

THE INTERPRETER

The University of Maryland Athletics Compliance Newsletter

Official / Unofficial Visit Reminders

- ◆ A prospective student-athlete may be provided an expense paid visit on or after the first day of classes during their senior year in high school
- ◆ A prospective student-athlete may be provided lodging in the locale of the institution without beginning the 48-hour official visit for instances in which the PSA arrives too late to begin the visit that day provided:
 - Lodging is only for the PSA
 - Room fees for additional occupants (i.e. parents, spouse) are not provided
- ◆ A prospective student-athlete may receive a meal at or in the vicinity of his or her place of lodging without beginning the 48-hour official visit period in instances in which he or she arrives in the locale of the institution too late to begin the official visit that day, provided :
 - No athletic department staff or student-athletes are present during the meal
 - Meal expenses are only covered for the PSA
- ◆ A prospective student-athlete may receive a drive-thru or "to-go" meal while in transit with an athletics department staff member from the major airport or bus or train station nearest the institution without beginning the 48-hour official visit period, provided:
 - Meal expenses are only covered for the PSA
- ◆ Prospects cannot have any interaction with alumni or boosters (this includes former Maryland student-athletes).
- ◆ A maximum of \$30 for each day may be given for the cost of entertaining the student host and prospect (including prospects' parents/guardians). Keep in mind that only one student-athlete host per recruit may receive host entertainment money benefits. Any entertainment provided cannot include discounts to fall within the \$30 limit.
- ◆ Please be reminded that a student-athlete serving as a student host during an official visit should not use his/her own money when entertaining a prospect. Therefore, the \$30 per day entertainment allowance provided to the student host must be used to pay for the expenses of entertainment for both the prospect and the student host. For example, if the host takes the prospect to the movies, the admission for BOTH the host and the prospect must come out of the entertainment money.

Compliance Corner:

Bill, a PSA, arrived at 8 p.m. the night before his official visit. A coach at University College picked up Bill at the nearest major airport. As they were walking through the airport to collect Bill's luggage, Coach bought a "to-go" meal for Bill to take with him on the drive to the hotel. Does the receipt of this meal begin the 48 hour official visit period?

- ◆ *Answer: No, the 48 hour period does not begin with Bill's receipt of the to-go meal as this meal is considered to be received while in transit. Remember, providing a meal to others accompanying Bill (PSA) on his official visit would begin the 48-hour period.*

Katie, a prospective student-athlete, arrived at 10 p.m. the night before her official visit. A coach at University College picked up Katie at the airport and took her to the hotel. The coach informed Katie that she could order a meal from room service after the coach left if she was hungry. Does receipt of a room service meal begin the 48-hour official visit period?

- ◆ *Answer: No, the 48-hour period does not begin when Katie receives the room service meal, provided the coach is not present during the meal as this meal is considered to be received while in transit.*



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October 2011 Recruiting Calendar:

Baseball:

Contact Period: October 1-31

Football:

Evaluation Period: October 1-31

M. Lacrosse:

Contact Period: October 1-31

Softball:

Contact Period: October 1-31

Track / Field & Cross Country:

Contact Period: October 1-31

W. Volleyball:

Contact Period: October 1-31

W. Lacrosse:

Contact Period: October 1-31

M. Basketball:

Contact Period: October 1-5

Evaluation Period: October 6-31

W. Basketball:

Contact Period: October 1-6

Evaluation Period: October 7-31

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Unofficial Visit Reminders:

- Cannot provide transportation to a recruit to or from campus for any reason, arrange for special parking, or provide parking passes for on-campus parking (or for any games).
- Cannot pay for any meals or entertainment.
- Phone call rules still apply; therefore, if a high school junior (or younger) is on campus for an unofficial visit, you may not call or text the recruit.
- The recruit may receive a total of three complimentary admissions via the recruit pass list. Complimentary admissions must be approved prior to the sporting event through ACS.
- A PSA on an unofficial visit may stay in an enrolled student-athlete's dorm room only if the prospective student-athlete pays the regular institutional rate for such lodging
- Once the unofficial visit has been completed, please complete the unofficial visit record form and return it to Compliance.

Cost of a meal for Unofficial Visit:

In a situation where you have a prospect (and possibly their family) on-campus for an UNOFFICIAL visit and you would like them to participate in an organized meal, such as a tailgate, the prospect (and their family) must pay for the cost of the meal. Please be reminded that when determining the cost of that meal you must take into account the cost of anything you had to pay for, such as the facility, a tent, tables, servers, etc., in addition to the food.

Compliance Top 5:

1. Track/Field, CC
2. Water Polo
3. Wrestling
4. M. Soccer
5. Swimming / Diving

Honorable Mention: Golf, Baseball, W. Basketball