

Prospect Visit Policies

The Naval Academy policies on official and unofficial visits are in place to ensure that each prospective student-athlete who visits the Naval Academy has an enjoyable visit where they receive a realistic view of daily life. As such, recruiting visits should be designed so that student-athletes can evaluate the entire campus environment to find the best academic and athletic program for them. We expect all those involved in official and unofficial visits to behave with the utmost of decorum.

1. Correspondence

Graduation rates information and information on the list of banned drugs and supplements shall be mailed by the Compliance Office to each prospect.

2. Transportation

Transportation shall be limited to commercial coach class air transportation (with no upgrades) or by the recruit's personal vehicle, which shall be reimbursed at the standard rate. There shall be no private or charter aircraft, limos or similar vehicles used to transport prospects their parents or legal guardians. Transportation on the Yard shall be provided in the coach's personal vehicle only. No other modes of transportation may be used (i.e., golf carts).

3. Meals and Lodging

Meals and lodging for a prospect (or their parents or legal guardians) shall be at a level comparable to those used by regular midshipmen or other prospects to the Naval Academy. At least one meal shall be taken on the Yard in King Hall. Large groups of prospects can be accommodated either at the Officer's Club, Alumni Hall or the Stadium Banquet Facility. Meals provided in restaurants shall be comparable to those given to student-athletes during the academic year. A prospect and his parents or legal guardians may receive a maximum of three meals and one reasonable snack per day.

To truly engage the prospect with an understanding of the Academy, it is recommended that prospects be housed in Bancroft Hall with a current team member. This allows prospects a realistic view of life on the Yard. If Bancroft Hall is not available, a coach may use their discretion, based on resources and availability to house prospects off the Yard. Lodging should not include any special accessories such as jacuzzies or suites, unless they are available generally to all hotel guests.

4. Game-Day Activities/Presentations

The following activities shall not occur during the prospect's visit: simulation of game-day scenario or showing a personalized jersey, locker or other activities, which would recreate an actual game like atmosphere. In addition, there will be no personalized audio/video board presentations. Prospects may visit the locker room before or after a game or stand on the sidelines during pre-game activities.

5. Entertainment

Only current student-athletes, with a minimum 2.0 QPR, shall host prospects. Student-athletes shall not excessively entertain any prospect, their parents or relatives or friends at any site, at any time. The drinking of alcohol or attending private parties where alcohol is being served shall not be allowed.

Coaches are responsible to document free time and/or social activities of the prospect and host. A coach must also verify after the visit that the activities did occur as planned.

6. Decorating the Prospect's Hotel Room

Recruit's hotel room, shall not be decorated. This removes the possibility of a recruit leaving with souvenirs or other items that are impermissible.

7. Tryouts

While on an official or unofficial visit, a prospect may not participate in any physical activity, which may be construed as a tryout. The prospect's itinerary may not include time for participating in activities that could be reported to the coach as an indication of athletic ability. If a prospect requests to participate in some kind of physical activity, the coach may not be present and those team members who accompany the prospect may not report back to the coach concerning the abilities that the prospect displayed.

8. Boosters

Coaches are responsible for assuring that prospects and boosters (including sponsor families) do not interact during an official or unofficial visit. Special arrangements must be made within the coaching staff when a large group of prospects participate on an official/unofficial visit simultaneously, so that contact by boosters can be avoided through the efforts of the coaching staff or other support staff members.

9. Others Traveling with Prospect

When someone other than a parent, spouse or legal guardian accompanies a prospect on an official visit, you must submit a detailed explanation for accommodations because these individuals are not eligible for expenses such as meals, entertainment, etc.

10. High School or Other Coaches

High school, junior college or club coaches may not be reimbursed or provided any kind of benefit for bringing a prospect to campus for an official visit. They may be provided with two complimentary admissions to a home contest. Avoid awkward situations with coaches who do not understand NCAA regulations.

11. Responsibility of Hosts, Coaches and Administrators

Student-hosts, coaches and administrators shall be accountable for their behavior and actions taken while they are hosting a prospect. No gambling or use of drugs or alcohol shall occur during the official visit. Student hosts shall read and sign the host instructions. Host must understand that entertainment money is for the prospect only. Cash or gifts may not be given or purchased. It is the responsibility of coaches and administrators to follow these policies as set out. Failure to do so will result in a violation of institutional policy and shall be dealt with accordingly by the Athletic Director.

12. Alcohol Policy

Midshipmen must conform to all Naval Academy Regulations regarding alcohol. Per Maryland State law and Midshipman Regulations Chapter 2.70, midshipmen are prohibited from provided alcohol to anyone under the age of 21 years. Under no circumstances may a host and prospect be in a situation where alcohol is served. There will be no alcohol on recruiting visits.

13. Oversight and Monitoring

The responsibilities of Head Coaches are clearly defined above. Sports Administrators should also monitor recruiting activities to ensure that all procedures are being adhered to. Any concerns about the recruiting process should be reported to the Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance, who will in turn inform the Athletic Director so that appropriate action can be taken.

14. Violations

Appropriate action will be taken against those individuals who violate the letter or spirit of these guidelines. We will conduct ourselves in a proper manner in all phases of recruitment. These remedial actions are in addition to any that may be meted out by the NCAA for any secondary violations that may occur.

15. Education

In order for these guidelines to be effective, they must be well understood and widely distributed. The Athletics Director will reinforce these policies with the coaching staff periodically throughout the year. These guidelines will also be communicated to student-athletes annually. This recruiting policy will be included in the annual NCAA rules review sessions for all coaches and in the Student-Athlete Handbook and in the compliance section of the Athletics Department web site.

I have read and understand the Recruiting Policies of the Naval Academy Athletic Association.

Signature

Date