Prospect Publicity

1. Is it permissible to announce via Facebook or Twitter a prospect’s arrival on campus for an official visit before he/she has signed an NLI?

No, per Bylaw 13.10.2.4, an institution shall not publicize (or arrange for publicity of) a prospect’s visit to campus. Arranging for a prospect to partake in public activities that would alert the media to the presence of the prospect (i.e. riding the team bus, entering the facility with the team) is also not permitted.

2. When is SJSU permitted to announce the signing of a prospect?

As an institution, no comments shall be released until a confirmation email is received by Wendy Dunn. As a general rule, please consult with the Compliance Office prior to any comment and/or release concerning a prospect.

3. Prior to signing, what can be said publicly about a prospect?

Per NCAA Bylaw 13.10.2.1, an institution may not comment generally about the prospect’s ability or contribution that the prospect might make to the institution’s team; further, institutions are precluded from commenting in any manner as to the likelihood of the prospect committing to or signing with that institution.

4. Is it permissible for a media entity to film a coach’s off-campus contact with of a prospect?

No, per Bylaw 13.10.1, an institution may not permit a media entity to be present during any recruiting contact made by a coaching staff member.

Compliance Brain Busters

1. Mid Fielder is a soccer prospect who is going to sign a National Letter of Intent (NLI) with Ocean State University (OSU) during the February NLI signing period. If Mid signs the NLI on the morning of February 4th, is he permitted to take an official visit at OSU later that day during a Dead Period?

   YES
   NO

2. One of the Ocean State University women’s soccer coaches would like to earn some extra money during the off-season by officiating games in the area. Is this permissible even if some of the games include prospect aged participants?

   YES
   NO

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SJSU Fun Facts
Ta’Rea Cunnigan became SJSU Basketball’s career-scoring leader. Congrats Ta’Rea!!!!

Camp/Clinic Advertisements

1. Can current student-athletes be used in camp/clinic advertisements?
   No, current student-athletes may not be used to advertise or promote camps or clinics; however, the picture of a current student-athlete may appear in the counselors section of a camp brochure identifying them as such. [NCAA Bylaw 12.5.1.6]

2. Can there be attendance restrictions for a camp or clinic?
   Yes, but the only restrictions may be on number of attendees, age, sex, and/or grade level. An institution may not restrict entrants by skill level. [NCAA Bylaw 13.12.1.3]

3. Can SJSU advertise or promote a camp or clinic as "elite?"
   Yes, an institution may use any words or phrases to advertise or promote its institutional camps and clinics, provided the advertisement or promotion states that the camp or clinic is open to any and all entrants. [NCAA Bylaw 13.4.3.2.2]

4. Is it permissible to invite certain prospects to a camp that is open to any and all entrants?
   Yes, a coach may invite certain prospects to a camp, provided the camp is open to any and all entrants. However, SJSU may not provide any type of priority registration for specific prospects. Additionally, a coach must abide by all applicable recruiting legislation when inviting certain prospects to a camp. [NCAA Bylaw 13.12.1.3]

Brain Buster Answers

1. **YES** - The prospect is no longer subject to the application of a dead period after one of the following events occurs: (a) The prospect signs a NLI or the institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid agreement. (b) The institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution’s offer of admission. [NCAA Bylaw 13.02.5.5.2]

2. **YES** - An institution’s coach may officiate competition that involves prospects, provided the competition is regularly scheduled under the authority of an outside sports organization. [NCAA Bylaw 13.11.3.5]

Compliance Education Sessions

This month’s mandatory SJSU Compliance Rules Education Session will take place on Tuesday, February 17 from 2-3 PM and Thursday, February 19 from 9-10 AM in the Order of Sparta Room. ALL coaching staff members are required to attend at least one of these Sessions, and we encourage staff members to attend as well.

Interpretation Questions and Answers

**Question:** Is it permissible for a prospect who has signed an NLI to work a camp?

**Answer:** Yes, per NCAA Bylaw 13.12.1.7.1.1 it is permissible for an institution to employ a prospect in a camp or clinic, provided that the student-athlete has signed a NLI and/or the prospect has signed a financial aid agreement with the institution.

**Question:** Once a prospect has signed his/her NLI, is it permissible for the Video Director to create a personalized version of video highlights for coaches to play for the prospect?

**Answer:** Yes, per a 2/2/15 NCAA Staff Interpretation, an institution may produce and arrange personalized audio/video presentations to show to or play for a prospect after he/she has signed a National Letter of Intent and/or after the institution has received the prospects financial deposit in response to its offer of admission.

**Question:** If the first week of the season starts during a week that is broken up by an institutional vacation does the team need to take a day off during the half of the week in which school is in session?

**Answer:** No, per NCAA Bylaw 17.1.6.3.6, if a vacation period occurs during any part of a week in which classes are in session, the institution is subject to the daily and weekly hour limitations during the portion of the week when classes are in session and must provide the student-athletes with a day off, which may be a vacation day.