

Frequently Asked Questions

Below is a list of commonly asked questions that addresses many of the critical areas of compliance. If you have specific questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Compliance Office at (804) 287-6551 or (804) 287-6529.

1. **What is a "prospective student-athlete"?**

A "prospective student-athlete" is another term for "recruit." Any student, regardless of whether they are participating in athletics, who has entered the ninth grade of high school, is deemed a "prospective student-athlete." In the sport of Men's Basketball, a "prospective student-athletes" is defined as any student who has entered the seventh grade of school.

2. **What is the NCAA Eligibility Center?**

The NCAA Eligibility Center determines the academic eligibility of high school students as they enter college for their freshman year. In addition, the Eligibility Center determines and ensures any student (high school and junior college transfer) who is going to enter a four-year institution is an amateur student-athlete.

More information regarding the NCAA Eligibility Center can be found at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net

3. **When should I register with the NCAA Eligibility Center?**

High school students who have entered their second semester of their junior year should begin the registration process with the NCAA Eligibility Center. Once registered, you should have your high school send an up-to-date transcript to the Eligibility Center, along with ACT/SAT test scores from the testing agencies. The Eligibility Center will provide you with a preliminary evaluation of your eligibility status. You are unable to come to Stanford on an Official Visit until you have registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center.

4. **Why didn't a coach return my phone call?**

Per NCAA regulations, coaches are not permitted to call prospective student-athletes until July 1 following completion of the prospect's junior year in high school. However, a high school student may call a coach at any time, regardless of their year in high school. Although a coach may not be able to return the call, prospects may call at their own expense at any time.

The sports of football, men's basketball, and women's basketball allow for additional phone calls; however, the numbers of calls are determined by the prospect's year in high school.

5. **I sent a text message to a coach, but didn't get a text back. Why not?**

As of August 1, 2007, NCAA regulations do not allow coaches to text prospective student-athletes. Coaches are allowed to email prospective student-athletes on/after September 1 of a prospect's junior year in high school. (In men's basketball, a coach may email a prospect on June 15 following a prospect's sophomore year.)

6. **Can I visit campus at any time?**

High school students are welcome to visit the University of Richmond and the Department of

Athletics. However, there are certain dates throughout the year that coaches and other athletics staff members are not able to have contact with prospects. These dates are called Dead Periods and often surround National Letter of Intent signing periods and sport championships. Please contact the coaching staff of your particular sport prior to arriving to campus to ensure you and the coaches may have contact.

1. **What is an official visit?** An official visit by a prospect is a visit to campus that is financed in whole or in part by the University of Richmond.
 - An official visit may not exceed 48 hours in duration.
 - The University of Richmond may pay the prospect's transportation costs for his or her official visit, provided a direct route between the prospect's home and the institution is used.
 - The University of Richmond may also entertain a prospect and his or her parents or legal guardians during an official visit provided the entertainment takes place on the institution's campus or within a 30-mile radius, and is at a scale comparable to that of normal student life.
 - As a reminder, boosters are not permitted to have contact with a prospect during his or her official visit.

2. **What is an unofficial visit?** An unofficial visit by a prospect is a visit made to the University of Richmond at the prospect's own expense. If any expenses are paid by the University of Richmond or booster, the visit will become an official visit.