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 publically about a prospect?

Per NCAA Bylaw 13.10.2.1, a 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 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. It is permissible for a coach to write a letter of recommendation for a prospect.
   
   TRUE
   FALSE

2. Is it permissible for an SJSU coach to coach a team with a 4-year transfer that SJSU has been granted permission to contact, and lives outside of a 50 mile radius of SJSU?

   YES
   NO

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Unattached Competition

17.31.1.7 Competition as Individual/Not Representing Institution.
- It is permissible for a student-athlete to participate in outside competition as an individual during the academic year in the student-athlete’s sport, as long as the student-athlete represents only himself or herself in the competition and does not engage in such competition as a member of or receive expenses from an outside team.
- Per an 02/21/1997 NCAA Staff Interpretation, it is permissible for a student-athlete who is not eligible for competition (e.g., nonqualifier, partial qualifier) may participate in an open event, provided the student-athlete pays his/her own expenses for the competition, and does not wear the institution’s uniform or score points for the institution.
- Per an 11/20/1998 NCAA Staff Interpretation, student-athletes who receives coaching or instruction from his/her institution’s coach while competing in an individual competition is considered to be representing the institution and, therefore, would utilize a season of competition.

Brain Buster Answers

1. **FALSE**- Per a 10/29/1997 Staff Interpretation, it is impermissible for an institution’s coach from writing a letter of recommendation on behalf of a prospect (e.g., writing a letter of recommendation from consideration of an award).

2. **NO**- Per a 12/15/2014 Ed Column, an institution coaching staff member may be involved with an outside team that includes student-athletes from other four-year institutions. However, if the coach’s institution has received permission to contact a particular student-athlete, then NCAA recruiting rules apply. As a result, the coach is bound by local sports club 50-mile radius provision.

Compliance Education Sessions

This month’s mandatory SJSU Compliance Rules Education Session will take place on Tuesday, February 9th from 2-3 PM and Thursday, February 11th 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 an SJSU coach to officiate games in the local area that include prospect aged participants?

**Answer:** Yes, per NCAA Bylaw 13.11.3.5 it is permissible for a coach to officiate competitions that involves prospects, provided the competition is regularly scheduled under the authority of an outside sports organization.

**Question:** Once a prospect has signed his/her NLI, is it permissible for them to participate in voluntary workouts or conditioning activities on the institution’s campus in the presence of a strength and conditioning coach?

**Answer:** Yes, per NCAA Bylaw 13.11.2.3.1, a prospect who has signed an NLI, written offer of admission, or has paid a financial deposit may participate in voluntary workouts on the institution’s campus in the presence of the strength and conditioning coach, provided that such activities are not prearranged, the strength and conditioning coach is performing normal duties, and he/she does not work directly with the prospect. The prospect will also need to be cleared by the SJSU Sports Medicine Staff.

**Question:** A men’s soccer coach competes on the national team. A prospect also expects to play on the national team during an exhibition match. Is it permissible for the coach and prospect to play on the same team?

**Answer:** Yes, per NCAA Bylaw 13.11.3.3.2, it is permissible for an institution’s coach to participate with or against prospect in recognized state, 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.