Prospect Publicity

1. Can I announce via Facebook or Twitter when a prospect arrives on campus for an official visit?

No, per Bylaw 13.10.5 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. Per Bylaw 13.10.2, an institution is not permitted to commenting in any manner, other than confirming recruitment, of a prospect. As a general rule, please consult with the Compliance Office prior to any comment and/or release concerning a prospect.

3. Can I announce the location I will be conducting evaluations or contact on Facebook or Twitter?

Yes, per the NCAA Ed. Column on 12/12/12 a coach may announce where they are going (i.e. city, state, high school, contest attending). However, a coach may not tweet @ or refer to the prospect in their tweet specifically.

Compliance Brain Busters

1. There are no classes on Monday at SJSU in observance of a holiday. The men’s basketball team is required to remain on campus for their game the following night. The coaches would like to take the student-athletes to the movies after practice on Monday. Is this permissible?

   YES
   NO

2. Wheel Route is a senior in high school and will be signing a National Letter of Intent next month with SJSU to play football. Wheel attends a private high school with a tuition cost of $12,000 a year. Wheel’s parents both work but have struggled to pay for his high school educational expenses. The coaches at SJSU have offered to help Wheel get a loan to pay off the tuition bill. Is this permissible?

   YES
   NO

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SJSU Fun Facts
Women’s Basketball tied their all-time single game scoring record with 103 points in their game against Utah State on 1/12/13.

One-Time Transfer Exception
The student transfers to the certifying institution from another four-year collegiate institution, and all of the following conditions are met:

a) The student is a participant in a sport other than baseball, basketball or football at the institution to which the student is transferring. A participant at an FCS institution at which the student is transferring may use this exception only if the participant transferred to the certifying institution from an institution that sponsors bowl subdivision football and has two or more seasons of competition remaining in football;

b) The student has not transferred previously from one four-year institution unless, in the previous transfer, the student-athlete received the discontinued/nonsponsored sport exception;

c) At the time of transfer to the certifying institution the student would have been academically eligible had they remained at the institution from which the student transferred, except that they are not required to have fulfilled the necessary percentage-of-degree requirements at the previous institution; and

d) If the student is transferring from an NCAA or NAIA member institution, the student’s previous institution shall certify in writing that it has no objection to the student being granted an exception to the transfer-residence requirement. If an institution receives a written request for a release from a student-athlete, the institution shall grant or deny the request within 7 business days. If the institution fails to respond to the student-athlete’s written request within 7 business days, the release shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide a written release to the student-athlete.

Brain Buster Answers
1. **YES** - An institution may pay the actual costs (but may not provide cash) for reasonable entertainment that takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's campus or practice site during vacation periods when the team is required to reside on campus (or at a practice site normally used by the institution) and classes are not in session. [NCAA Bylaw 16.7.1]

2. **NO** - Bylaw 13.2.5 does not permit an institution to arrange a loan for a prospect for the purpose of paying off an educational debt (e.g., high-school tuition) incurred prior to initial, full-time collegiate enrollment. [NCAA Staff Interp- 10/22/97]

Compliance Education Sessions
This month’s mandatory SJSU Compliance Rules Education Session will take place on Tuesday, February 19 from 2-3 PM and Thursday, February 21 from 9-10 AM in the Spartan Foundation 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:** The softball team at SJSU had a contest scheduled yesterday afternoon. Because of a storm, the game was cancelled ten minutes into play in the first inning. The student-athletes did not participate in any other CARA after the cancellation. Can the coaches consider yesterday as a day off?

**Answer:** Yes, per Bylaw 17.1.6.4.2 states when an institution’s competition is canceled prior to the start of competition or canceled prior to the competition being considered a completed event in accordance with the playing rules of that sport, an institution may use that day as its required day off, provided the institution does not engage in any further CARA during that day.

**Question:** Off Side is a soccer student-athlete that transferred to SJSU in January 2012. Off was not granted the one-time transfer exception and therefore has to serve a year in residence. Off will complete the year in residence at the conclusion of the fall 2012 semester, will meet all NCAA academic requirements and be in good standing at the institution. Is it permissible for Off to compete during the spring 2013 semester in the non-championship segment?

**Answer:** Yes, per an 2/12/03 NCAA Official Interp, a transfer student-athlete who completes an academic year of residence following the fall semester may compete during the nonchampionship segment in the sports of soccer, cross country and volleyball provided the student-athlete was in good academic standing at the certifying institution during the fall semester.

**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 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.