unused money and return them to your head coach at the conclusion of the visit.
9. Remember to treat prospects with the friendliness which typifies our athletics program.
10. Remember to give each prospect a taste of the distinctive environment which makes GW unique.

### **Entertainment – Official Visit**

A prospect, the prospect's parents and his or her spouse may be entertained at a scale comparable to that of a normal student life only on campus or within a 30-mile radius of campus on an official visit. It is not permissible to entertain other relatives, siblings or friends of the prospect at any site.

### **Unofficial Visit**

An *unofficial visit* to GW's campus is made at the prospect's expense. The provision of any expenses beyond complimentary admissions to a campus athletic event will require the visit to become designated as an *official visit*.

However, a prospect may stay in the GW residence halls overnight with a student-athlete without the visit becoming an official visit. At no time may you or the coaching staff provide any other benefit (e.g., food, entertainment) to the prospect.

### **Student Hosts – Unofficial Visits**

1. If a prospect stays overnight in your residence hall you are required to read and sign a Student Host Instructions for an UNOFFICIAL Visit prior to hosting the prospect on an official visit.
2. During the course of this unofficial visit, no meal(s) or entertainment expense money may be provided to you, as the host, **OR** to the prospect.
3. The only benefit that may be received by the prospect during the course of an unofficial visit is:
  - a. lodging in University housing for one (1) night;
  - b. transportation provided by a member of the coaching staff or athletic department to view off-campus GW practice and competition sites along with transportation to an off-campus home contest; and
  - c. maximum of three (3) complimentary admissions (issued only through a pass list) to a home athletics event at any facility within a 30-mile radius of GW's main campus.
4. As a host you **may not** be provided any money for the visit.
5. **You may not purchase alcohol or souvenirs (e.g., T-shirts, hats, etc.).**
6. A car may not be provided to you or the prospect for use during the unofficial visit.
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