

# Recruiting

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## 13.01 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

**13.01.1 Eligibility Effects of Recruiting Violation.** The recruitment of a student-athlete by a member institution or any representative of its athletics interests in violation of the Association’s legislation, as acknowledged by the institution or established through the Association’s enforcement procedures, shall result in the student-athlete’s becoming ineligible to represent that institution in intercollegiate athletics. The Academics/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet may restore the eligibility of a student involved in such a violation only when circumstances clearly warrant restoration. A student is responsible for his or her involvement in a violation of NCAA regulations during the student’s recruitment, and involvement in a major violation (see Bylaw 19.02.2.2) may cause the student to become permanently ineligible for intercollegiate athletics competition at that institution.

**13.01.2 Entertainment.** A member institution may provide entertainment (per Bylaw 13.5), at a scale comparable to that of normal student life and not excessive in nature, to a prospect and his or her parents (or legal guardians) or spouse only at the institution’s campus (or, on an official visit, within 30 miles of the institution’s campus). Entertainment of other relatives or friends of a prospect at any site is prohibited.

**13.01.3 Institutional Responsibility in Recruitment.** A member of an institution’s athletics staff or a representative of its athletics interests shall not recruit a prospect except as permitted by this Association, the institution and the member conference, if any.

**13.01.4 Off-Campus Recruiting.** In-person, off-campus recruiting is limited to authorized athletics department staff members, and limitations may be placed on the number of staff members who are permitted to recruit off campus (see Bylaws 13.1.2.3 and 13.1.2.5).

**13.01.5 Recruiting by Representatives of Athletics Interests.** Representatives of an institution’s athletics interests (as defined in Bylaw 13.02.11) are prohibited from making in-person, on- or off-campus recruiting contacts, or written or telephonic communications with a prospect or the prospect’s relatives or legal guardians. Specific examples of the exceptions to application of this regulation are set forth in Bylaw 13.1.2.2 (see also Bylaw 13.1.3.5.1.1).

**13.01.6 Time Periods for Telephone Calls and Contacts.** Telephone calls or in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with a prospect or the prospect’s relatives or legal guardians before July 1 (September 1 in Divisions I-A and I-AA football) following the prospect’s completion of the junior year in high school. In women’s gymnastics, in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with a prospect or the prospect’s relatives or legal guardians before July 15 following the prospect’s completion of the junior year in high school. In Divisions I-A and I-AA football and basketball, such contacts are confined to specific contact periods. In all sports, time periods are established during which no on- or off-campus contacts are permitted (see Bylaw 30.11 and Figures 13-1 through 13-5). *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 7/1/91, Revised: 1/16/93, 1/11/94 effective 3/15/94, Revised: 1/10/95, 1/14/97 effective 5/1/97, Revised: 10/28/97, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01)*

**13.01.6.1 Exception—Divisions I-A and I-AA Football.** In Divisions I-A and I-AA football, one telephone call to a prospect [or the prospect’s relatives or legal guardian(s)] may be made during the

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month of May of the prospect's junior year in high school. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 5/1/97, Revised: 10/28/97*)

**13.01.6.2 Exception—Basketball.** In the sports of men's and women's basketball, one telephone call to a prospect [or the prospect's parents or legal guardian(s)] may be made on or after June 21 of the prospect's junior year in high school. In addition, only three telephone calls to a prospect [or the prospect's parents or legal guardian(s)] may be made during the month of July following the prospect's junior year in high school, with no more than one telephone call per week. (*Adopted: 4/22/98*)

**13.01.6.3 Exception—Ice Hockey.** In the sport of ice hockey, it is permissible for an institution to make one telephone call to a prospective student-athlete who is a resident of a foreign country during the month of July following the completion of the prospect's sophomore year in high school. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

**13.01.7 U.S. Service Academy Exceptions.** Exceptions to recruiting regulations for the United States service academies are set forth in Bylaw 13.17.

**13.01.8 Compliance with Legislation for Emerging Sports.** A member institution sponsoring an emerging sport for women (see Bylaw 20.02.5) shall comply fully in that program with all applicable recruiting legislation set forth in Bylaw 13, effective for student-athletes first entering the collegiate institution on or after August 1, 1996. (*Adopted: 1/10/95*)

## 13.02 DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS

### 13.02.1 Camps

**13.02.1.1 Diversified Sports Camp.** A diversified sports camp is a camp that offers a balanced camping experience, including participation in seasonal summer sports and recreational activities, without emphasis on instruction, practice or competition in any particular sport.

**13.02.1.2 Specialized Sports Camp.** A specialized sports camp is a camp that places special emphasis on a particular sport or sports and provides specialized instruction in the sport(s).

**13.02.2 Competition Site.** The "competition site" is the facility in which athletics competition is actually conducted, including any dressing room or meeting facility utilized in conjunction with the competition.

**13.02.3 Contact.** A contact is any face-to-face encounter between a prospect or the prospect's parents, relatives or legal guardian(s) and an institutional staff member or athletics representative during which any dialogue occurs in excess of an exchange of a greeting. Any such face-to-face encounter that is pre-arranged or that takes place on the grounds of the prospect's educational institution or at the site of organized competition or practice involving the prospect or the prospect's high-school, preparatory school, two-year college or all-star team shall be considered a contact, regardless of the conversation that occurs. (*Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94*)

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**13.02.3.1 Evaluation Activities during Contact Period—Divisions I-A and I-AA Football.** In Divisions I-A and I-AA football, a visit to a prospect's high school, preparatory school or two-year college, or an evaluation at any site that occurs during a contact period shall constitute a contact (for all prospects in that sport at the educational institution) for that particular week even if no contact is made with a prospect. (*Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95*)

### 13.02.4 Contact and Evaluation Periods

**13.02.4.1 Contact Period.** A contact period is that period of time when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff members to make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations.

**13.02.4.2 Evaluation Period.** An evaluation period is that period of time when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff members to be involved in off-campus activities designed to assess the academic qualifications and playing ability of prospects. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts shall be made with the prospect during an evaluation period.

**13.02.4.3 Quiet Period.** A quiet period is that period of time when it is permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts only on the member institution's campus. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts or evaluations may be made during the quiet period.

**13.02.4.4 Dead Period.** A dead period is that period of time when it is not permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts or evaluations on or off the member institution's campus or to permit official or unofficial visits by prospects to the institution's campus. The provision of complimentary admissions to a prospect during a dead period is prohibited, except as provided in Bylaw 13.8.2.5 for a prospect who visits an institution as part of a group. During such a dead period, a coaching staff member may not serve as a speaker at or attend a meeting or banquet at which prospects are in attendance, except as provided in Bylaw 13.1.9.1, and may not visit the prospects' educational institutions. It remains per-

missible, however, for an institutional staff member to write or telephone prospects during such a dead period. *(Revised: 1/11/94)*

**13.02.5 Enrolled Student-Athlete.** An enrolled student-athlete is an individual whose enrollment was solicited by a member of the athletics staff or other representative of athletics interests with a view toward the student's ultimate participation in the intercollegiate athletics program. Any other student becomes a student-athlete only when the student reports for an intercollegiate squad that is under the jurisdiction of the athletics department.

**13.02.5.1 Permissible Recruitment Activities for Enrolled Student-Athletes:**

- (a) **Off-campus contacts.** Off-campus, in-person recruiting contacts that are unavoidable incidental contacts between enrolled student-athletes (or other enrolled students) and a prospect are permissible if such contacts do not occur at the direction of a coaching staff member.
- (b) **Telephone contact.** It is permissible for an enrolled student-athlete to receive telephone calls made at the expense of a prospect subsequent to July 1 following the completion of the prospect's junior year in high school. Telephone calls made by enrolled students (excluding student-athletes) pursuant to an institution's regular admissions program directed at all prospective students shall be permissible.
- (c) **Written correspondence.** It is permissible for an enrolled student-athlete to engage in written correspondence, provided it is not done at the direction and/or expense of the member institution. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*
- (d) **Unavoidable incidental contact.** If unavoidable incidental contact occurs between a student-athlete and a prospect (even at the prospect's high school), such contact is permissible, provided the institution had no prior knowledge of the occurrence of the contact.
- (e) **Official visits.** An enrolled student-athlete may participate as a student host during a prospect's official visit to the institution's campus. As a student host, a student-athlete may receive the following:
  - (1) A maximum of \$30 for each day of the visit to cover all actual costs of entertaining the prospect (and the prospect's parents, legal guardians or spouse), excluding the cost of meals and admission to campus athletics events. These funds may not be used for the purchase of souvenirs such as T-shirts or other institutional mementos. It is permissible to provide the student host with an additional \$15 per day for each additional prospect the host entertains. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

In the event that several students host a prospect, the \$30 per day entertainment money may be utilized to cover the actual and necessary expenses incurred by the prospect and all hosts. Only one student host per prospect may be provided a free meal if restaurant facilities are utilized;
  - (2) A complimentary meal, provided the student host is accompanying the prospect during the prospect's official visit; and
  - (3) A complimentary admission to a campus athletics event, provided the admission is used to accompany a prospect to that event during the prospect's official visit.
- (f) **Unofficial visits.** A prospect on an unofficial visit may stay in an enrolled student-athlete's dormitory room, provided the prospect pays the regular institutional rate for such lodging.

**13.02.5.2 Impermissible Recruitment Activities for Enrolled Student-Athletes:**

- (a) **Recruitment expenses.** An institution may not provide an enrolled student-athlete with transportation or expenses to recruit a prospect except those expenses specified as permissible when a student-athlete serves as a student host.
- (b) **Telephone calls.** Enrolled student-athletes or other enrolled students shall not make or participate in telephone calls to prospects at the direction of a coaching staff member or financed by the institution or a representative of its athletics interests.
- (c) **Transportation.** A student-athlete acting as a student host shall not be provided an automobile by the institution or representatives of its athletics interests for use by the host or the prospect during a prospect's official visit to the campus.
- (d) **Student host.** A student-athlete serving as a student host must be enrolled in the member institution being visited by the prospect. A nonqualifier (see Bylaw 14.02.9) may not serve as a student host during his or her first academic year of residence.

**13.02.6 Evaluation.** Evaluation is any off-campus activity designed to assess the academic qualifications or athletics ability of a prospect, including any visit to a prospect's educational institution (during which no contact occurs) or the observation of a prospect participating in any practice or competition at any

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site. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

**13.02.6.1 Exception—Football.** In football, any evaluation that occurs during a contact period by a coaching staff member is a countable contact per Bylaw 13.02.3.1 rather than a countable evaluation. *(Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95)*

**13.02.6.2 Evaluation Days—Basketball and Softball.** An evaluation day is defined as one coach engaged in the evaluation of any prospect on one day (12:01 a.m. to midnight); two coaches making evaluations on the same day shall use two evaluation days. The combined total of such days for all staff members shall not exceed 40 in the sport of women's basketball, 70 in the sport of men's basketball and 50 in the sport of softball. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, Revised: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/01)*

**13.02.7 Home.** In general, a prospect's "home" is the prospect's legal residence, or the community of the educational institution in which the prospect is enrolled while residing there.

**13.02.8 National Letter of Intent.** The National Letter of Intent referred to in this bylaw is the official document administered by the Collegiate Commissioners Association and utilized by subscribing member institutions to establish the commitment of a prospect to attend a particular institution.

**13.02.9 Prospective Student-Athlete.** A prospective student-athlete ("prospect") is a student who has started classes for the ninth grade. In addition, a student who has not started classes for the ninth grade becomes a prospective student-athlete if the institution provides such an individual (or the individual's relatives or friends) any financial assistance or other benefits that the institution does not provide to prospective students generally. An individual remains a prospective student-athlete until one of the following occurs (whichever is earlier):

- (a) The individual officially registers and enrolls in a minimum full-time program of studies and attends classes in any term of a four-year collegiate institution's regular academic year (excluding summer); or
- (b) The individual participates in a regular squad practice or competition at a four-year collegiate institution that occurs before the beginning of any term. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/90)*

**13.02.10 Recruiting.** Recruiting is any solicitation of a prospect or a prospect's relatives [or legal guardian(s)] by an institutional staff member or by a representative of the institution's athletics interests for the purpose of securing the prospect's enrollment and ultimate participation in the institution's inter-collegiate athletics program.

**13.02.10.1 Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete.** Actions by staff members or athletics representatives that cause a prospective student-athlete to become a recruited prospective student-athlete at that institution are: *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94 for those students entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/94)*

- (a) Providing the prospect with an official visit; *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94 for those students entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/94)*
- (b) Having an arranged, in-person, off-campus encounter with the prospect or the prospect's parent(s), relatives or legal guardian(s); or *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94 for those students entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/94)*
- (c) Initiating or arranging a telephone contact with the prospect, the prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s) on more than one occasion for the purpose of recruitment. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94 for those students entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/94)*

**13.02.11 Representative of Athletics Interests.** A "representative of the institution's athletics interests" is an individual, independent agency, corporate entity (e.g., apparel or equipment manufacturer) or other organization who is known (or who should have been known) by a member of the institution's executive or athletics administration to: *(Revised: 2/16/00)*

- (a) Have participated in or to be a member of an agency or organization promoting the institution's inter-collegiate athletics program;
- (b) Have made financial contributions to the athletics department or to an athletics booster organization of that institution;
- (c) Be assisting or to have been requested (by the athletics department staff) to assist in the recruitment of prospects;
- (d) Be assisting or to have assisted in providing benefits to enrolled student-athletes or their families; or
- (e) Have been involved otherwise in promoting the institution's athletics program.

**13.02.11.1** Once an individual, independent agency, corporate entity or other organization is identified as such a representative, the person, independent agency, corporate entity or other organization retains that identity indefinitely. *(Revised: 2/16/00)*

**13.02.12 Telephone Calls.** Facsimiles and other electronically transmitted correspondence shall not be considered telephone calls. Prearranged electronically transmitted correspondence (i.e., the time and method for such correspondence has been designated in advance) between an authorized institutional staff member and one or more prospects and any electronic correspondence sent by “instant messenger” or similar means shall be considered a telephone call. The use of a pager to contact a prospect is considered a telephone call. If a pager permits a text message to be displayed, an institutional staff member who leaves a message in excess of a greeting is considered to have made a telephone contact. *(Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/14/97, 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, Revised: 9/6/00)*

**13.02.13 Visits by Prospects**

**13.02.13.1 Official Visit.** An official visit to a member institution by a prospective student-athlete is a visit financed in whole or in part by the member institution.

**13.02.13.2 Unofficial Visit.** An unofficial visit to a member institution by a prospective student-athlete is a visit made at the prospect’s own expense. The provision of any expenses or entertainment by the institution or representatives of its athletics interests shall require the visit to become an official visit, except for the following:

- (a) The institution may provide complimentary admissions to an on-campus athletics event in which the institution’s intercollegiate athletics team competes, in accordance with the provisions of Bylaw 13.8.2.1; and
- (b) The institution may provide transportation to the prospect, when accompanied by an institutional staff member, only to view off-campus practice and competition sites and other institutional facilities located within a 30-mile radius of the institution’s campus, but the institution may not provide transportation to attend one of the institution’s home athletics events (on or off campus) during the unofficial visit. *(Revised: 1/11/89)*

**13.02.13.2.1 Exception—Division I-AA Football.** A Division I-AA football program that restricts its total number of official visits to 25 may provide one meal to any football prospect in the institution’s on-campus student dining facilities without the visit counting as an official visit. The institution also may provide one meal to the same prospect’s parents or legal guardians in the institution’s on-campus student dining facilities without the visit counting as an official visit, provided it is the institution’s normal policy to provide such a meal under similar circumstances to all prospective students’ parents or legal guardians visiting the campus. A prospect who is given such a meal may not also be provided with an official visit by the institution in any sport. *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*

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Recruiting contacts (per Bylaw 13.02.3) and telephone calls with a prospect (or the prospect’s relatives or legal guardians) by institutional staff members and/or representatives of the institution’s athletics interests are subject to the provisions set forth in this bylaw. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 7/1/91)*

**13.1.1 Contactable Prospects**

**13.1.1.1 High-School Prospects.** In-person, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with a prospect or the prospect’s relatives or legal guardian(s) before July 1 following the prospect’s completion of the junior year in high school (July 15 in women’s gymnastics). Telephone calls shall not be made with a prospect [or the prospect’s parents or legal guardian(s)] before July 1 (September 1 in Divisions I-A and I-AA football) following the prospect’s completion of the junior year in high school. U.S. service academy exceptions to this provision are set forth in Bylaw 13.17.1. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 7/1/91, Revised: 1/11/94 effective 3/15/94, Revised: 1/10/95, 1/14/97 effective 5/1/97, Revised: 10/28/97, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01)*

**13.1.1.1.1 Exception—Divisions I-A and I-AA Football.** In Divisions I-A and I-AA football, one telephone call may be made during the month of May of the prospect’s junior year in high school. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 5/1/97, Revised: 10/28/97)*

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**13.1.1.1.2 Exception—Basketball.** In the sports of men’s and women’s basketball, one telephone call to a prospect [or the prospect’s parents or legal guardian(s)] may be made on or after June 21 of the prospect’s junior year in high school. In addition, only three telephone calls to a prospect [or the prospect’s parents or legal guardian(s)] may be made during the month of July following the prospect’s junior year in high school, with no more than one telephone call per week. *(Adopted: 4/22/98)*

**13.1.1.1.3 Exception—Ice Hockey.** In the sport of ice hockey, it is permissible for an institution to make one telephone call to a prospective student-athlete who is a resident of a foreign country during the month of July following the completion of the prospect’s sophomore year in high school. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

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**13.1.1.2 Two-Year College Prospects.** A prospect who was not a qualifier as defined in 14.02.9.1 and who is enrolled in the first year of a two-year college may not be contacted in person on or off an institution's campus for recruiting purposes by a member institution.

**13.1.1.3 Four-Year College Prospects.** An athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interests shall not make contact with the student-athlete of another NCAA or NAIA four-year collegiate institution, directly or indirectly, without first obtaining the written permission of the first institution's athletics director (or an athletics administrator designated by the athletics director) to do so, regardless of who makes the initial contact. If permission is not granted, the second institution shall not encourage the transfer and the institution shall not provide financial assistance to the student-athlete until the student-athlete has attended the second institution for one academic year. If permission is granted to contact the student-athlete, all applicable NCAA recruiting rules apply. (*Revised: 1/10/91, 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 4/26/01*)

**13.1.1.3.1 Hearing Opportunity.** If the institution decides to deny a student-athlete's request to permit any other institution to contact the student-athlete about transferring, the institution shall inform the student-athlete in writing that he or she, upon request, shall be provided a hearing conducted by an institutional entity or committee outside of the athletics department (e.g., the office of student affairs; office of the dean of students; or a committee composed of the faculty athletics representative, student-athletes and nonathletics faculty/staff members). The institution shall have established reasonable procedures for promptly hearing such a request. (*Adopted: 1/11/94*)

**13.1.1.3.2 Student-Athlete Withdrawn from Four-Year College.** A member institution may contact a student-athlete who has withdrawn officially from a four-year collegiate institution without obtaining permission from the first institution only if at least one academic year has elapsed since the withdrawal.

**13.1.1.3.3 Transfer from Institution on Probation.** It is not necessary for an institution to obtain permission in writing to recruit a student-athlete at an institution that has been placed on probation with sanctions that preclude it from competing in postseason competition during the remaining seasons of the student-athlete's eligibility. However, the student-athlete's institution must be notified of the recruitment and may establish reasonable restrictions related to the contact (e.g., no visits during class time), provided such restrictions do not preclude the opportunity for the student-athlete to discuss transfer possibilities with the other institution [see also Bylaw 14.8.1.2-(c)]. (*Adopted: 1/10/92*)

**13.1.1.3.4 Transfer While Ineligible Due to Positive Drug Test.** If a student-athlete who is declared ineligible due to a positive drug test administered by the NCAA transfers to another NCAA institution, the institution from which the student-athlete transferred must notify the new institution of the student-athlete's ineligibility (see Bylaw 18.4.1.5.1). (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

### 13.1.2 Permissible Recruiters

**13.1.2.1 General Rule.** All in-person, on- and off-campus recruiting contacts with a prospect or the prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s) shall be made only by authorized institutional staff members. Such contact, as well as correspondence and telephone calls, by representatives of an institution's athletics interests is prohibited except as otherwise permitted in this section.

**13.1.2.1.1 Off-Campus Recruiters.** An institutional staff member is not permitted to recruit off campus until he or she has been certified on an annual basis as to knowledge of applicable recruiting rules per Bylaw 11.5.1.1. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. (*Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92; Revised: 4/27/00*)

**13.1.2.2 General Exceptions.** This regulation is not applicable to:

- (a) **Admissions Program.** Off-campus recruiting contacts made by an institution's regular admissions program representative and directed at all prospective students including nonathletes.
- (b) **Coach Who Is Prospect's Parent or Legal Guardian.** Recruiting contact and evaluation limitations do not apply to a coaching staff member who is the parent (or legal guardian) of a participant in any activity being observed (e.g., practices, contests or camps), provided the attendance by the coaching staff member at such activity does not involve any personal contact with any other participating prospect. (*Revised: 1/10/95, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)
- (c) **Spouse of Prospect's Coach.** Recruiting contact and evaluation limitations do not apply to a coaching staff member observing a contest that involves prospective student-athletes coached by his or her spouse, provided the attendance by the coaching staff member at such a contest does not involve any personal contact with any prospect participating in the contest. (*Adopted: 1/11/94*)
- (d) **Established Family Friend/Neighbor.** Contacts made with a prospect by an established family

friend or neighbor, it being understood that such contacts are not made for recruiting purposes and are not initiated by a member of an institution's coaching staff.

(e) **Spouse of Staff Member**

- (1) **On Campus.** A spouse of an institutional staff member on campus.
- (2) **Off Campus during Official Visit.** A spouse of an athletics department staff member during a prospect's official visit and within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus during the prospect's official visit.

(f) **Interpreter.** An interpreter present during an institution's in-person, off-campus contact with a prospect or the prospect's parent(s) [or legal guardian(s)], provided that if the institution is involved in making the arrangements for the use of the interpreter, the interpreter must be a faculty member or a professional interpreter. It is not permissible for the interpreter to be an enrolled student-athlete, a family member of an enrolled student-athlete or a representative of the institution's athletics interests. (*Adopted: 1/11/97*)

(g) **Unavoidable Incidental Contact.** An unavoidable incidental contact made with a prospect by representatives of the institution's athletics interests, provided the contact is not prearranged by the representative or an athletics department staff member, does not take place on the grounds of the prospect's educational institution or at the sites of organized competition and practice involving the prospect or the prospect's team (i.e., high-school, preparatory school, two-year college or all-star team), is not made for the purpose of recruitment of the prospect, and involves only normal civility.

(h) **Permissible Preenrollment Activities.** Contacts between a prospect and an athletics representative regarding permissible preenrollment activities (e.g., a discussion of summer-employment arrangements that occurs subsequent to the prospect's signing of the National Letter of Intent).

**13.1.2.3 General Restrictions—Staff Members and Governing Board.** The following are additional restrictions that apply to an institution's staff members and governing board. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. (*Revised: 4/27/00*)

(a) **Institutional Staff Members—Off-Campus Contacts.** In all sports, only those coaches permitted to recruit off campus as specified in Bylaw 11.7 may contact prospects off campus. Faculty members may contact prospects for recruiting purposes in all sports, but only on campus. All institutional staff members (e.g., faculty members, athletics department staff members and administrators) may write prospects. (See Bylaws 11.7.2.3, 11.7.3.3 and 13.4.1 for additional restrictions in the sport of football.) (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

(b) **Board of Governors/Regents.** Recruiting contacts on or off campus between a member of the institution's board of governors (or regents) and a prospect are not permissible.

**13.1.2.4 Other Restrictions, Athletics Representatives.** The following are additional restrictions that apply to athletics representatives:

(a) **Telephone Conversation.** An athletics representative of a member institution may speak to a prospective student-athlete via the telephone only if the prospect initiates the telephone conversation and the call is not for recruiting purposes. Under such circumstances, the representative must refer questions about the institution's athletics program to the athletics department staff;

(b) **Observing Prospect's Contest.** An athletics representative may view a prospect's athletics contest on his or her own initiative, subject to the understanding that the athletics representative may not contact the prospect on such occasions;

(c) **Evaluation of Prospect.** An athletics representative may not contact a prospect's coach, principal or counselor in an attempt to evaluate the prospect; and

(d) **Visiting Prospect's Institution.** An athletics representative may not visit a prospect's educational institution to pick up film/videotape or transcripts pertaining to the evaluation of the prospect's academic eligibility or athletics ability.

**13.1.2.5 All Sports.** In all sports, only those coaches who are identified by the institution, in accordance with Bylaws 11.7.2.2, 11.7.3.2 and 11.7.4.3, may contact or evaluate prospects off campus. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92*)

**13.1.2.5.1 Written Certification.** A member institution shall certify in writing and have on file a list of those football and basketball coaches who are permitted to recruit or evaluate prospects off campus.

**13.1.2.5.2 Department-Wide Responsibilities.** An athletics department staff member who has

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department-wide responsibilities (e.g., recruiting coordinator) may not recruit or evaluate prospects off campus in the sport of football or basketball unless the staff member is counted as a full-time coach in that sport. (See Bylaws 11.7.2.3 and 11.7.3.3 for restrictions related to recruiting coordination functions in Divisions I-A and I-AA football.)

**I-A** **13.1.2.6 Division I-A Head Football Coach Restrictions—Off-Campus Contact.** In Division I-A football, the head coach may make in-person, off-campus contact with a prospect or the prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s) only during one calendar day. It is permissible for this contact to occur both at the site of the prospect's educational institution and away from the institutional grounds. During such contact, the head coach may be accompanied by an assistant(s) who otherwise is required to observe the restrictions contained in the bylaws. *(Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92)*

**13.1.2.7 Student-Athlete.** An institution may not provide an enrolled student-athlete with transportation or expenses to recruit a prospect except those expenses specified in Bylaw 13.7.5.5 when the student-athlete serves as a student host.

**13.1.2.8 Talent Scout.** An institution may not pay any costs incurred by an athletics talent scout or a representative of its athletics interests in studying or recruiting prospects. An institution may not provide any such person a fee or honorarium and thereby claim the person as a staff member entitled to expense money.

**13.1.2.8.1 Employment Prohibition.** An institution may not employ an individual for the primary purpose of recruiting or evaluating prospects and designate the individual as a coach if he or she does not reside in the institution's general locale. Such an individual would be considered an athletics talent scout rather than a regular institutional staff member.

**13.1.2.8.2 Expense Prohibition.** An institution may not pay expenses (other than meals provided in the institution's home community) for representatives of its athletics interests to visit its campus for the purpose of becoming familiar with the institution's academic and athletics programs and campus facilities in order to represent the institution better when recruiting prospects. The provision of such expenses would be considered payment of costs incurred by athletics talent scouts.

### 13.1.3 Telephone Calls to Prospects

**13.1.3.1 Time Period for Telephone Calls—General Rule.** In sports other than football and basketball, telephone calls to a prospect [or the prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s)] may not be made before July 1 following the completion of the prospect's junior year in high school; thereafter, staff members shall not make such telephone calls more than once per week. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 7/1/91, Revised: 1/16/93, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/22/98, 4/26/01)*

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I-AA** **13.1.3.1.1 Exception—Divisions I-A and I-AA Football.** In the sports of Divisions I-A and I-AA football, one telephone call to a prospect [or a prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s)] may be made during the month of May of the prospect's junior year in high school. Additional telephone calls to a prospect [or a prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s)] may not be made before September 1 of the beginning of the prospect's senior year in high school; thereafter, such telephone contact is limited to once per week outside of a contact period. During a contact period, such telephone contact may be made at the institution's discretion. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 7/1/91, Revised: 1/16/93, 1/11/94 effective 3/15/94, Revised: 1/10/95, 1/14/97 effective 5/1/97, Revised: 10/28/97)*

**13.1.3.1.2 Exception—Basketball.** In the sports of men's and women's basketball, one telephone call to a prospect [or the prospect's parents or legal guardian(s)] may be made on or after June 21 of the prospect's junior year in high school. In addition, only three telephone calls to a prospect [or the prospect's parents or legal guardian(s)] may be made during the month of July following the prospect's junior year in high school, with no more than one telephone call per week; thereafter, staff members shall not make such telephone calls more than once per week. *(Adopted: 4/22/98)*

**13.1.3.1.3 Exception—Ice Hockey.** In the sport of ice hockey, it is permissible for an institution to make one telephone call to a prospective student-athlete who is a resident of a foreign country during the month of July following the completion of the prospect's sophomore year in high school. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

### 13.1.3.2 Additional Regulations

**13.1.3.2.1 During Conduct of Athletics Contest.** Telephone calls to a prospect [or the prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s)] may not be made during the conduct of any of the institution's intercollegiate athletics contests in that sport until the competition has concluded and the team has been dismissed by the coach. *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/9/96)*

**13.1.3.2.2 Telephone Calls Initiated by Prospect at Prospect's Expense.** Institutional staff mem-

bers may receive telephone calls placed by a prospect at the prospect's own expense at any time, including before July 1 (August 15 in football) following the prospect's junior year in high school. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/10/95)*

### 13.1.3.3 Exceptions

**13.1.3.3.1 Official-Visit Exception.** Institutional staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospect during the five days immediately preceding the prospect's official visit (per Bylaw 13.7) to that institution. If more than one call per week occurs under this exception and a scheduled official visit is subsequently canceled due to circumstances beyond the control of the prospect or the institution (e.g., trip is canceled by the prospect, inclement weather conditions), there shall be no institutional violations nor shall it affect the prospects' eligibility. However, the institution shall submit a report to the conference office noting the cancellation of the official visit and the reasons for such cancellation. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 4/26/01)*

**13.1.3.3.2 Letter-of-Intent Signing-Date Exception.** Institutional staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospect on the initial date for the signing of the National Letter of Intent and during the two days immediately following the initial signing date. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

**13.1.3.3.2.1 Football Exception.** Institutional staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to prospects during the period 48 hours before and 48 hours after 7 a.m. on the initial signing date for the National Letter of Intent. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

**13.1.3.3.3 Telephone Calls Subsequent to National Letter of Intent Signing or Other Written Commitment.** Subsequent to the calendar day on which a prospect signs a National Letter of Intent, there shall be no limit on the number of telephone calls by the institution with which the prospect has signed. For an institution not utilizing the National Letter of Intent in a particular sport, there shall be no limit on the number of telephone calls to a prospect, the prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s) by that institution subsequent to the calendar day in which the prospect signs acceptance of the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid. *(Adopted: 2/9/95, Revised: 11/12/97)*

**13.1.3.3.4 Off-Campus Contact Exception.** Institutional staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospect on the day a permissible, in-person, off-campus contact occurs. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/16/93)*

### 13.1.3.4 Permissible Callers

**13.1.3.4.1 Institutional Staff Members.** In all sports, institutional staff members may make telephone calls to a prospect [or the prospect's parents or legal guardian(s)] in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw. In Divisions I-A and I-AA football, all telephone calls to prospects [or the prospects' parents or legal guardian(s)] must be made by the head coach or one or more of the full-time assistant coaches. In Division I-A football, such telephone calls also may be made by the graduate assistant coach, provided the coach has successfully completed the coaches certification examination per Bylaw 11.5.1.1. In addition, restricted coaches, which, in the sport of football, are permissible only in Division I-AA and at the national service academies in Division I-A, may make such telephone calls. *(Revised: 1/10/95, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

**13.1.3.4.1.1 Chief Executive Officer/Director of Athletics.** It is permissible for an institution's chief executive officer and director of athletics to return (as opposed to initiate) telephone calls from football prospects (or the prospects' parents or legal guardian). Under such circumstances, there are no restrictions on the content of the conversation that may occur during the call; however, any return call is subject to any applicable limitations on the number of telephone calls that an institution may place to football prospects. *(Adopted: 6/8/99)*

**13.1.3.4.1.2 Academic Advisors.** It is permissible for academic advisors (including academic advisors within the athletics department) to make calls to or receive calls from football prospects (or the prospects' parents or legal guardians) related to admissions or academic issues, subject to any applicable limitation on the number of telephone calls an institution may place to prospects. *(Adopted: 1/10/95)*

**13.1.3.4.1.3 Compliance Coordinators.** It is permissible for a compliance coordinator to make telephone calls to a football prospect, provided the calls relate only to compliance issues and such calls occur subsequent to the prospect's signing a National Letter of Intent with that institution (or, for those institutions not subscribing to the National Letter of Intent, subsequent to the prospect's signed acceptance of the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid). *(Adopted: 1/14/97)*

### 13.1.3.5 Nonpermissible Callers

**13.1.3.5.1 Representatives of Athletics Interests.** Representatives of an institution's athletics

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interests (as defined in Bylaw 13.02.11) are prohibited from making telephonic communications with a prospect or the prospect's relatives or legal guardians.

**13.1.3.5.1.1 Prospect Initiates Call.** An athletics representative of a member institution may speak to a prospect via the telephone only if the prospect initiates the telephone conversation and the call is not for recruiting purposes. Under such circumstances, the representative must refer questions about the institution's athletics program to the athletics department staff.

**13.1.3.5.2 Enrolled Students and Student-Athletes.** Enrolled student-athletes or other enrolled students shall not make or participate in telephone calls to prospects at the direction of a coaching staff member or financed by the institution or a representative of its athletics interests; however, they may receive telephone calls at the expense of the prospect subsequent to July 1 following the completion of the prospect's junior year in high school. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 7/1/91)*

**13.1.3.5.2.1 Admissions Program Exception.** Telephone calls made by enrolled students (excluding student-athletes) pursuant to an institution's regular admissions program directed at all prospective students shall be permissible. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 7/1/91)*

**13.1.3.6 Collect and Toll-Free Telephone Calls** Institutional staff members may accept collect and toll-free (e.g., 1-800, 1-888) telephone calls placed by prospects and prospects' parents or legal guardians, provided the calls are placed not earlier than July 1 following completion of the prospect's junior year in high school. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94)*

**See Figures 13-1 through 13-5, pages 122-127, for 2001-02 recruiting calendars.**

**13.1.4 Recruiting Calendars.** Recruiting calendars limiting contact and evaluation periods apply in the sports of basketball and football and also include recruiting dead periods in all sports. The Management Council shall have the authority to establish in the Administrative Regulations (per Constitution 5.2.3.1) such calendars. (See Bylaw 30.11 for a complete listing of the calendars in effect at the time of the publication of this Manual.)

**13.1.4.1 Waiver of Contact Period.** The Management Council shall have the authority, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, to waive provisions of the football and basketball contact periods for institutions with established admissions acceptance dates that occur after the normal contact deadline.

### 13.1.5 Visit to Prospect's Educational Institution

**13.1.5.1 Football and Basketball.** In the sports of football and basketball, institutional staff members may visit a prospect's educational institution on not more than one occasion during a particular week within a contact period, regardless of the number of prospects enrolled in the institution or whether any prospect is contacted on that occasion. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

**13.1.5.1.1 Approval by Executive Officer.** All such visits that will occur during that portion of the day when classes are being conducted for all students must receive the approval of the executive officer (or the executive officer's designated representative) of the prospect's educational institution. *(Revised: 1/14/97)*

**13.1.5.1.2 Visits during Contact Period—Divisions I-A and I-AA Football.** In Divisions I-A and I-AA football, one contact per prospect is permitted during each week of the contact period as specified in Bylaw 30.11.3 either at the prospect's educational institution or any other location (e.g., prospect's home). A visit to the prospect's educational institution and any other location (e.g., prospect's home) during the same calendar day shall be considered one contact. In addition, institutional staff members may visit a prospect's educational institution on not more than one occasion during a particular week, regardless of the total number of prospects enrolled in the institution. *(Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

**13.1.5.1.3 Visits during Evaluation Period—Basketball.** In basketball, institutional staff members may visit a prospect's educational institution on not more than one occasion during a particular week within an evaluation period that occurs during the academic year. During the July evaluation period, there are no limitations on the number of times an institutional staff member may visit a prospect's educational institution. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 8/12/97, 9/15/97)*

**13.1.5.1.3.1 Tournament Exception.** In basketball, visiting a prospect's educational institution on consecutive days during a particular week to observe a tournament or tier of a tournament shall count as a single visit. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

**13.1.5.1.4 Multiple-Sport Athlete.** If a prospect is a multisport athlete being recruited by the same institution for more than one sport, one of which is football or basketball, all staff members from the same institution are permitted only one visit per week to the prospect's educational institution,

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and all visits must take place on the same day of the week.

**13.1.5.1.5 Competition Not Involving Educational Institution Visited.** An institution does not utilize its one visit per week to an educational institution if the coach observes competition between prospects who do not attend that institution and the coach does not engage in recruitment activities with any prospect who attends the institution where the competition is being conducted. *(Adopted: 1/16/93)*

**13.1.5.2 Sports Other Than Football and Basketball.** In sports other than football and basketball, visits to a prospect's educational institution that will occur during that portion of the day when classes are being conducted for all students must receive the approval of the executive officer (or the executive officer's designated representative) of the prospect's educational institution. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/14/97)*

**13.1.6 Permissible Number of Contacts.** In sports other than Divisions I-A and I-AA football, each institution shall be limited to not more than three in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts per prospect at any site [which shall include contacts made with the prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s) but shall not include contacts made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.7]. In Divisions I-A and I-AA football, each institution shall be limited to six in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts per prospect at any site [which shall include contacts made with the prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s), but shall not include contacts made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.7]. In basketball, each institution shall be limited to five recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospect and not more than three of the five opportunities may be contacts. In sports other than football and basketball, each institution shall be limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospect and not more than three of the seven opportunities may be contacts. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, Revised: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00)*

**13.1.6.1 On Same Day.** Any number of contacts made during the same day (defined as 12:01 a.m. to midnight) shall count as one contact. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

**13.1.6.2 Letter-of-Intent Signing.** Any in-person, off-campus contact made with a prospect for the purpose of signing a letter of intent or other commitment to attend the institution or attendance at activities related to the signing of a letter of intent or other commitment to attend the institution shall be prohibited. *(Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95)*

**13.1.6.2.1 Delivery of Letter of Intent.** In-person, off-campus delivery of a letter of intent by an institutional staff member shall be prohibited. The letter may be delivered by express mail, courier service, regular mail or facsimile machine. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95)*

**13.1.6.3 Contacts Subsequent to National Letter of Intent Signing or Other Written Commitment.** Subsequent to the calendar day on which a prospect signs a National Letter of Intent, there shall be no limit on the number of contacts by the institution with which the prospect has signed. For an institution not utilizing the National Letter of Intent in a particular sport, there shall be no limit on the number of contacts with the prospect, the prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s) by that institution subsequent to the calendar day of the prospect's signed acceptance of the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid. However, the following conditions continue to apply. *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/11/94)*

- (a) Any contact at the prospect's educational institution in football and basketball shall be confined to the permissible contact period and shall not exceed one visit per week;
- (b) No in-person, on- or off-campus contact may be made during a "dead period;" *(Revised: 1/10/92)*
- (c) No in-person, on- or off-campus contact may be made with a nonqualifier enrolled in the first year of a two-year college;
- (d) No on- or off-campus contact (including correspondence and telephone calls) may be made by a representative of the institution's athletics interests except those involving permissible preenrollment activities (e.g., a discussion of summer employment arrangements); and
- (e) Contact at the site of a prospect's competition shall continue to be governed by the provisions of Bylaw 13.1.7.2, except that contact with the prospect's relatives or legal guardians at the site of the prospect's competition shall be permitted. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

**13.1.6.3.1 Effect of Violation.** Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, they shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

**13.1.6.4 Post-High-School Contacts.** The contact limitations apply to the period in which the prospect is enrolled in high school and the period beginning October 15 following the prospect's completion of high school. *(Revised: 1/10/90)*

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### 13.1.7 Contact Restrictions at Specified Sites

**13.1.7.1 Prospect's Educational Institution.** Any staff member desiring to contact a prospect at the prospect's high school, college preparatory school or two-year college first shall obtain permission for such contact from that institution's executive officer (or the executive officer's authorized representative). Contact may be made only when such permission is granted. Member institutions also are bound by this provision when recruiting foreign athletes.

**13.1.7.2 Practice or Competition Site.** Recruiting contact may not be made with a prospect prior to any athletics competition in which the prospect is a participant during the day or days of competition, even if the prospect is on an official or unofficial visit. Contact includes the passing of notes to a prospect by a third party on behalf of an institutional staff member. Such contact shall be governed by the following: *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/91, 1/11/94, 1/9/96 effective 7/1/96)*

- (a) Contact shall not be made with the prospect at any site prior to the contest on the day or days of competition; *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/11/94)*
- (b) Contact shall not be made with the prospect from the time the prospect reports on call (at the direction of the prospect's coach or comparable authority) and becomes involved in competition-related activity (e.g., traveling to an away-from-home game) to the end of the competition even if such competition-related activities are initiated prior to the day or days of competition; *(Revised: 1/11/94)*
- (c) Contact shall not be made after the competition until the prospect is released by the appropriate institutional authority and departs the dressing and meeting facility; and
- (d) Contact shall not be made with the prospect involved in competition that requires more than one day of participation (e.g., a basketball tournament) until after the prospect's final contest is completed and he or she is released by the appropriate institutional authority and leaves the dressing and meeting facility. *(Revised: 1/11/94)*
- (e) In men's basketball, contact shall not be made with a prospect at any basketball event that is not part of a prospect's normal high-school, preparatory-school or two-year-college season, or any event that is not approved, sanctioned, sponsored or conducted by the applicable state high-school association, National Federation of State High School Associations or the National Junior College Athletic Association. *(Adopted: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/01)*

**13.1.7.2.1 Approved Events.** It is permissible for athletics staff members who are responsible for conducting an approved athletics event (see Bylaw 13.12.3) involving high-school students to come in normal contact with participants; however, under no circumstances may recruitment take place.

**13.1.7.2.2 Athletics Events Outside Contact Period.** In-person contact with a prospect shall not be made on or off the member institution's campus at the site of practice or competition for any athletics event in which the prospect participates outside the permissible contact periods in the sports of football and basketball (see Bylaw 13.1.7). *(Revised: 1/11/89)*

**13.1.7.2.3 Bowl Games.** During a dead period, attendance by a prospect at the site of an institution's bowl game practice session may occur only if the practice is open to the general public and the prospect observes the practice only from an area reserved for that purpose for the general public. No contact between the prospect and institutional staff members or representatives of the institution's athletics interests may occur. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

**13.1.8 Limitations on Number of Evaluations—All Sports.** In Divisions I-A and I-AA football, institutional staff members shall be limited to three evaluations during the academic year during which the prospect competes or practices on any team. Not more than one evaluation may be used during the fall evaluation period and not more than two evaluations may be used during the April 15 through May 31 evaluation period per Bylaw 30.11.3. An authorized off-campus recruiter may use one evaluation to assess the prospect's athletics ability and one evaluation to assess the prospect's academic qualifications during the April 15 through May 31 evaluation period. If an institution's coaching staff member conducts both an athletics and an academic evaluation of a prospect on the same day during the April 15 through May 31 evaluation period, the institution shall be charged with the use of an academic evaluation only and shall be permitted to conduct a second athletics evaluation of the prospect on a separate day during the April 15 through May 31 evaluation period. In basketball, each institution shall be limited to five recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospect and not more than three of the five opportunities may be contacts. In sports other than football and basketball, each institution shall be limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospect and not more than three of the seven opportunities may be contacts. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97; Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, Revised: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, Revised: 9/6/00)*

**13.1.8.1 Visit (without Contact) to Prospect’s Educational Institution.** A visit (without contact) by a coaching staff member to a prospect’s educational institution counts as an evaluation for all prospects in that sport at that educational institution. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

**13.1.8.1.1 Competition Not Involving Educational Institution Visited.** A member institution does not utilize an evaluation for prospects at an educational institution if the coach observes competition at that institution between prospects who do not attend that institution. *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*

**13.1.8.2 Evaluations Are Sports Specific.** The limitation in Bylaw 13.1.8 is sports specific; therefore, a prospect being earnestly recruited [see Bylaw 15.5.7.8.1-(d)] by an institution in more than one sport may be evaluated on the permissible number of occasions in each of those sports during the academic year. Evaluations are counted against the sport of the coach making the evaluation. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

**13.1.8.2.1 Recruiting Opportunities in Cross Country and Track and Field.** An institution is limited to a total of seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) during the academic year during which the prospect competes in any or all of the sports of cross country and indoor and outdoor track and field, provided not more than three of the opportunities are contacts. *(Adopted: 1/16/93)*

**13.1.8.3 On Same Day.** Any number of evaluations or observations made during the same calendar day (defined as 12:01 a.m. to midnight) shall count as one evaluation. *(Adopted: 1/16/93)*

**13.1.8.4 Evaluation Days—Basketball.** In women’s basketball, each institution is limited to 40 evaluation days, per Bylaw 13.02.6.2 during evaluation periods that occur during the academic year. In men’s basketball, each institution is limited to 70 evaluation days, per Bylaw 13.02.7. In men’s basketball, institutional coaching staff members are restricted to evaluating only basketball activities that are part of a prospect’s normal high-school, preparatory-school or two-year college season, and events that are approved, sanctioned, sponsored or conducted by the applicable state high-school association, National Federation of State High School Associations or the National Junior College Athletic Association. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, Revised: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/01)*

**13.1.8.5 Football Evaluation Exceptions**

**13.1.8.5.1 Time Period for Counting Football Evaluations—Divisions I-A and I-AA.** In Divisions I-A and I-AA football, the time period during which the three permissible evaluations may take place shall be from April 15 through April 14 of the following academic year. *(Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 5/1/92, Revised: 1/16/93; 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00)*

**13.1.8.5.2 Limitations on the Number of Spring Evaluations.** In the sport of football, institutional staff members shall not visit a prospect’s educational institution on more than two calendar days during the Spring evaluation period. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00)*

**13.1.8.6 Evaluations in Team Sports.** In team sports, an institution shall utilize an evaluation for each prospect participating in a contest observed by the institution’s coach. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

**13.1.8.7 Evaluation Days—Softball.** In softball, each institution is limited to 50 evaluation days (measured August 1 through July 31) per Bylaw 13.02.6.2, which do not include employment of coaches in instructional camps/clinics or the observation of prospects participating in high-school softball competition. *(Adopted: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, Revised: 6/8/99)*

**13.1.8.8 Evaluations in Individual Sports.** An institution’s coach who is attending a competition in an individual sport (e.g., track and field meet, swimming meet, tennis match) on a specific day shall utilize an evaluation only for those participants that the coach observes engaging in practice or competition. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

**13.1.8.9 Observations.** Observing a contest or practice during the academic year shall count as one of the permissible number of evaluations (set forth in Bylaw 13.1.8) for each prospect in the contest or practice, even if a contact is made during the same day. In football, such observation that occurs during a permissible contact period shall count only as a contact per Bylaw 13.02.3.1. *(Revised: 1/10/95, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95)*

**13.1.8.9.1 Tournament Observations.** In all sports, the evaluation of each contest in a tournament held during the academic year shall count as a separate evaluation except as follows (see Bylaw 13.1.5.1.3.1):

- (a) Evaluation of multiple contests in a tournament that occurs on consecutive days (and normally at the same site) shall count as a single evaluation.
- (b) Evaluation of multiple contests in a single tier of a tournament (e.g., sectional, district, regional) shall count as a single observation. If a particular tier of a tournament is subdivided into identifiable segments (e.g., conducted on different weekends), evaluation of contests in each identifiable

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able segment counts as a single observation. (*Revised: 1/14/97*)

**13.1.8.9.2 Women’s Basketball—Olympic Festival Tryouts.** Evaluation on more than one day at official tryouts for the USA Basketball Olympic Festival conducted during a permissible evaluation period (see Bylaw 30.11.2) shall count as a single evaluation for women’s basketball. (*Adopted: 1/10/95*)

**13.1.8.10 Evaluations/Contact at Prospect’s Educational Institution.** In sports other than football, if a coach makes an in-person recruiting contact at a prospect’s educational institution, all evaluations (other than observations of practice or competition) made on that calendar day at the prospect’s educational institution shall not count among the permissible number of evaluations (set forth in Bylaw 13.1.8) for any prospect at that institution in the applicable sport. In football, any evaluation activity that occurs during a permissible contact period shall count only as a contact per Bylaws 13.02.3.1 and 13.02.6.1. (*Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95*)

**13.1.8.11 Open Events in Which College Teams Compete.** An institution does not utilize an evaluation if the institution’s team competes in an open meet (e.g., track and field meet) in which prospects also compete. (*Adopted: 1/10/92*)

**13.1.8.12 Evaluations Subsequent to National Letter of Intent Signing or Other Written Commitment.** Subsequent to the calendar day on which a prospect signs a National Letter of Intent, there shall be no limit on the number of evaluations by the institution with which the prospect has signed. For an institution that does not utilize the National Letter of Intent, there shall be no limit on the number of evaluations with the prospect subsequent to the calendar day of the prospect’s signed acceptance of the institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid. (*Adopted: 1/10/95*)

**13.1.8.13 Effect of Violation.** Violations of Bylaw 13.1.8 shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, they shall not affect the prospective student-athlete’s eligibility. (*Adopted: 4/22/98*)

### **13.1.9 Banquets and Meetings** (*Adopted: 9/15/97*)

(a) **All Sports Other Than Football or Basketball.** In sports other than football and basketball, the coach may speak at a meeting or banquet (except for dead periods per Bylaw 13.02.4.4) at a prospect’s educational institution without using one of the institution’s permissible contacts or evaluations, provided:

- (1) The meeting or banquet is initiated and conducted by the educational institution;
- (2) The coach does not make a recruiting presentation in conjunction with the appearance;
- (3) The coach does not have any direct contact with any prospect (or the prospect’s parents) in attendance; and
- (4) The coach does not engage in any evaluation activities at the educational institution.

(b) **Basketball**

(1) **During a Contact Period.** In basketball, an institution’s basketball coaching staff member, who speaks at a meeting or banquet at a prospect’s educational institution during the contact period, uses the institution’s once-per-week visit to a prospect’s educational institution during a contact period and also uses an evaluation for all basketball prospects at that educational institution. The coach does not use a contact, provided he or she does not make a recruiting presentation in conjunction with the appearance and has no direct contact with any prospect (or the prospect’s parents) in attendance.

(2) **Outside a Contact Period.** A member of the basketball coaching staff may speak at a meeting or banquet outside the recruiting contact periods (except for dead periods per Bylaw 13.02.4.4), provided:

- (i) The meeting or banquet is initiated and conducted by the educational institution; (*Adopted: 2/22/01*)
- (ii) The coach does not make a recruiting presentation in conjunction with the appearance;
- (iii) The coach does not have direct contact with any prospect in attendance; and
- (iv) The coach does not engage in any evaluation activities. (*Revised: 9/9/98*)

(c) **Football**

(1) **During a Contact Period.** In Divisions I-A and I-AA football, an institution’s football coaching staff member, who speaks at a meeting or banquet at a prospect’s educational institution during the contact period, uses one of the institution’s six in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts per prospect and also uses the institution’s once-per-week visit to a prospect’s educational institution during a contact period.

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- (2) **Outside a Contact Period.** In Divisions I-A and I-AA football, a member of the football coaching staff may speak at a meeting or banquet outside the contact period (except for dead periods per Bylaw 13.02.4.4), provided:

- (i) The meeting or banquet is initiated and conducted by the educational institution; (*Adopted: 2/22/01*)
- (ii) The coach does not make a recruiting presentation in conjunction with the appearance;
- (iii) The coach does not have direct contact with any prospect in attendance; and
- (iv) The coach does not engage in any evaluation activities. (*Revised: 9/9/98*)

**13.1.9.1 Postseason Bowl Game Exception.** A coach may speak at or attend a meeting or banquet (at which prospects are in attendance) in conjunction with the institution's appearance in a postseason contest that occurs during a dead period only if the meeting or banquet is open to the general public, it is a scheduled activity associated with the contest, and the coach does not make a recruiting presentation or have any direct contact with prospects in attendance. (*Adopted: 9/15/97*)

### 13.2 OFFERS AND INDUCEMENTS

**13.2.1 General Regulation.** An institution's staff member or any representative of its athletics interests shall not be involved, directly or indirectly, in making arrangements for or giving or offering to give any financial aid or other benefits to the prospect or the prospect's relatives or friends, other than expressly permitted by NCAA regulations. This prohibition shall apply regardless of whether similar financial aid, benefits or arrangements are available to prospective students in general, their relatives or friends. For violations of this bylaw in which the value of the offer or inducement is \$100 or less, the eligibility of the individual (i.e., prospective or enrolled student-athlete) shall not be affected conditioned upon the individual repaying the value of the benefit to a charity of his or her choice. The individual, however, shall remain ineligible from the time the institution has knowledge of the receipt of the impermissible benefit until the individual repays the benefit. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the individual's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement staff with the institution's self-report of the violation. (*Revised: 10/28/97, 11/1/00*)

**13.2.2 Specific Prohibitions.** Specifically prohibited financial aid, benefits and arrangements include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) An employment arrangement for a prospect's relatives;
- (b) Gift of clothing or equipment;
- (c) Cosigning of loans;
- (d) Providing loans to a prospect's relatives or friends;
- (e) Cash or like items;
- (f) Any tangible items, including merchandise;
- (g) Free or reduced-cost services, rentals or purchases of any type;
- (h) Free or reduced-cost housing;
- (i) Use of an institution's athletics equipment (e.g., for a high-school all-star game); and
- (j) Sponsorship of or arrangement for an awards banquet for high-school, preparatory school or two-year-college athletes by an institution, representatives of its athletics interests or its alumni groups or booster clubs.

**13.2.2.1 Eligibility Ramifications—Restitution for Receipt of Improper Benefits.** For violations of Bylaw 13.2.2 in which the value of the offer or inducement is \$100 or less, the eligibility of the individual (i.e., prospective or enrolled student-athlete) shall not be affected conditioned upon the individual repaying the value of the benefit to a charity of his or her choice. The individual, however, shall remain ineligible from the time the institution has knowledge of the receipt of the impermissible benefit until the individual repays the benefit. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the individual's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement services staff with the institution's self-report of the violation. (*Adopted: 10/28/97, Revised: 11/1/00*)

**13.2.3 Awards to Prospects.** A member institution is limited to providing the following awards to prospects: (*Adopted: 1/10/91*)

- (a) Awards to prospects for outstanding athletics accomplishments are prohibited, except as provided in (c) below;
- (b) Awards to high-school, preparatory school or two-year-college athletics teams in the name of an NCAA member institution are prohibited, regardless of the institution's involvement (or lack thereof) in the

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administration of the award; and

- (c) Any award presented at regularly scheduled high-school, preparatory school and two-year- college athletics contests or matches under the provisions of Bylaw 13.12.3.5 must be limited in value to \$50 but may bear the institution's name and logo.

### 13.2.4 Employment of Prospects

**13.2.4.1 Subsequent to Senior Year.** The arrangement of employment by an institution for a prospect shall be permitted, provided the employment does not begin prior to the completion of the prospect's senior year in high school.

**13.2.4.1.1 Two-Year College Prospects.** Once a prospect has enrolled as a full-time student in a two-year college, the arrangement of employment by an institution for such a prospect shall be permitted, provided the employment does not begin prior to the time period in which the prospect has officially withdrawn from or has completed requirements for graduation at the two-year college. *(Adopted: 1/12/99)*

**13.2.4.2 Transportation to Summer Job.** An institution or its representatives shall not provide a prospect free transportation to and from a summer job unless it is the employer's established policy to transport all employees to and from the job site.

**13.2.5 Loans to Prospects.** Arrangement of educational loans by an institution for a prospect shall be permitted, provided the loan is not made prior to the completion of the prospect's senior year in high school. When permitted, such loans must be from a regular lending agency and based on a regular repayment schedule.

**13.2.6 Summer Housing for Prospects.** An institution may rent dormitory space to a prospect during the summer months at the regular institutional rate, provided it is the institution's policy to make such dormitory space available on the same basis to all prospective students.

**13.2.7 Academic Support Services/Use of Training-Room Facilities.** A prospect who has signed a National Letter of Intent and is enrolled in the institution's summer term prior to the student's initial, full-time collegiate enrollment may be provided academic support services by the institution and also may utilize the institution's training-room facilities. *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*

## 13.3 ADMISSIONS AND GRADUATION DATA

### 13.3.1 Disclosure Report

**13.3.1.1 Report Publication.** The Association's national office annually shall publish the admissions and graduation-rate data specified in Bylaw 30.1 and shall identify the information on an institution-specific basis. *(Adopted: 1/10/90 effective immediately for data collection, effective 10/1/91 for disclosure)*

**13.3.1.2 Report Distribution.** Member institutions shall provide to prospects and to prospects' parents the information contained within the report. The NCAA shall provide a compilation of graduation data to the prospects' guidance offices and high-school and two-year college coaches. The information shall be provided at the earliest opportunity after the institution's first arranged in-person encounter with the prospect or upon request; however, in no event shall an institution provide the information later than the day prior to a prospect's signed acceptance of the National Letter of Intent or signed acceptance of the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Adopted: 1/10/90 effective immediately for data collection, effective 10/1/91 for disclosure, Revised: 1/10/92, 1/16/93, 4/27/00)*

## 13.4 RECRUITING MATERIALS

**13.4.1 Printed Recruiting Materials.** A member institution may not provide recruiting materials to a prospect (including general correspondence related to athletics) until September 1 at the beginning of the prospect's junior year in high school. Member institutions are permitted to provide only the printed materials listed below to prospects, coaches of prospects or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospect is involved. A member institution is not permitted to provide prospects with any recruiting materials not listed below (e.g., films, videotapes, original newspaper clippings). Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, they shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/10/92, 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 7/1/96)*

- (a) **Correspondence.** General correspondence, including letters and postcards issued by the U.S. postal service (i.e., blank cards) and institutional note cards may be sent to a prospect only by mail.

Attachments to general correspondence may include materials printed on plain white paper with black ink. In Divisions I-A and I-AA football, the content of all general recruiting correspondence to prospects (or prospects' parents or legal guardians) must be prepared by the head coach or one of the full-time assistant coaches. It is not permissible for an institution's chief executive officer or director of athletics to prepare general correspondence to football prospects. In addition, restricted coaches, which in the sport of football are permissible only in Division I-AA and at the national service academies in Division I-A, may prepare such correspondence. (*Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/10/95, Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 7/1/96, 6/8/99*)

- (b) **Business Cards.** Business cards may be provided to a prospect. (*Adopted: 1/14/97*)
- (c) **Camp Brochures.** Camp brochures may be provided to a prospect. Information contained in camp brochures must relate specifically to camp events and activities (as opposed to information that may not be provided to prospects). (Note: These brochures may be provided to a prospect prior to September 1 at the beginning of the prospect's junior year in high school.) (*Revised: 1/14/97*)
- (d) **Electronic Transmissions.** Facsimiles and electronic mail may be sent to a prospect. Color attachments may be included with electronic mail correspondence sent to a prospect. Prearranged electronically transmitted correspondence between an authorized institutional staff member and one or more prospects and any electronic correspondence sent by "instant messenger" or similar means shall be considered a telephone call. (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, Revised: 9/6/00*)
- (e) **NCAA Educational Information.** An institution may provide educational information published by the NCAA (e.g., NCAA Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete). (Note: This information may be provided to a prospect prior to September 1 at the beginning of the prospect's junior year in high school.)
- (f) **Preenrollment Information.** Any necessary preenrollment information regarding orientation, conditioning, academics and practice activities may be sent to a prospect, provided the prospect has signed a National Letter of Intent or has been officially accepted for enrollment by the member institution. (*Revised: 1/9/96*)
- (g) **Programs.** Game programs (which may not include posters) may be provided to prospects only during official and unofficial recruiting visits and may not be mailed. (*Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96*)
- (h) **Publications (Athletics).** An institution may produce either a recruiting brochure or media guide (but not both) in each sport it sponsors and provide it to a prospect. The publication may have only one color of printing inside the covers. (*Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94*)
- (i) **Publications (Nonathletics) Available to All Students.** Official academic, admissions and student-services publications published by the institution and available to all students may be provided to prospects.
- (j) **Questionnaires.** Questionnaires may be provided to a prospect. (Note: These questionnaires may be provided to a prospect prior to September 1 at the beginning of the prospect's junior year in high school.)
- (k) **Schedule Cards.** One wallet-size playing schedule card per sport. (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96*)
- (l) **Student-Athlete Handbook.** One student-athlete handbook, describing the institution's athletics department policies governing the conduct of student-athletes, may be provided to a prospect during official and unofficial recruiting visits or may be mailed once the prospect has signed a National Letter of Intent or has been accepted for enrollment by the member institution. The handbook may contain only one color of printing throughout the publication, including the cover. (*Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

**13.4.1.1 Responding to Prospect's Request.** Institutional staff members (including athletics staff members) may respond to a prospect's letter requesting information from an institution's athletics department prior to September 1 at the beginning of the prospect's junior year in high school, provided the written response does not include information that would initiate the recruitment of the prospect or information related to the institution's athletics program (e.g., the reply contains an explanation of current NCAA legislation or a referral to the admissions department).

**13.4.2 Video/Audio Materials.** A member institution may not produce video/audio materials to show or send to a prospect except as specified in Bylaws 13.4.2.1, 13.4.2.2 and 13.4.2.3. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, they shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. (*Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96*)

**13.4.2.1 Highlight Film/Videotape/Audio Tape.** An institution may show a highlight film/videotape/audio tape to a prospect or the prospect's coach but may not send it to or leave it with the prospect or coach. Highlight films/videotapes/audio tapes are "game clips" that contain informational material that is related to a particular event or sports season. Any narration on the highlight film/videotape/audio tape must relate specifically to the event or sports season. Highlight films/videotapes/audio tapes may include only clips of actual athletics contests and activities that occur on the

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day of the contest that are directly related to the contest (e.g., pre-game player introductions, half-time band and cheerleader performances, locker-room talks, crowd reactions, sideline coaching staff activities, post-game on-field award presentations). The highlight film may not include clips of other activities that are only indirectly related to the contests (e.g., team travel, team meals, entertainment activities, practice activities, institutional facilities). *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 2/22/01)*

**13.4.2.2 Videotapes/Audio Tapes/Electronically Produced Information (Nonathletics) Available to All Students.** Official academic admissions and student-services videotapes/audio tapes/electronically produced information produced by the institution and available to all students may be provided to prospects.

**13.4.2.3 Hall of Fame/Museum Videotape/Audio Tape.** A prospect may tour an institution's athletics hall of fame or museum during a recruiting trip and view videotapes/films or listen to audio tapes related to the institution's athletics programs (even if such videotapes/ films/audio tapes do not meet the definition of a highlight film), provided the facility is open to the general public on a year-round basis and the videotape/film/audio tape has been developed for the purpose of showing to the general public (as opposed to the recruitment of prospects). *(Adopted: 2/11/98)*

**13.4.3 Conference Restrictions.** A member conference is precluded from providing recruiting materials to prospects. *(Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

### 13.4.4 Advertisements and Promotions

**13.4.4.1 Recruiting Advertisements.** The publication of advertising or promotional material, by or on behalf of a member institution, designed to solicit the enrollment of a prospective student-athlete is not permitted. Accordingly, a member institution may not buy or arrange to have space in game programs or other printed materials published to provide information concerning the athletics participation or evaluation of prospects (e.g., recruiting publications) for any purpose whatsoever, including advertisements, a listing of prospective or enrolled student-athletes who will attend the institution and informative materials related to the institution. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, they shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Revised: 10/28/97)*

**13.4.4.1.1 Interview to Recruiting Publication.** An institutional coaching staff member may not provide an interview for an article that will appear in a recruiting publication or newsletter. *(Adopted: 11/12/97)*

**13.4.4.1.2 Summer-Camp Advertisements.** Advertisements of an institution's summer camp or clinic in such recruiting publications are permissible if placed in a periodical (other than a high-school or two-year college game program) that includes a camp directory that meets the following requirements: *(Revised: 1/11/94)*

- (a) The size (not to exceed one-half page) and format of such advertisements must be identical, and
- (b) The camp directory must include multiple listings of summer camps on each page (i.e., at least two summer-camp advertisements of the same size must appear on each page).

**13.4.4.2 Media Guides, Recruiting Brochures.** A member institution may not develop a separate media guide or recruiting brochure to send to the media or alumni that does not meet the specification outlined in Bylaw 13.4.1-(i). Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, they shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Revised: 10/28/97)*

**13.4.4.3 NCAA or Conference Championship Posters.** An institution or a conference hosting an NCAA or conference championship may produce a poster promoting the championship and send it to a high-school coach and/or his or her educational institution. It is not permissible to send such a poster to a prospect. *(Adopted: 10/28/99, Revised: 4/6/00)*

**13.4.4.4 Miscellaneous Promotions.** Member institutions and their representatives of athletics interests are prohibited from financing, arranging or utilizing recruiting aids (e.g., newspaper advertisements, bumper stickers, message buttons) designed to publicize the institution's interest in a particular prospect. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, they shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Revised: 10/28/97)*

## 13.5 ENTERTAINMENT

**13.5.1 General Restrictions.** An institution may entertain a prospect and his or her parents [or legal guardian(s)] or spouse, at a scale comparable to that of normal student life, only on the institution's campus (or, on an official visit, within 30 miles of the institution's campus). It is not permissible to entertain other relatives or friends of a prospect at any site.

**13.5.1.1 Athletics Representatives.** Entertainment and contact by representatives of the institution's athletics interests during the official visit is prohibited.

**13.5.2 Excessive Entertainment.** A member institution may not arrange or permit excessive entertainment of a prospect on the campus or elsewhere (e.g., hiring a band for a dance specifically for the entertainment of the prospect, a chauffeured limousine, a helicopter).

**13.5.3 Purchase of Game Tickets.** An institution may not reserve tickets for purchase by a prospect (or individuals accompanying the prospect) to attend one of its athletics contests except on an official visit (see Bylaw 13.7.5.2). Tickets may be purchased only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

**13.5.4 Complimentary Admissions—Conference Tournaments.** Conferences approved to host an NCAA YES clinic in conjunction with their conference championship may provide complimentary admissions to YES clinic participants to attend the conference championship. *(Adopted: 1/14/97)*

**13.5.5 Professional Sports Tickets.** Tickets to professional sports contests made available to a member institution on a complimentary basis may not be provided to prospects.

**13.5.6 Alumni and Friends.** An institution's staff member or a representative of its athletics interests may entertain alumni or other friends of the institution in the home town of a prospect, provided those entertained are not friends of any particular prospect being recruited by the institution.

## 13.6 TRANSPORTATION

**13.6.1 General Restrictions.** An institution may not provide transportation to a prospect other than on the official paid visit or, on an unofficial visit, to view a practice or competition site and other institutional facilities (located within a 30-mile radius of the institution's campus) when accompanied by an institutional staff member. However, an institution may not provide transportation to attend one of the institution's home contests (on or off campus) during the unofficial visit. For violations of this bylaw in which the value of the offer or inducement is \$100 or less, the eligibility of the individual (i.e., prospective or enrolled student-athlete) shall not be affected conditioned upon the individual repaying the value of the benefit to a charity of his or her choice. The individual, however, shall remain ineligible from the time the institution has knowledge of the receipt of the impermissible benefit until the individual repays the benefit. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the individual's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement services staff with the institution's self-report of the violation. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 10/28/97, 11/1/00)*

**13.6.1.1 Nonpermissible Transportation.** If nonpermissible transportation is provided, the institution may not avoid a violation of this rule by receiving reimbursement for mileage from the prospect.

### 13.6.2 Transportation on Official Paid Visit

**13.6.2.1 General Restrictions.** A member institution may pay the prospect's actual round-trip transportation costs for his or her official visit to its campus, provided a direct route between the prospect's home and the institution's campus is used. Use of a limousine or helicopter for such transportation is prohibited.

**13.6.2.2 Automobile Transportation.** When a prospect travels by automobile on an official paid visit, the institution may pay round-trip expenses to the individual incurring the expense (except the prospect's coach as provided in Bylaw 13.9.1.1) at the same mileage rate it allows its own personnel. Any automobile may be used by the prospect, provided the automobile is not owned or operated or its use arranged by the institution or any representative of its athletics interests. *(Revised: 1/11/94)*

**13.6.2.2.1 Prospect's Friends and Relatives.** A prospect's friends, relatives or legal guardian(s) may receive cost-free transportation to visit a member institution's campus only by accompanying the prospect at the time the prospect travels in an automobile to visit the campus.

**13.6.2.2.2 Use of Automobile.** The institution or representatives of its athletics interests shall not provide an automobile for use during the official visit by the prospect or by a student host.

**13.6.2.2.3 Coach Accompanying Prospect.** Except as permitted in Bylaw 13.6.2.4, coaching staff members shall not accompany a prospect in the coach's sport to or from an official visit unless the prospect travels only by automobile. If such transportation is used, the 48-hour period of the official visit shall begin when the coach begins transporting the prospect to campus. A coach who makes an in-person, off-campus contact (i.e., any dialogue in excess of an exchange of a greeting) with that prospect [or the prospect's parent(s)] during a permissible contact period prior to transporting the prospect to campus for an official visit is charged with a countable contact. Upon completion of the 48-hour period, the coach shall terminate contact with the prospect immediately. *(Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 11/12/97)*

**13.6.2.2.3.1 Division I-AA Football Exception.** In Division I-AA football, any member of an institution's athletics department (except a volunteer coach per Bylaw 11.01.6) who has been certified pursuant to a conference certification program may provide such transportation for a prospect between the prospect's home or educational institution and the member institution. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

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**13.6.2.3 Air Transportation.** The air fare for commercial transportation for the official visit may not exceed coach (or comparable) class. Coaching staff members shall not accompany a prospect to or from an official visit when air travel is used, except as permitted in Bylaw 13.6.2.4. *(Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95)*

**13.6.2.3.1 Ticket Discounts.** An institution may not arrange payment of the airline ticket to allow a prospect [or the prospect's relatives, friends or legal guardian(s)] to take advantage of ticket bonuses, rebates, refunds or other benefits connected with the purchase of the ticket.

**13.6.2.3.2 Institution's Airplane.** An institution may use its own airplane to transport a prospect to the campus for an official visit, provided relatives, other friends or legal guardian(s) do not accompany the prospect.

**13.6.2.3.3 Noncommercial Airplane.** Whenever an aircraft (other than a commercial airplane) is used to transport a prospect, payment for its use shall be at the established charter rates at the airport where the craft is based. The institution shall be prepared to demonstrate satisfactorily that such payment has been made. *(Revised: 1/10/90)*

**13.6.2.4 From Airport.** During the official visit, any member of an institution's athletics department staff may provide transportation for a prospect and the prospect's parents or legal guardians between the campus and the bus or train station or major airport nearest the campus.

**13.6.2.5 To/From Site of Competition.** A prospect may be transported to campus for an official visit from the site of his or her athletics competition or the reverse arrangement, provided only actual transportation expenses are paid and the cost of the transportation does not exceed the cost of transportation between the prospect's home or educational institution and the institution's campus.

**13.6.2.6 From Educational Institution.** An institution may pay actual transportation costs for the prospect to return to his or her home after an official visit that originated at the prospect's educational institution, provided the cost of the transportation to the legal residence does not exceed the cost of transportation to the educational institution.

**13.6.2.7 Visiting Two or More Institutions.** Two or more institutions to which a prospect is making official visits on the same trip may provide travel expenses, provided there is no duplication of expenses, only actual and necessary expenses are provided, and the 48-hour visit limitation is observed at each institution.

**13.6.2.8 Transportation of Prospect's Relatives, Friends or Legal Guardian(s).** An institution shall not permit its athletics department staff members or representatives of its athletics interests to pay, provide or arrange for the payment of transportation costs incurred by relatives, friends or legal guardian(s) of a prospect to visit the campus or elsewhere; however, an institution may:

- (a) Provide automobile-mileage reimbursement to a prospect on an official visit, even if relatives or friends accompany the prospect; however, in that event the trip shall count as an official paid visit only for each recruited prospect in the automobile; and *(Revised: 1/11/94)*
- (b) Provide local transportation between its campus and the nearest airport for the parents, relatives or legal guardian(s) of a prospect making an official visit.

**13.6.2.9 Eligibility Ramifications—Restitution for Receipt of Improper Benefits.** For violations of Bylaw 13.6.2 in which the value of the transportation is \$100 or less, the eligibility of the individual (i.e., prospective or enrolled student-athlete) shall not be affected conditioned upon the individual repaying the value of the benefit to a charity of his or her choice. The individual, however, shall remain ineligible from the time the institution has knowledge of the receipt of the impermissible benefit until the individual repays the benefit. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the individual's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement services staff with the institution's self-report of the violation. *(Adopted: 10/28/97, Revised: 11/1/00)*

**13.6.3 Transportation on Unofficial Visit.** During any unofficial recruiting visit, the institution may provide the prospect with transportation only to view off-campus practice and competition sites in the prospect's sport and other institutional facilities (located within a 30-mile radius of the institution's campus). An institutional staff member must accompany the prospect during such a trip. Payment of any other transportation expenses, including providing transportation to attend one of the institution's home contests (on or off campus), shall be considered a violation. For violations in which the value of transportation is \$25 or less, the eligibility of the individual (i.e., prospective or enrolled student-athlete) shall not be affected conditioned upon the individual repaying the value of the benefit to a charity of her or her choice. The individual, however, shall remain ineligible from the time the institution has knowledge of the receipt of the impermissible benefit until the individual repays the benefit. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the individual's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement services staff with the institution's self-report of the violation. *(Revised: 1/11/89; 4/27/00)*

**13.6.4 Transportation to Enroll or to Attend Required Orientation.** An institution or its representatives shall not furnish a prospect, directly or indirectly, with transportation to the campus for enrollment. However, it is permissible for any member of the institution's staff to provide: *(Revised: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01)*

- (a) Transportation from the nearest bus or train station or major airport to the campus on the occasion of the prospect's initial arrival at the institution to attend classes; and
- (b) Transportation from and to the nearest bus or train station or major airport on the occasion of the prospect's arrival and departure from the institution to attend the institution's required new-student orientation, provided the prospect has been accepted for admission to the institution.

## 13.7 OFFICIAL (PAID) VISIT

### 13.7.1 Limitations on Official Visit

**13.7.1.1 One-Visit Limitation.** A member institution may finance only one visit to its campus for a prospect.

**13.7.1.2 Number of Official Visits—Prospect Limitation.** A prospect may take a maximum of five expense-paid visits, with no more than one permitted to any single institution. This restriction applies regardless of the number of sports in which the prospect is involved.

**13.7.1.2.1 Written Notification Required.** Each member institution shall be required to notify the prospect in writing, at the time of its invitation but prior to the visit, of the five-visit limitation. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, they shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

**13.7.1.2.2 First Opportunity to Visit.** A prospect may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than the opening day of classes of the prospect's senior year in high school.

#### 13.7.1.2.3 Academic Requirements for Official Visit

**13.7.1.2.3.1 PSAT, SAT, PLAN (or PACT Plus) or ACT Score.** A member institution may not provide an expense-paid visit to a high-school or preparatory school prospect who has not presented the institution with a score from a PSAT, an SAT, a PLAN (or PACT Plus) or an ACT test taken on a national testing date under national testing conditions. The score must be presented in writing through an official high-school or testing-agency document or through the use of the applicable testing agency's automated-voice system. A foreign prospect who requires a special administration of the PSAT, SAT, PLAN (or PACT Plus) or ACT may present such a score upon the approval of the Academics/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet or the Initial-Eligibility Waiver Committee. *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 1/10/92, 1/16/93, 9/15/97, 4/26/01)*

**13.7.1.2.3.2 Academic Transcript.** A member institution may not provide an expense-paid visit to a prospect who has not presented the institution with a high-school (or college) academic transcript. The academic transcript may be an unofficial photocopy of an official document from the prospect's high school (or collegiate institution). *(Adopted: 1/16/93)*

**13.7.1.2.3.3 Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse.** A prospect's fulfillment of these academic requirements may be certified by an initial-eligibility clearinghouse approved by the Executive Committee. *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*

**13.7.1.2.3.4 Eligibility Ramifications.** Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, they shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

**13.7.1.3 Post-High-School Visits.** The one-visit limitation and the limitations on total official visits apply separately to the period in which the prospect is in high school and to the period beginning October 15 following the prospect's completion of high school. Thus, a prospect may be provided a maximum of 10 official visits—five while in high school and five beginning with the October 15 following the prospect's completion of high school. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/90)*

**13.7.1.3.1 Nonqualifier in First Year.** A person who is not a qualifier (per Bylaw 14.3.2.2.1) and who is enrolled at a two-year college may not be provided an expense-paid visit to a member institution until he or she has completed an academic year at a two-year college.

**13.7.1.3.2 Transfer Student.** If a student-athlete attending a four-year institution desires to transfer and that institution provides the permission required (per Bylaw 13.1.1.3), it is permissible for a second institution to provide the student-athlete one official visit to that institution's campus.

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**13.7.1.4 Visit to Off-Campus Contest.** The official visit shall be made to the campus and not, for example, to an off-campus site where the institution may be appearing in an athletics contest. However, if an institution is required to play all of its home games in a given sport at a site located in a community other than its own because of conditions beyond its own control (e.g., fire, windstorm, earthquake or other disaster), the Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may grant permission to the institution to consider games played at the substitute site as on-campus competition.

**13.7.1.5 Visit While Competing in Open Event.** A host institution may pay the expenses of a recruited prospect to participate in an established “open” event, provided the expenses of all other competitors in that event are paid; the expenses are not paid from athletics department (nonmeet) funds; and the expenses of the prospect are limited to actual transportation, room and board. This trip shall be considered the one paid visit to the institution’s campus with the prospect remaining no more than 48 hours.

**13.7.1.6 Number of Official Visits—Institutional Limitation.** The total number of official visits a member institution may provide prospects in the following sports on an annual basis (August 1 through July 31) shall be limited to: *(Revised: 11/12/97)*

- (a) Football—56. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*
- (b) Basketball—12. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*
- (c) Baseball—25. *(Adopted: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99)*

**13.7.1.6.1 Exception—National Service Academies—Football and Basketball.** The national service academies may provide 70 official visits in the sport of football, 56 of which may be provided prior to the initial National Letter of Intent signing date, and 15 official visits in the sport of basketball, 12 of which may be provided prior to the initial National Letter of Intent signing date. *(Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

**I-A 13.7.1.6.2 Unused Visits—Division I-A Football.** In Division I-A football, an institution may retain a maximum of six unused visits from the previous academic year. Such visits may be used only during the subsequent academic year. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

**I-A 13.7.1.6.3 Exception—National Service Academies—Division I-A Football.** The national service academies may provide 70 official visits in the sport of football, 56 of which may be provided prior to the initial National Letter of Intent signing date. *(Adopted: 1/10/95)*

**13.7.1.6.4 Exception—Institution That Does Not Subscribe to the National Letter of Intent.** A member institution that does not subscribe to the National Letter of Intent may provide 70 official visits in the sport of football, 56 of which may be provided prior to the initial National Letter of Intent signing date. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)*

**13.7.1.6.5 Written Record Required.** The institution must maintain a written record of the paid visits of its football, basketball and baseball prospects. *(Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99)*

**13.7.1.6.6 Multiple-Sport Prospects.** A prospect in football and one or more other sports (including basketball or baseball) shall be counted against the visit limitation in football. A prospect in basketball and one or more other sports (other than football) shall be counted against the visit limitation in basketball. A prospect in baseball and one or more other sports (other than football or basketball) shall be counted against the visit limitation in baseball. *(Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99)*

**13.7.1.6.7 Waiver of Institutional Limitation—Extraordinary Personnel Losses.** The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may grant a waiver of the limit on paid visits for an institution that has suffered extraordinary personnel losses to its football, basketball or baseball team from an accident or illness of a disastrous nature. *(Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99)*

**13.7.1.6.8 Waiver of Institutional Limitation—Head Coaching Change.** The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may grant a waiver of the limit on paid visits for an institution that has made a head coaching change in football, basketball or baseball after the institution has utilized all or nearly all of the permitted official visits in that sport. Such a waiver request shall be submitted by the institution’s director of athletics. If the waiver request is granted, the Management Council shall establish an appropriate additional number of visits. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99)*

**13.7.2 Length of Official Visit.** An official visit to an institution shall not exceed 48 hours. A prospect may remain in the locale in which the institution is located after the permissible 48-hour period for reasons unrelated to the official visit, provided that at the completion of the 48-hour visit, the individual departs the institution’s campus, and the institution does not pay any expenses thereafter, including the cost of return transportation to the prospect’s home. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, violations due to inclement weather shall not affect the

prospective student-athlete's eligibility. Additionally, if the prospect does not return home prior to attending the institution, the one-way transportation to the campus would be considered a violation of Bylaw 13.6.4, which prohibits transportation to enroll. (*Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96*)

**13.7.2.1 48-Hour Period Defined.** The 48-hour period of the official visit begins at the time the prospect arrives on the institution's campus, rather than with the initiation of the prospect's transportation by a coach or the time of the prospect's arrival at the airport or elsewhere in the community (see Bylaw 13.7.2.1.1). The prospect's transportation to and from the campus must be without delay for personal reasons or entertainment purposes. The institution may not pay any expenses for entertainment (other than the actual and reasonable cost of meals) in conjunction with the prospect's transportation. At the completion of the 48-hour visit, the prospect must depart the institution's campus immediately; otherwise, the institution may not pay any expenses incurred by the prospect upon departure from the institution's campus, including the cost of the prospect's transportation home.

**13.7.2.1.1 Coach Accompanying Prospect.** When a coach accompanies a prospect on an official visit by automobile, per Bylaw 13.6.2.2.3, the 48-hour period shall begin when the coach begins transporting the prospect to campus. A coach who makes an in-person, off-campus contact (i.e., any dialogue in excess of an exchange of a greeting) with the prospect or the prospect's parents during a permissible contact period prior to transporting the prospect to campus for an official visit is charged with a countable contact. Upon completion of the 48-hour period, the coach shall terminate contact with the prospect and his or her parents immediately. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

**13.7.3 Transportation on Official Visit.** For regulations relating to transportation on the official visit, see Bylaw 13.6.2.

**13.7.4 Accommodations on Official Visit.** A prospect on an official visit shall be provided lodging and take meals as regular students normally do. Local commercial facilities may be used but at a scale comparable to that of normal student life and only within a 30-mile radius of the institution's campus. (See Bylaw 13.7.5.7 for restrictions on meals provided to prospects on official visits.)

**13.7.5 Entertainment/Tickets on Official Visit**

**13.7.5.1 General Restrictions.** An institution may provide entertainment, which may not be excessive, on the official visit only for a prospect and the prospect's parents [or legal guardian(s)] or spouse and only within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus. Entertainment and contact by representatives of the institution's athletics interests during the official visit are prohibited. It is not permissible to entertain other relatives or friends (including dates) of a prospect at any time at any site. For violations of this bylaw in which the value of the entertainment is \$100 or less, the eligibility of the individual (i.e., prospective or enrolled student-athlete) shall not be affected conditioned upon the individual repaying the value of the benefit to a charity of his or her choice. The individual, however, shall remain ineligible from the time the institution has knowledge of the receipt of the impermissible benefit until the individual repays the benefit. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the individual's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement services staff with the institution's self-report of the violation. (*Revised: 10/28/97, 11/1/00*)

**13.7.5.1.1 Meals and Lodging While in Transit.** It is permissible for an institution to pay a prospect's actual costs for reasonable expenses (e.g., meals, lodging) incurred while traveling to and from campus on the official visit.

**13.7.5.2 Complimentary Admissions.** During the official visit, a maximum of three complimentary admissions to a campus athletics event in which the institution's intercollegiate team practices or competes may be provided to a prospect. Such complimentary admissions are for the exclusive use of the prospect and those persons accompanying the prospect on the visit and must be issued on an individual-game basis. Such admissions may provide seating only in the general seating area of the facility utilized for conducting the event. Providing seating during the conduct of the event (including intermission) for the prospect or the prospect's parents [or legal guardian(s)] or spouse in the facility's press box, special seating box(es) or bench area is specifically prohibited. For violations of this bylaw in which the individual receives an excessive number of complimentary admissions, and the value of the excessive admissions is \$100 or less, the eligibility of the individual (i.e., prospective or enrolled student-athlete) shall not be affected conditioned upon the individual repaying the value of the benefit to a charity of his or her choice. The individual, however, shall remain ineligible from the time the institution has knowledge of the receipt of the impermissible benefit until the individual repays the benefit. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the individual's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement services staff with the institution's self-report of the violation. (*Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, Revised: 1/11/94, 10/28/97, 11/1/00; Revised: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01*)

**13.7.5.2.1 Conference Tournaments.** A member institution may not provide complimentary

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admissions to a prospect for a postseason conference tournament. The prospect may purchase tickets only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

**13.7.5.2.2 NCAA Championships or Other Postseason Contests.** The provision of complimentary or reduced-cost admissions to prospects for an NCAA championship (all rounds) or other postseason contests (e.g., bowl game, NAIA or NIT championship) constitutes excessive entertainment and is prohibited. The prospect may purchase these tickets only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

**13.7.5.2.3 Purchase of Game Tickets in Same Locale.** An institution may reserve tickets, only for the use of immediate family members accompanying a prospect during an official visit and for seat locations adjacent to the complimentary seats being provided to the prospect. These tickets must be purchased at face value. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

**13.7.5.3 Parking.** An institution may arrange special on-campus parking for prospects during an official visit. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

**13.7.5.4 Cash to Prospect.** The institution or representatives of its athletics interests shall not provide cash to a prospect for entertainment purposes.

**13.7.5.5 Student Host.** The institution may provide the following to a student host entertaining a prospect:

- (a) A maximum of \$30 for each day of the visit to cover all actual costs of entertaining the prospect (and the prospect's parents, legal guardians or spouse), excluding the cost of meals and admission to campus athletics events. These funds may not be used for the purchase of souvenirs such as T-shirts or other institutional mementos. It is permissible to provide the student host with an additional \$15 per day for each additional prospect the host entertains; *(Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*
- (b) A complimentary meal, provided the student host is accompanying the prospect during the prospect's official visit; and *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*
- (c) A complimentary admission to a campus athletics event, provided the ticket is utilized to accompany a prospect to that event during the prospect's official visit.

**13.7.5.5.1 Eligibility Ramifications—Restitution for Receipt of Improper Benefits.** For violations of Bylaw 13.7.5.5 in which the value of the benefit to the individual (i.e., prospective or enrolled student-athlete) is \$100 or less, the eligibility of the individual shall not be affected conditioned upon the individual repaying the value of the benefit to a charity of his or her choice. The individual, however, shall remain ineligible from the time the institution has knowledge of the receipt of the impermissible benefit until the individual repays the benefit. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the individual's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement services staff with the institution's self-report of the violation. *(Adopted: 10/28/97, Revised: 11/1/00)*

**13.7.5.5.2 Multiple Hosts.** If several students host a prospect, the \$30 per day entertainment money may be utilized to cover the actual and necessary expenses incurred by the prospect and all hosts. Only one student host per prospect may be provided a free meal if restaurant facilities are utilized. *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/16/93, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

**13.7.5.5.3 Nonqualifier Prohibition.** The student host must be enrolled in the member institution being visited by a prospect. A nonqualifier (see Bylaw 14.02.9) may not serve as a student host during his or her first academic year in residence. *(Revised: 3/19/97)*

**13.7.5.5.4 Use of Automobile.** The institution or representatives of its athletics interests shall not provide an automobile for use by the prospect or the student host.

**13.7.5.6 Student Support Group Assisting in Recruiting.** An institution may not provide a free meal or entertainment to a member of an institutional student support group that assists in the recruitment of a prospect during an official visit unless the student is designated as the one student host for that prospect. Any additional arrangement between the institution and members of such a support group (e.g., compensation, providing a uniform) is left to the discretion of the institution. *(Adopted: 1/16/93)*

**13.7.5.7 Meals on Official Visit.** The cost of actual meals, not to exceed three per day, on the official visit for a prospect and the prospect's parents, legal guardian(s) or spouse need not be included in the \$30-per-day entertainment expense. A dessert or after-dinner snack at the coach's residence also may be excluded. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95)*

**13.7.5.7.1 Entertainment at Staff Member's Home.** A luncheon, dinner or brunch at the home of

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an institutional staff member (e.g., the athletics director, a coach, a faculty member or the institution's president) may be held for a prospect on an official visit, provided the entertainment is on a scale comparable to that of normal student life, is not excessive in nature and occurs on only one occasion. *(Revised: 1/9/96)*

**13.7.5.7.2 Eligibility Ramifications—Restitution for Receipt of Improper Benefits.** For violations of Bylaw 13.7.5.7 in which the value of the excessive meals is \$100 or less, the eligibility of the individual (i.e., prospective or enrolled student-athlete) shall not be affected conditioned upon the individual repaying the value of the benefit to a charity of his or her choice. The individual, however, shall remain ineligible from the time the institution has knowledge of the receipt of the impermissible benefit until the individual repays the benefit. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the individual's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement services staff with the institution's self-report of the violation. *(Adopted: 10/28/97, Revised: 11/1/00)*

**13.7.5.8 Normal Retail Cost.** If a boat, snowmobile, recreational vehicle or similar recreational equipment (including those provided by an institutional staff member or a representative of the institution's athletics interests) is used to entertain a prospect or the prospect's parents, legal guardian(s) and spouse, the normal retail cost of the use of such equipment shall be assessed against the \$30-per-day entertainment figure; further, if such normal retail cost exceeds the \$30-per-day entertainment allowance, such entertainment may not be provided. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

**13.7.6 Entertainment on Official Visit for Spouse, Parent or Legal Guardian of Prospect.** A member institution shall limit entertainment, meals and lodging on the prospect's official visit to a prospect, the prospect's parents [or legal guardian(s)] and spouse.

**13.7.7 Lodging for Additional Persons.** Additional persons (e.g., prospect's brother, sister, friend) may stay in the same room as the prospect or parents, spouse or legal guardian(s) of the prospect, but the institution shall not pay the costs resulting from the additional occupants. The additional occupants shall not be prospects being recruited by the institution. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

### 13.8 UNOFFICIAL (NONPAID) VISIT

**13.8.1 Number Permitted.** A prospect may visit a member institution's campus at his or her own expense an unlimited number of times. A prospect may make unofficial visits before his or her senior year in high school.

#### 13.8.2 Entertainment/Tickets

**13.8.2.1 General Restrictions.** During an unofficial visit, the institution may not pay any expenses or provide any entertainment except a maximum of three complimentary admissions (issued only through a pass list) to a campus athletics event in which the institution's intercollegiate team practices or competes. Such complimentary admissions are for the exclusive use of the prospect and those persons accompanying the prospect on the visit and must be issued on an individual-game basis. Such admissions may provide seating only in the general seating area of the facility utilized for conducting the event. Providing seating during the conduct of the event (including intermission) for the prospect or the prospect's parents [or legal guardian(s)] or spouse in the facility's press box, special seating box(es) or bench area is specifically prohibited. *(Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, Revised: 1/11/94)*

**13.8.2.1.1 Meals** A prospect on an unofficial visit to an institution may pay the actual cost of meals (or the regular cost of training-table meals) and eat with other prospects who are on their official visits or with enrolled student-athletes.

**13.8.2.1.1.1 Exception—Division I-AA.** A Division I-AA football program that restricts its total number of official visits to 25 may provide one meal to any football prospect in the institution's on-campus student dining facilities without the visit counting as an official visit. The institution also may provide one meal to the same prospect's parents or legal guardians in the institution's on-campus student dining facilities without the visit counting as an official visit, provided it is the institution's normal policy to provide such a meal under similar circumstances to all prospective students' parents or legal guardians visiting the campus. A prospect who is given such a meal may not also be provided by the institution with an official visit in any sport. *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*

**13.8.2.1.1.2 Exception—Sports Other Than Football and Basketball.** In sports other than football and basketball, a prospect visiting an institution's campus as part of an admissions event (i.e., open house) may be provided with one meal in the institution's on-campus student dining facility and may have contact with institutional coaching staff members only during such an event without the visit counting as an official visit. The institution must be able to certify that it is the institution's normal policy to provide such a meal to all prospects (includ-

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ing nonathletes) attending the admissions event. *(Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

**13.8.2.1.2 Housing—Lodging in Dormitories.** A prospect on an unofficial visit may stay in an enrolled student-athlete's dormitory room only if the prospect pays the regular institutional rate for such lodging.

**13.8.2.1.3 Transportation during Unofficial Visit.** For regulations relating to transportation on an unofficial visit, see Bylaw 13.6.3.

**13.8.2.1.4 Reserving Game Tickets.** An institution may not reserve tickets (in addition to the permissible complimentary admissions) to be purchased by a prospect (or individuals accompanying the prospect) on an unofficial visit. Tickets may be purchased only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

**13.8.2.1.5 Parking.** An institution may not arrange special parking for prospects to utilize while attending a member institution's campus athletics event during an unofficial visit. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

**13.8.2.1.6 Academic Interviews.** An athletics department staff member may arrange academic interviews for a prospect on an unofficial visit.

**13.8.2.2 Home Games outside the Community.** If an institution schedules any regular-season home games at a site located in a community other than its own, the host institution may provide a maximum of three complimentary admissions to only one such game for the exclusive use of a prospect and those persons accompanying the prospect. Tournament and postseason games are excluded. The institution shall not arrange or permit any other entertainment or payment of expenses, including transportation.

**13.8.2.3 Conference Tournaments.** A member institution may not provide complimentary admissions to a prospect for a postseason conference tournament. The prospect may purchase tickets only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

**13.8.2.4 NCAA Championships or Other Postseason Contests.** The provision of complimentary or reduced-cost admissions to prospects for an NCAA championship (all rounds) or other postseason contests (e.g., bowl game, NAIA or NIT championship) constitutes excessive entertainment and is prohibited. The prospect may purchase tickets to such events only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

**13.8.2.5 Visit Unrelated to Recruitment.** The limitations on providing entertainment to a prospect shall not extend to a visit to the institution's campus for a purpose having nothing whatsoever to do with the prospect's athletics recruitment by the institution (e.g., band trip, fraternity weekend, athletics team's attendance at a sporting event with the high-school coach). The institution's athletics department or representatives of its athletics interests may not be involved in any way with the arrangements for the visit, other than providing (in accordance with established policy) free admissions to an athletics event on a group basis, rather than personally to the prospect.

**13.8.2.6 Visit Related to National Student-Athlete Day or National Girls and Women in Sports Day.** The limitations on providing entertainment to a prospect shall not extend to a visit to the institution's campus for activities related to National Student-Athlete Day and National Girls and Women in Sports Day. *(Adopted: 1/14/97, Revised: 4/22/98 effective 8/1/98)*

**13.8.2.7 Eligibility Ramifications—Restitution for Receipt of Improper Benefits.** For violations of Bylaw 13.8.2 in which the value of the entertainment/tickets/meal is \$100 or less, the eligibility of the individual (i.e., prospective or enrolled student-athlete) shall not be affected conditioned upon the individual repaying the value of the benefit to a charity of his or her choice. The individual, however, shall remain ineligible from the time the institution has knowledge of the receipt of the impermissible benefit until the individual repays the benefit. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the individual's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement services staff with the institution's self-report of the violation. *(Adopted: 10/28/97, Revised: 11/1/00)*

## 13.9 ENTERTAINMENT, REIMBURSEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT OF HIGH-SCHOOL/COLLEGE-PREPARATORY SCHOOL/TWO-YEAR COLLEGE COACHES

**13.9.1 Entertainment Restrictions.** Entertainment of a high-school, college-preparatory school or two-year college coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospect is involved shall be confined to a member institution's campus and shall be limited to providing a maximum of two complimentary admissions (issued only through a pass list) to home athletics contests, which must be issued on an individual-game basis. Such entertainment shall not include food and refreshments, room expenses, or the cost of transportation to and from the campus. An institutional coaching staff member is expressly prohibited from spending funds to entertain the prospect's coach on or off the member institution's campus.

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**13.9.1.1 Transportation Reimbursement.** An institution shall not reimburse a high-school, preparatory school or two-year college coach for expenses incurred in transporting a prospect to visit the campus.

**13.9.1.2 Transportation to Off-Campus Contest.** If a high-school, preparatory school or two-year college coach transports members of his or her athletics squad to an off-campus site to watch NCAA member institutions compete, an institution may not reimburse the coach for the transportation costs or provide complimentary tickets for the coach or any of the team members.

**13.9.1.3 Purchase of Game Tickets.** An institution may not reserve tickets (in addition to the permissible complimentary admissions) to be purchased by high-school, college preparatory or two-year college coaches (or individuals accompanying them) to attend an institution's athletics contest. Tickets may be purchased only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. (*Adopted: 1/10/92*)

**13.9.1.4 Noncoaching-Related Organization.** If a high-school, preparatory school or two-year college coach is a member of a noncoaching-related organization (e.g., state high-school principals association, college fraternity alumni organization, institution's alumni association), an institution may entertain the group, provided there is no direct involvement by the institution's athletics department.

**13.9.2 Material Benefits.** Arrangements by an institution that involve a material benefit for a high-school, preparatory school or two-year college coach, or for any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved, (e.g., the provision of a gift such as a tangible item bearing the institution's insignia, the offer to pay a portion of the coach's or other individual's personal expenses, compensation based on the number of campers sent to an institution's camp, or an arrangement to provide transportation for the coach or other individual) are prohibited.

**13.9.2.1 Gifts at Coaches' Clinic.** An institution may not provide gifts to high-school, preparatory school or two-year college coaches in conjunction with its coaches' clinic or other events. This specifically prohibits the provision of a door prize to the coach, even if the cost of the prize is included in the cumulative admission fee (i.e., the admission fee charged to each person, when combined, would cover the cost of the prize). Materials (e.g., clipboards, file folders) may be provided to each person attending the clinic, provided the items are included in the registration or admission fee. (*Revised: 1/16/93, 1/11/94*)

### 13.9.3 Employment Conditions

**13.9.3.1 Graduate Teaching Assistants.** A high-school, preparatory school or two-year college coach who is enrolled in a bona fide postgraduate program at a member institution is permitted to receive legitimate compensation as a graduate teaching assistant.

**13.9.3.2 Employment in Different Sport.** A high-school, preparatory school or two-year college coach who remains associated with the high school, preparatory school or two-year college in a coaching capacity in a different sport shall be permitted to engage in part-time employment as a member of an institution's coaching staff.

**13.9.3.3 Employment in Same Sport.** A high-school, preparatory school or two-year college coach who remains associated with the high school, preparatory school or two-year college in a coaching capacity in the same sport shall not be employed as a member of an institution's coaching staff.

**13.9.3.3.1 Contract for Future Employment.** A member institution is permitted to enter into a contractual agreement with a high-school, preparatory school or two-year college coach for an employment opportunity that begins with the next academic year, provided the employment contract with the member institution is not contingent upon the enrollment of a prospect and the coach does not begin any coaching duties (e.g., recruiting, selection of coaching staff) for the member institution while remaining associated with the high school.

## 13.10 LETTER-OF-INTENT PROGRAMS, FINANCIAL AID AGREEMENTS

**13.10.1 General Restrictions.** A member institution may not participate in an institutional or conference athletics letter-of-intent program or issue an institutional or conference financial aid agreement that involves a signing date that precedes the initial regular (as opposed to early) signing date for the National Letter of Intent program in the same sport.

**13.10.1.1 Mailing of Financial Aid Offer.** An institutional or conference financial aid form may be included in the normal mailing of the National Letter of Intent, but none of the forms enclosed in the mailing may be signed by the prospect prior to the initial signing date in that sport in the National Letter of Intent program.

**13.10.1.2 Offer of Aid Before Signing Date.** An institution may indicate in writing to a prospect that an athletically related grant-in-aid will be offered by the institution; however, the institution may not permit the prospect to sign a form indicating his or her acceptance of such an award before the initial signing date in that sport in the National Letter of Intent program.

## 13.11 PUBLICITY

**13.11.1 Presence of Media during Recruiting Contact.** A member institution shall not permit a media entity to be present during any recruiting contact made by an institution's coaching staff member. Violations of this bylaw do not affect a prospect's eligibility; however, the violation shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1. (*Adopted: 1/9/96, Revised: 1/14/97*)

**13.11.2 Comments Before Signing.** Before the signing of a prospect to a National Letter of Intent or an institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid, a member institution may comment publicly only to the extent of confirming its recruitment of the prospect. The institution may not comment generally about the prospect's ability or the contribution that the prospect might make to the institution's team; further, the institution is precluded from commenting in any manner as to the likelihood of the prospect's signing with that institution. Violations of this bylaw do not affect a prospect's eligibility; however, the violation shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1. (*Revised: 1/14/97*)

**13.11.2.1 Evaluations for Media, Recruiting Services.** Athletics department staff members shall not evaluate or rate a prospect for news media, scouting services or recruiting services prior to the prospect's signed acceptance of the institution's written offer of admission as a student and/or written tender of financial assistance to be provided upon the prospect's enrollment.

**13.11.3 Radio/TV Show.** A member institution shall not permit a prospect or a high-school, college preparatory school or two-year college coach to appear, be interviewed or otherwise be involved (in person or via film, audio tape or videotape) on:

- (a) A radio or television program conducted by the institution's coach;
- (b) A program in which the institution's coach is participating; or
- (c) A program for which a member of the institution's athletics staff has been instrumental in arranging for the appearance of the prospect or coach or related program material.

**13.11.3.1 Announcer for Broadcast of Prospect's Athletics Contest.** A member of the athletics staff of a member institution may not serve as an announcer or commentator for any athletics contest in which a prospective student-athlete is participating, or appear (in person or by means of film, audio tape or videotape) on a radio or television broadcast of such contest. This restriction does not apply to contests involving national teams in which prospective student-athletes may be participants, including the Olympic Games. (*Revised: 1/10/95, 1/12/99*)

**13.11.3.2 Game Broadcast/Telecast.** A prospect may not be interviewed during the broadcast or telecast of an institution's intercollegiate contest. A member institution may not permit a station telecasting a game to show a videotape of competition involving high-school, preparatory school or two-year college players.

**13.11.4 Prospect's Visit.** A member institution shall not publicize (or arrange for publicity of) a prospect's visit to the institution's campus. Violations of this bylaw do not affect a prospect's eligibility; however, the violation shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1. (*Revised: 1/14/97*)

**13.11.5 Introduction of Prospect.** An institution may not introduce a visiting prospect at a function (e.g., the institution's sports award banquet or an intercollegiate athletics contest) that is attended by media representatives or open to the general public. Violations of this bylaw do not affect a prospect's eligibility; however, the violation shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1. (*Revised: 1/14/97*)

**13.11.6 Intent to Enroll.** A member institution shall not publicize (or arrange for publicity of) a prospect's intention to accept its offer of financial assistance. Violations of this bylaw do not affect a prospect's eligibility; however, the violation shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1. (*Revised: 1/14/97*)

**13.11.7 Photograph of Prospect.** It is permissible for an institution to photograph a prospect during a campus visit to be used in the institution's permissible publicity and promotional activities (e.g., press release, media guide), but the photograph may not be given to the prospect. (*Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94*)

**13.11.8 Announcement of Signing.** Publicity released by an institution concerning a prospect's commitment to attend the institution shall occur only after the prospect has signed a National Letter of Intent or subsequent to the prospect's signed acceptance of the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid. Such communications shall be limited to those media forms normally used by the institution. Violations of this bylaw do not affect a prospect's eligibility; however, the violation shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1. (*Revised: 1/14/97*)

**13.11.8.1 Media Outlets.** Such communications shall be released only to those media outlets normally used by the institution and by the educational institutions currently and formerly attended by the prospect.

**13.11.8.1.1 Video Clips.** It shall be permissible for an institution to show video clips of a prospect through its normal media outlets (e.g., television, Web sites) during its announcement of the prospect's signing, provided such publicity occurs only after the prospect has signed a National Letter of Intent or subsequent to the prospect's signed acceptance of the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid. Other prospects may appear in the video clips, provided the focus of the clips is related to the prospect who has committed to the institution. *(Adopted: 2/16/00)*

**13.11.8.2 Press Conferences.** Institutional press conferences, receptions, dinners and similar meetings held for the purpose of making such an announcement are expressly prohibited.

**13.11.8.2.1 One-Time Exception—Announcement of All Signings.** An institution may make an announcement on the institution's campus for the sole purpose of presenting at one time to the media the names of all prospects who have accepted offers of admission and/or athletically related aid in a particular sport from that institution, with the understanding that no prospects (or their friends or relatives) may be in attendance.

**13.11.8.2.2 Independent Announcement by Prospect.** Press conferences to announce a signing may be arranged independently by the prospect (or the prospect's family), provided there is no arrangement or involvement whatsoever by the institution or representatives of its athletics interests.

**13.11.8.2.3 Booster Functions.** An institution may produce a single highlight film (one per sport), which includes video clips of all prospects who have signed a National Letter of Intent or accepted a written offer of admission and/or financial aid from the institution, to show to its boosters in conjunction with booster club functions. Other prospects may appear in the video clips comprising the highlight film, provided the focus of the clips is related to the prospect who has committed to the institution. *(Adopted: 2/16/00)*

**13.11.8.3 Staff Member Presence.** Institutional staff members are expressly prohibited from personal contact with media representatives at the site of the signing or at any other prearranged site when a prospect accepts an offer made by the institution. This does not preclude the presence of bona fide media representatives who are employed on a part-time basis by the institution.

**13.11.8.4 Signings On Campus.** An institution is responsible for signings on its campus (whether involving an individual or a group of prospects). Any contact by the media with prospects on campus during the time the prospect signs a National Letter of Intent or tender of financial aid shall be considered to be prima facie evidence of institutional involvement in arranging media involvement and shall be prohibited.

**13.11.8.5 Press-Release Content.** The contents of a properly issued press release may be determined by the institution and may include comments by its coaching staff members about the abilities of the prospect.

## 13.12 TRYOUTS

**13.12.1 Prohibited Activities.** A member institution, on its campus or elsewhere, shall not conduct (or have conducted on its behalf) any physical activity (e.g., practice session or test/tryout) at which one or more prospects (as defined in Bylaw 13.12.1.1) reveal, demonstrate or display their athletics abilities in any sport except as provided in Bylaws 13.12.2 and 13.12.3.

**13.12.1.1 Definition of "Prospect" for Tryout-Rule Purposes.** For purposes of the tryout rule, the phrase "prospective student-athlete" or "prospect" shall include any individual who has started classes for the ninth grade and is not enrolled in the member institution at the time of the practice or test therein described. *(Revised: 1/11/89)*

**13.12.1.2 Competition Against Prospects.** An institution's varsity intercollegiate team may compete against a two-year college team but may not compete against a high-school or preparatory school team. Subvarsity teams are not bound by this prohibition. The varsity team may participate in a contest against an established outside team that includes prospects, provided the outside team is ongoing and was not established for the specific purpose of competing against the collegiate team.

**13.12.1.2.1 Exception—Women's Volleyball and Softball.** In the sports of women's volleyball and softball, a varsity team may not participate in a contest against an established outside team that includes high-school prospects, except for permissible exempted contests against a foreign team in the United States and the United States national team. *(Adopted: 10/28/99 effective 8/1/00, Revised: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01)*

**13.12.1.3 Competition in Conjunction with a High School, Preparatory School or Two-Year College.** In the sports of basketball, football, gymnastics and volleyball, member institutions shall not permit competition between or among high schools, preparatory schools or two-year colleges to be conducted in conjunction with a collegiate athletics event (see Bylaw 13.16.1.4). *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/95)*

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**13.12.1.3.1 Criteria.** An intercollegiate contest may be scheduled on the same day as a high-school, preparatory school or two-year college contest (without being considered to be scheduled “in conjunction” with that event) only if the college and high-school, preparatory school or two-year college events are conducted in separate sessions, separate tickets are sold for the events, and the playing facility is cleared between the contests. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/95)*

**13.12.1.4 Nonscholastic-Based Basketball.** A member of an institution’s coaching staff may not participate in coaching activities involving nonscholastic-based basketball teams, regardless of the age or gender of the participants involved in such teams. In addition, coaching staff members may not participate on such teams that include individuals with eligibility remaining or that include individuals of prospect age or younger. *(Revised: 1/10/95, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

**13.12.1.5 Tryout Camps.** A member institution or conference may not conduct a tryout camp devoted to agility, flexibility, speed and strength tests for prospects. A member institution’s staff members may not attend such a tryout camp sponsored by an outside organization if the camp invites only representatives from selected institutions or conferences to observe the camp. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

### 13.12.2 Permissible Activities

**13.12.2.1 Preseason Practice and Competition.** A student-athlete who is not enrolled, but who has been accepted for admission to the institution in a regular full-time program of studies, shall be permitted to engage in preseason practice and competition in fall sports or practice occurring in midyear between terms on the academic calendar, provided such practice is not used to determine whether aid is to be awarded.

**13.12.2.2 Recreational Activities.** A prospect visiting a member institution may participate in physical workouts or other recreational activities during a visit to an institution’s campus, provided such activities:

- (a) Are not organized or observed by members of the athletics department coaching staff; and
- (b) Are not designed to test the athletics abilities of the prospect. *(Revised: 1/11/94)*

**13.12.2.3 Local Sports Clubs.** In sports other than basketball, an institution’s coach may be involved as a participant or in instructional or coaching activities in the same sport for a local sports club or organization located in the institution’s home community, provided all prospects participating in said activities are legal residents of the area (within a 50-mile radius of the institution). In all sports, an institution’s coach may be involved as a participant or in instructional or coaching activities in a sport other than the coach’s sport for a local sports club or organization located in the institution’s home community, provided all prospects participating in said activities are legal residents of the area (within a 50-mile radius of the institution). Further, in club teams involving multiple teams or multiple sports, the 50-mile radius is applicable only to the team with which the institution’s coach is involved; however, it is not permissible for the coach to assign a prospect who lives outside the 50-mile area to another coach of the club. A coach also may be involved in activities with individuals who are not of prospect age (i.e., before the ninth grade), regardless of where such individuals reside. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/16/93, 9/6/00)*

**13.12.2.3.1 Institutional Sponsorship of Local Sports Club.** Neither an institution’s athletics department nor an institution’s athletics booster group may sponsor a local sports club that includes prospects. It is permissible for a department of the institution that operates independent of the athletics department (e.g., physical education department, recreation department) to sponsor a local sports club that includes prospects, provided no athletics department staff member is involved with the club team. *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94)*

**13.12.2.4 Sports Camps and Clinics.** An institution’s coach may be employed in sports camps, coaching schools and clinics per Bylaw 13.13 without violating the tryout rule.

### 13.12.2.5 Medical Examinations

**13.12.2.5.1 During Campus Visit.** During a prospect’s official or unofficial visit to campus, a member institution, through its regular team or other designated physician, may conduct a medical examination to determine the prospect’s medical qualifications to participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided no athletics department staff member other than the trainer is present and the examination does not include any test or procedure designed to measure the athletics agility or skill of the prospect.

**13.12.2.5.2 After Signing or Acceptance for Enrollment.** It shall be permissible to administer medical examinations at any time to prospects who either have signed the National Letter of Intent with the involved institution or have been accepted for enrollment in a regular full-time program of studies at that institution, provided the examinations occur during an official paid visit or the prospects visit the institution at their own expense for this purpose. Such an examination may take place before or after, but not during, a prospect’s visit to the campus to attend a general orientation session pursuant to Bylaw 13.16.2.4. *(Revised: 1/14/97)*

**13.12.3 Tryout Exceptions** *(Revised: 1/11/89)*

**13.12.3.1 Developmental Clinics.** Developmental clinics (including competition conducted in conjunction with the clinic) involving prospects shall not be considered tryouts, provided:

- (a) They are designed to develop fundamental skills in a sport (rather than to refine the abilities of skilled participants in the sport);
- (b) They are open to the general public (except for restrictions in age or number of participants);
- (c) They are conducted by and subject to the control of the host member institution;
- (d) They are conducted primarily for educational purposes and do not include material benefits for the participants (e.g., awards, prizes, merchandise gifts);
- (e) Clinic participants do not receive a recruiting presentation; and *(Adopted: 1/11/89)*
- (f) Clinic participants reside in the state in which the host institution is located or within 100 miles of the host institution. *(Adopted: 1/11/89)*

**13.12.3.2 “Open” Events.** Participation by a prospect in “open” events conducted by or held on the campus of a member institution shall not be considered tryouts. Competition shall be considered “open” if the competitive event itself is not classified by age group or level of educational institution represented, and the selection of participants is not limited except by number, by geographical area or on the basis of some objective standard of performance.

**13.12.3.3 Activities Not Involving Institution’s Staff.** The use of a member institution’s facilities for physical activities by a group that includes prospects shall not be considered a tryout, provided the institution’s athletics department staff members or representatives of its athletics interests are not involved in the conduct, promotion or administration of the activity (other than activities incidental to supervising the use of the facilities) and are subject to all applicable NCAA recruiting legislation.

**13.12.3.4 State, Regional, National or International Training Programs.** Participation by an institution’s athletics department staff member in recognized state, regional, national or international training programs or competition organized and administered by the applicable governing body or athletics authority shall not be considered tryouts. A member institution’s coaching staff member may not participate in noncoaching activities (e.g., consultant, on-site coordinator, participant selection), except as provided in Bylaws 13.12.3.4.1, 13.12.3.4.2 and 13.12.3.4.3. *(Revised: 1/9/96, 11/10/97)*

**13.12.3.4.1 United States Junior National Teams—Basketball.** A coaching staff member who is a member of an official committee of USA Basketball may be involved in noncoaching activities (e.g., participant selection, on-site evaluation) involving prospective basketball student-athletes participating on United States junior national team(s). *(Adopted: 4/26/01)*

**13.12.3.4.2 Coach/Prospect Competition.** It is permissible for an institution’s coach to participate with or against prospects in recognized regional, national or international training programs or competition, provided the competition is regularly scheduled under the authority of an outside sports organization and both the coach and the prospect are eligible to enter the competition.

**13.12.3.4.3 Administration of “State Games.”** A member institution serving as the site of “state games” is permitted to involve its staff members in the administration of the event but may not be involved in the selection or assignment of participants and coaches participating in the event. *(Adopted: 1/10/91)*

**13.12.3.5 High-School, Preparatory School and Two-Year-College Contests.** Regularly scheduled high-school, preparatory school and two-year-college athletics contests or matches, conducted by a member institution or sponsored jointly with an outside organization and held on the campus of a member institution, shall not be considered tryouts, provided the following conditions are met [see Bylaw 13.2.3-(c) for restrictions related to the provision of awards at such contests]:

- (a) The opportunity to participate in the event is not limited to specific prospects or educational institutions and all individual prospects or educational institutions in a specific geographical area are eligible to compete (limited only by number, by institutional classification or on the basis of some objective standard of performance);
- (b) The event appears on the schedules of the prospects’ educational institutions; and
- (c) The event is conducted by a national sports federation of which the NCAA is a member or it has been approved prior to the season by the appropriate state or national authority.

**13.12.3.6 High-School, Preparatory School and Two-Year-College Practice and Competition.** The regular or emergency use of a member institution’s facilities by a high-school, preparatory school or two-year-college athletics team for its normal practice activities (conducted solely by its coaches) or

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for regularly scheduled high-school, preparatory school or two-year-college contests (conducted solely by those participating institutions) shall not be considered tryouts, provided the following conditions are met:

- (a) The competition is approved by the appropriate state or national authority; and
- (b) The member institution and representatives of its athletics interests are not involved in any way in the invitation or selection of participating schools or individuals.

**13.12.3.7 Officiating.** An institution's coach may officiate competition that involves prospects, provided the competition is regularly scheduled under the authority of an outside sports organization.

**13.12.3.8 Private Lessons—Women's Golf.** An institution's women's golf coach may teach private golf lessons to a female prospect, provided the following conditions are met:

- (a) The prospect resides within a 50-mile radius of the institution's main campus;
- (b) The coach makes lessons available to the general public;
- (c) The coach is a teaching professional certified pursuant to the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) and/or Professional Golf Association (PGA) certification program;
- (d) Fees charged to the prospect are at a rate commensurate with fees charged to all individuals;
- (e) Fees of the prospect are not paid by individuals or entities other than the prospect's parents or legal guardian(s); and
- (f) The institution keeps on file in the office of the director of athletics documentation of the fee charged for the lessons and the name of any individual receiving any portion of the fee. *(Adopted: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01)*

## 13.13 SPORTS CAMPS AND CLINICS

### 13.13.1 Institution's Sports Camps and Clinics

**13.13.1.1 Definition.** An institution's sports camp or instructional clinic shall be any camp or clinic that is owned or operated by a member institution or an employee of the member institution's athletics department, either on or off its campus, and in which prospects participate. *(Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/10/90, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01)*

**13.13.1.1.1 Purposes of Camps or Clinics.** An institution's sports camp or clinic shall be one that:

- (a) Places special emphasis on a particular sport or sports and provides specialized instruction, practice or competition;
- (b) Involves activities designed to improve overall skills and general knowledge in the sport; or
- (c) Offers a diversified experience without emphasis on instruction, practice or competition in any particular sport. *(Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/10/90)*

**13.13.1.1.2 Football and Basketball.** An institution's football or basketball camp or clinic may be conducted only during the months of June, July and August, unless such activities meet the provisions regarding developmental clinics set forth in Bylaw 13.12.3.1. *(Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/10/90)*

**13.13.1.2 Attendance Restriction.** A member institution's sports camp or clinic shall be open to any and all entrants (limited only by number and age). *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/91, 1/11/94)*

**13.13.1.2.1 Exception—Football.** In the sport of football, a "senior prospect" shall not be permitted to enroll, participate or be employed at any such sports camp or clinic. Senior prospects may enroll or participate, but may not be employed, in those developmental clinics outlined in Bylaw 13.12.3.1. *(Adopted: 1/10/95)*

**13.13.1.2.1.1 Senior Prospect Defined.** For purposes of this legislation, a "senior prospect" is a prospect who is eligible for admission to a member institution or who has started classes for the senior year in high school. A preparatory school or two-year college student is considered to be a "senior prospect" for purposes of this rule. *(Adopted: 1/10/95)*

**13.13.1.2.1.2 No Physical Activity.** A "senior prospect" may attend a camp or clinic, provided the prospect does not participate in any physical activities. *(Adopted: 1/10/95)*

**13.13.1.3 Recruiting Calendar Exceptions.** The interaction during sports camps and sports clinics between prospects and those coaches employed by the camp or clinic is not subject to the recruiting calendar restrictions. However, other coaches wishing to attend the camp as observers must comply

with appropriate recruiting contact and evaluation periods. In addition, institutional camps or clinics may not be conducted during a dead period.

**13.13.1.4 Advertisements.** Restrictions relating to advertisements of an institution's sports camps and clinics in recruiting publications are set forth in Bylaw 13.4. Such restrictions do not apply to sports camp and clinic advertisements in nonrecruiting publications (e.g., a member institution's game program).

#### **13.13.1.5 Employment of Prospects/No Free or Reduced Admission Privileges**

**13.13.1.5.1 General Rule.** An institution, members of its staff or representatives of its athletics interests shall not employ or give free or reduced admission privileges to a high-school, preparatory school or two-year college athletics award winner. For purposes of this rule, a high school includes the ninth-grade level, regardless of whether the ninth grade is part of a junior high-school system.

**13.13.1.5.2 Payment of Expenses.** A representative of an institution's athletics interests may not pay a prospect's expenses to attend a member institution's sports camp or clinic.

#### **13.13.1.5.3 Concession Arrangement**

**13.13.1.5.3.1 Prospective Student-Athlete.** An institution may not permit or arrange for a prospect, at the prospect's own expense, to operate a concession to sell items related to or associated with the institution's camp.

**13.13.1.5.3.2 Enrolled Student-Athlete.** A student-athlete, at the student-athlete's own expense, may not operate a concession to sell items related to or associated with his or her institution's camp to campers or others in attendance because such an arrangement would be considered an extra benefit. However, the institution may employ the student-athlete at a reasonable rate to perform such services for the camp.

**13.13.1.5.4 Awards.** Prospects may receive awards from a member institution's sports camp or clinic with the understanding that the cost of such awards is included in the admissions fees charged for participants in the camp or clinic. (*Adopted: 1/10/92*)

**13.13.1.6 Educational Session.** An institution's basketball sports camp or clinic must include an educational session detailing NCAA initial-eligibility standards to all camp and/or clinic participants. (*Adopted: 1/14/97*)

### **13.13.2 Employment at Camp or Clinic**

**13.13.2.1 Student-Athletes** A student-athlete who is employed in any sports camp or clinic must meet the following requirements:

- (a) The student-athlete must perform duties that are of a general supervisory character and any coaching or officiating assignments shall represent not more than one-half of the student-athlete's work time.
- (b) Compensation provided to the student-athlete shall be commensurate with the going rate for camp or clinic counselors of like teaching ability and camp or clinic experience and may not be paid on the basis of the value that the student-athlete may have for the employer because of the athletics reputation or fame the student-athlete has achieved. It is not permissible to establish varying levels of compensation for a student-athlete employed in a sports camp or clinic based on the level of athletics skills of the student-athlete. (*Revised: 1/11/94*)
- (c) A student-athlete who only lectures or demonstrates at a camp/clinic may not receive compensation for his or her appearance at the camp/clinic. (*Adopted: 1/11/94*)

**13.13.2.1.1 Self-Employment.** A student-athlete with remaining eligibility is not permitted to conduct his or her own camp or clinic.

**13.13.2.1.2 Provision of Travel Expenses to All Employees.** A student-athlete may receive actual travel expenses (including lodging and meals in transit and prepaid plane tickets or cash advances) only if such travel expenses are paid and procedures for reimbursement of expenses are used for all employees of the camp/clinic. Credit cards may not be provided to a student-athlete to pay such expenses. (*Adopted: 1/10/92*)

**13.13.2.1.3 Cash Advances Based on Anticipated Earnings.** In the case where all employees do not receive travel expenses, a cash advance based on anticipated earnings may be provided to a student-athlete only if such advance does not exceed the estimated actual and necessary cost of travel or the student-athlete's estimated employment earnings, whichever is less, and such a benefit is available to all camp employees. (*Adopted: 1/10/92*)

**13.13.2.1.4 Transportation from Coach or Representative of Athletics Interests.** Actual transportation from an institution's coach or representative of its athletics interests may be provided to

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a student-athlete only if travel expenses are paid for all employees of the camp/clinic. (*Adopted: 1/10/92*)

**13.13.2.1.5 Employment in Own Institution's Camp or Clinic—Sports Other Than Football.** In sports other than football, a member institution (or employees of its athletics department) may employ its student-athletes as counselors in camps or clinics, subject to the following conditions: (*Revised: 1/11/94, 1/10/95*)

- (a) The student-athlete shall not participate in organized practice activities other than during the institution's playing season in the sport (see Bylaw 17.1.1); and
- (b) The member institution's director of athletics (or his or her designee who may not be a coaching staff member) must give prior approval to the student-athlete's employment arrangement. Violations of this bylaw do not affect a student-athlete's eligibility; however, the violation shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1 (*Revised: 1/11/89, 4/26/01*)

### 13.13.2.1.6 Employment in Camp or Clinic—Football

**13.13.2.1.6.1 Employment in Specialized Camp—Student-Athlete's Institution.** In football, no member of an institution's football squad who has eligibility remaining may be employed or otherwise participate in that institution's football camp. (*Adopted: 1/10/95*)

**13.13.2.1.6.2 Employment in Specialized Camp—Other Than Student-Athlete's Institution.** In football, a member of an institution's football squad who has eligibility remaining may be employed in any camp that specializes in the sport of football, other than his own institution's camp, provided not more than one football student-athlete from any one Division I institution is employed. (*Adopted: 1/10/95*)

**13.13.2.1.6.3 Employment in Diversified Sports Camp.** In football, a member of an institution's football squad who has eligibility remaining may be employed as a counselor in any diversified camp, including a diversified camp conducted by the student-athlete's own institution, provided not more than one member with eligibility remaining of the previous year's football squad of any one Division I institution is employed. (*Adopted: 1/10/95*)

**13.13.2.2 High-School, Preparatory School or Two-Year-College Coaches.** A member institution (or employees of its athletics department) may employ a high-school, preparatory school or two-year-college coach at its camp or clinic, provided: (*Revised: 1/11/94*)

- (a) The coach receives compensation that is commensurate with the going rate for camp counselors of like teaching ability and camp experience; and
- (b) The coach is not paid on the basis of the value the coach may have for the employer because of the coach's reputation or contact with prospects. (*Adopted: 1/11/89*)

**13.13.2.2.1 Prohibited Compensation.** A member institution may not compensate or reimburse a high-school, preparatory school or two-year college coach based on the number of campers the coach sends to the camp.

**13.13.2.3 Athletics Staff Members.** A member institution's athletics staff member may be involved in sports camps or clinics unless otherwise prohibited in this section.

**13.13.2.3.1 Camp/Clinic Providing Recruiting or Scouting Service.** No athletics department staff member may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) in any capacity by a camp or clinic established, sponsored or conducted by an individual or organization that provides recruiting or scouting services concerning prospects. This provision does not prohibit an athletics department staff member from participating in an officiating camp where participants officiate for, but are not otherwise involved in, a scouting services camp. (*Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/92*)

**13.13.2.3.2 Football and Basketball Employment in Noninstitutional Camp.** A member institution's coaching staff members in the sports of football and basketball may not be employed by (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) or lecture at a noninstitutional (i.e., privately owned) football or basketball camp or clinic in which prospects of either gender participate. (*Adopted: 1/10/90, Revised 1/10/91, 1/10/92*)

**13.13.3 Coaches' Attendance at Basketball Events.** In men's basketball, institutional coaching staff members are restricted to attending events that are approved, sanctioned, sponsored or conducted by the applicable high-school associations, National Federation of State High School Associations or the National Junior College Athletic Association. In women's basketball, a member of an institution's basketball coaching staff may attend noninstitutional nonorganized events (e.g., pick-up games), institutional basketball camps per Bylaw 13.13.1.1 and noninstitutional organized events (e.g., camps, leagues, tournaments and festivals) that are certified per Bylaw 30.16. The violation

shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, it shall not affect the prospect's eligibility. (*Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 10/28/99, 4/27/00 effective 8/1/01*)

### 13.14 HIGH-SCHOOL ALL-STAR GAMES

**13.14.1 Coach Involvement.** A member institution shall not permit any coach or athletics department staff member directly involved in the recruiting of student-athletes to participate (directly or indirectly) in the management, coaching, officiating, supervision, promotion or player selection of any all-star team or contest involving interscholastic players or those who, during the previous school year, were members of high-school athletics teams.

**13.14.1.1 Previous Contractual Agreement.** If a coach has made a contractual commitment to coach in a high-school all-star game prior to being employed by a member institution and then becomes a member of the institution's staff before the game is held, the coach shall be obligated to observe this provision and disassociate himself or herself from the all-star game.

**13.14.2 Use of Institutional Facilities.** A member institution's facilities shall not be made available for a high-school all-star game unless the provisions of Bylaw 13.12.3.3 are met (also see Bylaw 30.2.1.4).

**13.14.3 Use of Institutional Equipment.** It is not permissible for an institution to provide its athletics equipment to a prospect (e.g., for use in a high-school all-star game).

### 13.15 USE OF RECRUITING FUNDS

**13.15.1 Institutional Control.** All funds for the recruiting of prospects shall be deposited with the member institution, which shall be exclusively and entirely responsible for the manner in which such funds are expended.

**13.15.2 Visiting a Prospect.** A member institution's athletics department staff member may visit a prospect or the prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s) at any location for recruiting purposes. However, on any such visit, the staff member may not expend any funds other than the amount necessary for his or her own personal expenses.

#### 13.15.3 Recruiting Services

**13.15.3.1 Published Recruiting Services.** An institution may subscribe to a regularly published scouting service involving prospects, provided this service is made available to all institutions desiring to subscribe and at the same fee rate for all subscribers.

**13.15.3.2 Video Services.** Member institutions are permitted to use video services so long as only regularly scheduled (regular season) high-school or two-year college contests are involved. The institution may not contract with the service in advance to have a particular contest videotaped, and the service must be available to all institutions at the same cost. Off-campus observation of a prospect on a videotape made available by a scouting service is considered an evaluation activity and is subject to applicable evaluation regulations. (*Revised: 9/15/97*)

**13.15.4 Slush Funds.** An institution shall not permit any outside organization, agency or group of individuals to utilize, administer or expend funds for recruiting prospects, including the transportation and entertainment of, and the giving of gifts or services to, prospects or their relatives, legal guardian(s) or friends.

**13.15.4.1 Pooled Resources.** The pooling of resources for recruiting purposes by two or more persons shall constitute such a slush fund. However, this provision shall not apply to persons upon whom a prospect may be naturally or legally dependent.

**13.15.4.2 Company Funds.** The use of a company's funds to pay the expenses incurred in transporting a prospect to the campus constitutes the use of pooled resources.

**13.15.5 Alumni Organizations.** Bona fide alumni organizations of an institution may sponsor luncheons, teas or dinners at which prospective students (athletes and nonathletes) of that immediate locale are guests. A member institution's area alumni organization may be considered a bona fide part of that institution, provided such an organization is accredited by the chief executive officer of the institution and meets these additional terms and conditions:

- (a) A staff member of the institution periodically shall inspect the financial records of the alumni organization and certify that the expenditures comply with the rules and regulations of the NCAA and the conference(s), if any, of which the institution is a member; and
- (b) A club official shall be designated by the chief executive officer as the institution's official agent in the administration of the club's funds, and said club official shall file regular reports to the institution relating the manner in which the club funds have been spent in the recruiting of student-athletes.

## Recruiting Funds/13.15.5.1—Precollege Expenses/13.16.1.5.1.2

**13.15.5.1 Subject to NCAA Rules.** When an alumni organization is certified by the chief executive officer as being a bona fide part of the institution, said organization becomes subject to all of the limitations placed upon the member institution by NCAA legislation. A violation of such legislation by any member of the alumni organization shall be a violation by the member institution.

### 13.16 PRECOLLEGE EXPENSES

**13.16.1 Prohibited Expenses.** An institution or a representative of its athletics interests shall not offer, provide or arrange financial assistance, directly or indirectly, to pay (in whole or in part) the costs of the prospect's educational or other expenses for any period prior to his or her enrollment or so the prospect can obtain a postgraduate education.

**13.16.1.1 Extent of Prohibition.** The provisions of Bylaw 13.16.1 apply to all prospects, including those who have signed a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of admission or written tender of financial assistance.

**13.16.1.2 Fund Raising for High-School Athletics Program.** An institution may not provide funding, directly or through paid advertisements, to benefit a high-school athletics program. Violations of this bylaw do not affect a prospect's eligibility; however, the violation shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1. (*Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised 4/26/01*)

**13.16.1.2.1 Involvement by Local Representatives of Institution's Athletics Interests.** A representative of an institution's athletics interests may provide funding to benefit a high-school athletics program located in the community in which the athletics representative resides, provided: (*Adopted: 1/10/92*)

- (a) The representative acts independently of the institution;
- (b) The funds are distributed through channels established by the high school or the organization conducting the fund-raising activity; and
- (c) The funds are not earmarked directly for a specific prospect.

**13.16.1.3 College Use of High-School Facility.** An institution may not contribute to a high school or its athletics booster club any funds realized from an athletics contest played or a practice held at a high-school facility, except actual and necessary expenses for rental of the facility.

**13.16.1.4 High-School Contest in Conjunction with College Competition.** A high-school contest held in conjunction with an institution's intercollegiate contest shall be governed by the following: (*Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/95*)

- (a) It shall involve a sport other than basketball, football, gymnastics or volleyball;
- (b) It shall be regularly scheduled and approved by the appropriate state high-school authority;
- (c) The member institution shall not provide the high school with any financial compensation, including transportation expenses or a guarantee or percentage of the income realized from the contest; and
- (d) The only expenses the member institution may incur are the operating and maintenance costs associated with its facility's use for the high-school contest.

#### 13.16.1.5 Donation of Equipment

**13.16.1.5.1 Athletics Equipment.** A member institution may not provide athletics equipment to a high school. However, a member institution is permitted to provide athletics equipment to bona fide youth organizations (e.g., the YMCA, a boy scout troop, a summer recreation league) that may consist of some prospects, provided the issuance of equipment is in accordance with the institution's regular policy regarding the discarding of equipment. Further, only those organizations within a 30-mile radius of the campus may be provided such equipment by the institution. Violations of this bylaw do not affect a prospect's eligibility; however, the violation shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1. (*Revised: 4/26/01*)

**13.16.1.5.1.1 Exception—Women's Rowing.** An institution may loan rowing equipment to a high school's or junior club program's women's team on an issuance and retrieval basis and may permit high schools' and junior club programs' women's teams to use its rowing facilities for practice and/or competition. (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96*)

**13.16.1.5.1.2 Donation of Used Athletics Equipment to Foundation.** An institution may donate used athletics equipment to a nonprofit foundation established to distribute such equipment to high schools, provided the request for such donations is initiated by the foundation and the institutions have no part in selecting the high schools that are to receive the equipment. (*Adopted: 1/11/94*)

## Precollege Expenses/13.16.1.5.2—U.S. Service Academy Exceptions/13.17.2

**13.16.1.5.2 Nonathletics Equipment.** A member institution may provide nonathletics equipment (e.g., a computer) to a high school, provided there is no athletics department involvement and the equipment is not utilized to benefit only the high school's athletics program. (*Adopted: 1/10/91*)

**13.16.1.6 Ticket Sales.** It is not permissible for a member institution to compensate a high school, preparatory school or two-year college for selling tickets to the institution's athletics contests. Specifically, the member institution may not provide such forms of compensation as a guarantee, a percentage of the income realized from the sale of the tickets or any other form of commission for providing such services.

### 13.16.2 Permissible Expenses

**13.16.2.1 ACT and SAT Scores.** An institution may pay a fee required by the appropriate testing agency to obtain a prospect's official ACT or SAT scores. (*Adopted: 1/10/90*)

**13.16.2.2 Collect and Toll-Free Telephone Calls.** Institutional staff members may accept collect and toll-free (e.g., 1-800, 1-888) telephone calls placed by prospects and prospect's parents and legal guardians, provided the calls are placed no earlier than July 1 following completion of the prospect's junior year in high school. (*Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 7/1/91, Revised: 1/10/92, 1/11/94*)

**13.16.2.3 Institution Providing Items to Athletics Youth Groups for Fund Raising.** An institution may provide items to assist in the fund-raising efforts of athletics youth groups composed of individuals who have not started classes for the ninth grade without causing such individuals to become prospective student-athletes per Bylaw 13.02.9. (*Adopted: 1/10/95*)

**13.16.2.4 Student Orientation Sessions.** An institution may pay on-campus expenses (e.g., meals, lodging) for prospects to attend institutional orientation sessions conducted for all students. However, an institution may provide on-campus expenses to student-athletes to attend orientation sessions for a particular group of students selected on a basis unrelated to athletics ability only if the institution is providing expenses on a uniform basis to all members of that particular group. An institutional staff member may provide transportation from and to the nearest bus or train station or major airport to the campus on the occasion of the prospect's arrival or departure from the institution to attend the institution's required new-student orientation, provided the prospect has been accepted for admission to the institution. (*Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 1/9/96, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01*)

## 13.17 U.S. SERVICE ACADEMY EXCEPTIONS

### 13.17.1 Contacts

**13.17.1.1 During Junior Year in High School.** Members of the athletics staffs of the U.S. Air Force, Military, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine and Naval Academies, where Congressionally required institutional procedures applying to all cadets and midshipmen, regardless of athletics ability, are in conflict with the Association's legislation governing telephonic and off-campus recruiting contacts, may make in-person, telephonic and off-campus contacts during a prospect's junior year in high school. The total number of such contacts, including those subsequent to the prospect's junior year, shall not exceed the number permitted in the applicable sport.

**13.17.1.2 After National Letter-of-Intent Signing Date.** There shall be no limit on the number of recruiting contacts with the prospect, the prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s) [consistent with the provisions of Bylaw 13.1.6.3-(a) through (f)] made by a national service academy to which the prospect has applied for admission after the National Letter of Intent signing date in the sport.

**13.17.1.3 Freshmen at Summer Enrollment Programs.** Freshmen entering the official summer enrollment program of one of the four national service academies (i.e., U.S. Air Force, Coast Guard, Military and Naval Academies) shall be considered student-athletes of a senior collegiate institution and may not be contacted by other member institutions without permission from the athletics director of the service academy.

**13.17.2 Precollege Expenses.** The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers of Bylaw 13.16, provided such waivers are limited to procedures involving preparation for entrance into one of the U.S. service academies (see Bylaw 30.17.1).

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**FIGURE 13-1**

**Men's Basketball Recruiting Calendar  
August 1, 2001 - September 8, 2002**

**(See Bylaw 30.11.1 for men's basketball calendar formula)**

**The dates in this calendar reflect the application of Bylaw 30.11 at the time of the publication of this Manual but are subject to change per Constitution 5.2.3.1 or if certain dates (e.g., National Letter of Intent signing dates) are altered.**

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| (a) August 1, 2001, through September 8, 2001:  | Quiet Period      |
| (b) September 9, 2001, through October 14, 2001:  | Contact Period    |
| (c) October 15, 2001, through November 21, 2001 [except for (1) below]:   | Quiet Period      |
| (1) November 12, 2001, through November 15, 2001:   | Dead Period       |
| (d) November 22, 2001, through March 15, 2002 [except for (1) below]:   | Evaluation Period |
| 70 evaluation days selected at the discretion of the institution and designated in writing in the office of the director of athletics; institutional staff members shall not visit a prospect's educational institution on more than one day per week during this period: |                   |
| (1) Those days during November 22, 2001 through March 15, 2002 not designated above for evaluation purposes:  | Quiet Period      |
| (e) March 16, 2002, through March 22, 2002:   | Contact Period    |
| (f) March 23, 2002, through April 3, 2002 (8 a.m.) [except for (1) below]:  | Quiet Period      |
| (1) March 28, 2002, through April 2, 2002 (noon):   | Dead Period       |
| (g) April 3, 2002 (8 a.m.) through April 17, 2002 [except for (1) below]:   | Contact Period    |
| (1) April 8, 2002, through April 11, 2002:  | Dead Period       |
| (h) April 18, 2002, through September 8, 2002:  | Quiet Period      |

**FIGURE 13-2****Women's Basketball Recruiting Calendar****August 1, 2001 - July 31, 2002****(See Bylaw 30.11.2 for women's basketball calendar formula)**

**The dates in this calendar reflect the application of Bylaw 30.11 at the time of the publication of this Manual but are subject to change per Constitution 5.2.3.1 or if certain dates (e.g., National Letter of Intent signing dates) are altered.**

(a) August 1, 2001, through September 8, 2001:	Quiet Period
(b) September 9, 2001, through September 29, 2001:	Contact Period
(c) September 30, 2001, through October 7, 2001:	Quiet Period
(d) October 8, 2001, through February 28, 2002 [except for (1) and (2) below]—40 evaluation days selected at the discretion of the institution and designated in writing in the office of the director of athletics; institutional staff members shall not visit a prospect's educational institution on more than one day per week during this period:	Evaluation Period
(1) November 12, 2001, through November 15, 2001:	Dead Period
(2) Those days during October 8, 2001, through February 28, 2002, not designated above for evaluation purposes:	Quiet Period
(e) March 1, 2002, through March 26, 2002 [except for (1) below]—Sixteen person days selected at the discretion of the institution and designated in writing in the office of the director of athletics:	Contact Period
(1) Those days during March 1, 2002, through March 26, 2002, not designated above for contact purposes:	Quiet Period
(f) March 27, 2002, through noon April 1, 2002:	Dead Period
(g) April 1, 2002, at 12:01 p.m. through April 7, 2002:	Contact Period
(h) April 8, 2002, through April 11, 2002:	Dead Period
(i) April 12, 2002, through July 7, 2002:	Quiet Period
(j) July 8, 2002, through July 31, 2002:	Evaluation Period

**Exceptions**

The following are exceptions to the women's basketball recruiting calendar:

Evaluation shall be permissible during the National Junior College Athletic Association championship competition.

Evaluation shall be permissible during official tryouts for the USA Basketball Olympic Festival.

Evaluation shall be permissible in the following states only during the time periods listed, provided evaluations outside of the July period are counted toward the 40 evaluation days set forth above:

Hawaii:	March 1-May 31 and July 8-31
All states (except Hawaii) that play the high-school basketball season in the spring:	April 8-28 and July 8-31

**FIGURE 13-3**

**Football Recruiting Calendar  
August 1, 2001 - July 31, 2002**

(See Bylaw 30.11.5 for football calendar formula)

**The dates in this calendar reflect the application of Bylaw 30.11 at the time of the publication of this Manual but are subject to change per Constitution 5.2.3.1 or if certain dates (e.g., National Letter of Intent signing dates) are altered.**

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|---|-------------------|
| (a) August 1, 2001, through November 24, 2001 [except for (1) below]:   | Quiet Period      |
| (1) Six days during the months of September 2001, October 2001, and through the last Saturday in November selected at the discretion of the institution (an authorized off-campus recruiter may visit a particular educational institution only once during this evaluation period):  | Evaluation Period |
| (b) November 25, 2001, through February 2, 2002 [except for (1) through (6) below]—Six in-person off-campus contacts per prospective student-athlete shall be permitted during this time period with not more than one permitted in any one calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) or partial calendar week:   | Contact Period    |
| (1) December 16, 2001 (The Sunday after the third Saturday in December):  | Quiet Period      |
| (2) December 17, 2001, through January 1, 2002:   | Dead Period       |
| (3) January 2, 2002, through January 3, 2002:   | Dead Period       |
| (4) January 4, 2002, through January 6, 2002:   | Quiet Period      |
| (5) January 7, 2002, through January 10, 2002:  | Dead Period       |
| (6) January 11, 2002, and January 12, 2002:   | Quiet Period      |
| (c) February 3, 2002:   | Quiet Period      |
| (d) February 4, 2002, through February 7, 2002:   | Dead Period       |
| (e) February 8, 2002, through April 14, 2002:   | Quiet Period      |
| (f) April 15, 2002, through May 31, 2002 [except for (g) below]:  | Evaluation Period |
| Four weeks (excluding Memorial Day and Sundays) selected at the discretion of the institution and designated in writing in the office of the director of athletics (an authorized off-campus recruiter may use one evaluation to assess the prospect's athletics ability and one evaluation to assess the prospect's academic qualifications during this evaluation period.). |                   |
| (g) Those days in April/May 2002 not designated above for evaluation opportunities:   | Quiet Period      |
| (h) June 1, 2002, through July 31, 2002:  | Quiet Period      |

**FIGURE 13-4****Softball Recruiting Calendar  
August 1, 2001 - July 31, 2002****(See Bylaw 30.11.7 for softball calendar formula)**

**The dates in this calendar reflect the application of Bylaw 30.11 at the time of the publication of this Manual but are subject to change per Constitution 5.2.3.1 or if certain dates (e.g., National Letter of Intent signing dates) are altered.**

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|---|---------------------------|
| (a) August 1, 2001, through November 21, 2001* [except for (1) below]:              | Contact/Evaluation Period |
| (1) November 12, 2001, through November 15, 2001:                                   | Dead Period               |
| (b) November 22, 2001, through January 1, 2002 [except for (1) below]:              | Quiet Period              |
| (1) November 29, 2001 (12:01 a.m.), through December 4, 2001<br>(12:01 a.m.):       | Dead Period               |
| (c) January 2, 2002, through July 31, 2002* [except for (1), (2)<br>and (3) below]: | Contact/Evaluation Period |
| (1) April 8, 2002, through April 11, 2002:  | Dead Period               |
| (2) May 21, 2002, through May 28, 2002 (noon):                                      | Dead Period               |
| (3) May 28, 2002 (noon), through June 3, 2002 (8 a.m.):                             | Quiet Period              |
| (d) During high-school regional and state championship competition:                 | Evaluation Period         |

\*Each institution is limited to 50 evaluation days (August 1 - July 31) per Bylaw 13.02.7 that do not include employment of coaches in instructional camps/clinics or the observation of prospects participating in high-school softball competition.

**Figure 13-5**

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**FIGURE 13-5**

**Dead Periods in Sports Other Than Football, Basketball and Softball  
April 1, 2001 - July 31, 2002**

**(See Bylaw 30.11 for complete listing of recruiting calendars)**

**[Note: During the dead period surrounding the initial National Letter of Intent signing date, the National Letter of Intent may not be hand-delivered; it must be mailed.]**

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Women's Gymnastics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• April 9, 2001, through April 12, 2001 (during the period Monday through Thursday of the initial week for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent).</li><li>• April 18, 2001, through noon April 22, 2001 (Wednesday prior to the National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Championships to noon on the Sunday after the championships).</li><li>• November 12, 2001, through November 15, 2001 (during the period Monday through Thursday of the initial week for the fall signing of the National Letter of Intent).</li><li>• April 8, 2002, through April 11, 2002 (during the period Monday through Thursday of the initial week for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent).</li><li>• April 17, 2002, through noon April 21, 2002 (Wednesday prior to the National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Championships to noon on the Sunday after the championships).</li></ul>
Men's Ice Hockey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• April 9, 2001, through April 12, 2001 (during the period Monday through Thursday of the initial week for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent).</li><li>• April 4, 2001, through April 8, 2001 (Wednesday prior to the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship to noon on the Sunday after the game).</li><li>• November 12, 2001, through November 15, 2001 (during the period Monday through Thursday of the initial week for the fall signing of the National Letter of Intent).</li><li>• April 8, 2002, through April 11, 2002 (during the period Monday through Thursday of the initial week for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent).</li><li>• April 3, 2002, through noon April 7, 2002 (Wednesday prior to the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship to noon on the Sunday after the game).</li></ul>
Women's Volleyball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• April 9, 2001, through April 12, 2001 (during the period Monday through Thursday of the initial week for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent).</li><li>• November 12, 2001, through November 15, 2001 (during the period Monday through Thursday of the initial week for the fall signing of the National Letter of Intent).</li><li>• December 12, 2001, through December 31, 2001 (Wednesday prior to the Division I Women's Volleyball Championship game through December 31).</li><li>• April 8, 2002, through April 11, 2002 (during the period Monday through Thursday of the initial week for the signing of the National Letter of Intent).</li></ul>
Field Hockey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• November 14, 2001, through noon November 19, 2001 (Wednesday prior to the National Collegiate Division I Field Hockey Championship to noon on the day after the game).</li><li>• February 4, 2002, through February 7, 2002 (during the period Monday through Thursday of the initial week for the signing of the National Letter of Intent).</li></ul>
Men's Lacrosse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• April 9, 2001, through April 12, 2001 (during the period Monday through Thursday of the initial week for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent).</li></ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 25, 2001, through noon May 29, 2001 (Friday prior to the National Collegiate Division I Men's Lacrosse Championship to noon on the Tuesday after the game).</li> <li>• November 12, 2001, through November 15, 2001 (during the period Monday through Thursday of the initial week for the fall signing of the National Letter of Intent).</li> <li>• April 8, 2002, through April 11, 2002 (during the period Monday through Thursday of the initial week for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent).</li> <li>• May 24, 2002, through noon May 28, 2002 (Friday prior to the National Collegiate Division I Men's Lacrosse Championship to noon on the Tuesday after the game).</li> </ul>
Women's Lacrosse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 9, 2001, through April 12, 2001 (during the period Monday through Thursday of the initial week for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent).</li> <li>• May 18, 2001, through May 20, 2001 (Friday prior to the Division I Women's Lacrosse Championship through midnight on the day of the game).</li> <li>• November 12, 2001, through November 15, 2001 (during the period Monday through Thursday of the initial week for the fall signing of the National Letter of Intent).</li> <li>• April 8, 2002, through April 11, 2002 (during the period Monday through Thursday of the initial week for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent).</li> <li>• May 17, 2002, through May 19, 2002 (Friday prior to the Division I Women's Lacrosse Championship through midnight on the day of the game).</li> </ul>
Soccer and Men's Water Polo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February 4, 2002, through February 7, 2002 (during the period Monday through Thursday of the initial week for the signing of the National Letter of Intent).</li> </ul>
All Other Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 9, 2001, through April 12, 2001 (during the period Monday through Thursday of the initial week for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent).</li> <li>• November 12, 2001, through November 15, 2001 (during the period Monday through Thursday of the initial week for the fall signing of the National Letter of Intent).</li> <li>• April 8, 2002, through April 11, 2002 (during the period Monday through Thursday of the initial week for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent).</li> </ul>

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