

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Preliminary Statement of
Official Visit Policies

The University of Oregon policies on official and unofficial visits are in place to ensure that each prospective student-athlete who visits the University of Oregon has an enjoyable visit where they receive a realistic view of daily campus life. As such, recruiting visits should be designed so that prospective student-athletes can evaluate the entire campus environment to find the best academic and athletic program that best fits the prospect's future plans and aspirations. We expect all those institutional staff members and student hosts involved in official and unofficial visits to behave with the utmost of decorum.

1. Correspondence.

With limited exceptions, only coaches can correspond with prospective student-athletes. All correspondence and materials sent to prospects by the coaching staff must comply with NCAA Bylaw 13.4.1.

In addition, coaches are required to mail out graduation rates information and information on the list of banned drugs and supplements to the prospects early in the recruiting process.

These policies shall be sent to the prospect's home prior to the prospect's official visit to the institution.

2. Transportation.

Transportation for official visits shall be limited to commercial coach class air transportation or to the prospective student-athlete's personal vehicle, use of which shall be reimbursed at the standard institutional mileage rate. There shall be no private or charter aircraft, as well as limos or similar vehicles used to transport prospects, their parents or legal guardians. Unless exceptional circumstances are present and the coach receives prior approval from the compliance office, transportation on and around campus shall be provided in either an institutionally-owned vehicle normally used for the transportation of potential students, a coach's courtesy or personal car or the student-host's personal car. No other modes of transportation may be used.

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 students or other prospective students considering enrollment at the University of Oregon.

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 (limited to a single entrée per meal) and one reasonable snack per day.

Lodging in standard hotel rooms shall be used. Lodging should not include any special accessories such as jacuzzies or suites, unless they are available generally to all hotel guests. Again, this allows the prospect a realistic view of daily life in this college town.

4. Game-Day Activities/Presentations.

The following activities shall not occur during the prospect's visit: simulation of game-day scenario, 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 but will be seated in general seating prior to the start of the contest.

5. Entertainment.

Prospects shall be hosted only by current student-athletes. Campus tours not conducted by an institutional staff member or current student-athlete shall be conducted by a member the University of Oregon Admissions Office Ambassador Program. Student-athlete hosts shall not excessively entertain any prospect, their parents, relatives or friends at any site, at any time.

The host and the prospect shall not engage in any activity that violates local, state, federal law or NCAA rules. The host, as well as any institution staff member, is prohibited from (or arranging for) the use of impermissible drugs, sex, any type of adult entertainment, or alcohol as a recruiting device. Finally, student-hosts shall not engage in or allow the prospect to engage in any gambling or gaming activities during the visit.

6. 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. Coaches are responsible for communicating and educating the student-hosts of the institution's recruiting philosophy and policies regarding official and unofficial visits.

Student hosts shall ensure they use their entertainment money 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.

7. Alcohol Policy.

Prospective student-athletes and their student-host shall refrain from the use of alcohol during the prospects official or unofficial visit. There is a zero tolerance for the use and or providing of alcohol to a prospective student-athlete on official or unofficial visits.

8. Violations.

If an individual is determined to have violated any of these policies, that individual will be sanctioned. Applicable sanctions will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Repeat offenses by the same individual will result in progressively more severe sanctions.

- ? If the violation involves a prospect, sanctions can include the immediate termination of the visit and cessation of further recruitment.
- ? If the violation involves a host, sanctions can include the loss of permissible benefits (e.g., complimentary admissions, a reduction in practice or playing time), prohibition from involvement in future recruiting activities, suspension or dismissal from the squad.
- ? If the violation involves an institutional staff member, sanctions can include letters of caution, admonishment or reprimand from the athletic director, withholding from recruiting activities for a specified time period, or termination of employment by the institution.

These remedial actions are in addition to any that may be meted out by the Pacific-10 Conference or the NCAA for any secondary or major violations that may occur.