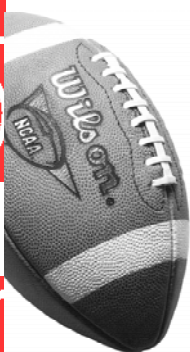


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1. Contacts and Evaluations

a. Definition of a 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 prearranged (e.g., positions himself/herself in a location where contact is possible) 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 whether any conversation occurs. However, an institutional staff member or athletics representative who is approached by a prospect or the prospect's parents, relatives or legal guardian(s) at any location shall not use a contact, provided the encounter was not pre-arranged and the staff member or athletics representative does not engage in any dialogue in excess of a greeting and takes appropriate steps to immediately terminate the encounter. [13.02.3]

In Divisions I-A and I-AA, 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 is a contact for that week even if no contact is made with a prospect. [13.02.3.1]

b. Contactable Prospects

A coach may make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts with a prospect or the prospect's relatives or legal guardians only as follows:

- (1) **High-school prospect**—Only on or after July 1 following completion of the prospect's junior year. [13.1.1.1]
- (2) **Two-year college prospect**—A prospect who was not a qualifier per NCAA Bylaw 14.02.9.1 may not be contacted during the prospect's first year in a two-year college. [13.1.1.2]
- (3) **Four-year college prospect**—Only after written permission has been obtained from an NCAA or NAIA four-year institution from which the prospect is transferring. [13.1.1.3]

[Note: In-person, off-campus contacts with a prospect may be made only during the permissible contact periods (see Page 9).]

c. Definition of an Evaluation

An 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 site. [13.02.6]

Any evaluation that occurs during a contact period by a coaching staff member is a countable contact rather than a countable evaluation. [13.02.6.1]

d. Definition of a 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. [13.02.4.3]

e. Definition of a 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 prospect's educational institution. It remains permissible, however, for an institutional staff member to write or telephone prospects during such a dead period. [13.02.4.4]

2. Contact by Permissible Recruiters

a. Full-time Coaches

Only those coaches who are counted by the institution within the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches may contact or evaluate prospects off campus. A coach may not recruit off campus until he or she has been certified on an annual basis as to his or her knowledge of applicable recruiting rules. Only seven of the coaches (including the head coach) may contact or evaluate prospects off campus during any one calendar week (defined as Sunday through Saturday). [11.5.1, 11.7.2.2, 11.7.3.2]

b. Representatives of Athletics Interests (Boosters)

In-person recruiting contact by boosters is prohibited, as are written and telephonic communications

with the prospect and the prospect's relatives. [13.01.5]

Exceptions: This regulation does not apply to the following:

- (1) Contacts made by an established friend or neighbor, provided the contacts are not made for recruiting purposes and are not initiated by a member of the institution's coaching staff. [13.1.2.2-(d)]
- (2) Contacts made by the institution's regular admissions program representatives directed at all prospective students, including nonathletes. [13.1.2.2-(a)]
- (3) Contacts made by the spouse of a football coach on campus during the prospect's unofficial visit or within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus during the prospect's official visit. [13.1.2.2-(e)]
- (4) An unavoidable incidental contact made with a prospect by a booster, provided the contact is not pre-arranged by the booster or an athletics department staff member, is not made on the grounds of the prospect's institution or at a prospect's contest or practice, is not made for the purpose of recruitment of the prospect and involves only normal civility. However, an athletics representative who is approached by a prospect or the prospect's parents, relatives or legal guardian(s) any location shall not be charged with a contact, provided the encounter was not pre-arranged and the athletics representative does not engage in any dialogue in excess of a greeting and takes appropriate steps to immediately terminate the encounter. [13.02.3, 13.1.2.2-(g)]

c. Faculty Members

Faculty members may have recruiting contacts with football prospects on campus only. [13.1.2.3-(a)]

d. Enrolled Student-Athletes

An institution may not provide transportation or expenses to a student-athlete to recruit a prospect at any site except those expenses specified in Bylaw 13.7.5.5 when the student-athlete serves as a student host. [13.1.2.7]

An enrolled student-athlete (or enrolled student) may make off-campus recruiting contacts with prospects if they are incidental and do not occur at the direction of the coaching staff. [13.02.5.1-(a)]

3. Telephone Contact

[Note: The definition of a telephone call does not include a facsimile or other electronically transmitted correspondence (e.g., electronic mail, Instant Messenger, facsimiles, pages, text messaging). However, all electronically transmitted direct human interaction voice exchange (including videoconferencing and videophones) shall be considered telephone calls.] [13.02.12]

In 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. [13.1.3.1.1]

[Note: See 13.1.3.4.1 for additional restrictions related to permissible callers.]

a. Enrolled Students

Enrolled student-athletes and other enrolled students may not participate in telephone calls to prospects at the direction of the coaching staff or make calls that are financed by the institution. Telephone calls made by enrolled students (excluding student-athletes) to prospects are permissible pursuant to an institution's regular admissions program directed at all prospective students. Enrolled student-athletes may receive telephone calls at the expense of the prospect after July 1 following the completion of the prospect's junior year in high school. [13.02.5.1-(b), 13.1.3.5.2]

b. Representatives of Athletics Interests (Boosters)

Boosters may not make telephone calls to prospects except to make arrangements for summer employment once the prospect has signed a National Letter of Intent. [13.1.3.5.1, 13.1.6.7-(d)]

c. Collect Calls/Toll-Free Calls

Institutional staff members may receive collect calls and toll-free (1-800) calls from prospects, provided such calls are placed after July 1 following the prospects' junior year in high school. [13.1.3.6]

d. Telephone Calls Placed at Prospect's Expense

Institutional staff members may receive telephone

calls placed by a prospect at the prospect's own expense at any time, including before July 1 following the prospect's junior year in high school. [13.1.3.2.2]

e. Telephone Calls During Intercollegiate Athletics Contest

An institution's coach may not make telephone calls to a prospect during the conduct of the institution's athletics competition, which is defined as the time the institution's team reports on call at the site of the competition at the direction of the coach until the competition has concluded and the coach has dismissed the team. [13.1.3.2.1]

f. Telephone Calls Before Prospect's Official Visit

Institutional staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospect during the five days immediately before the prospect's official visit to that institution. If more than one call per week occurs under this exception and an official visit is canceled due to circumstances beyond the control of the prospect or institution, there shall be no violations. However, the institution shall submit a report to the conference office noting the cancellation of the official visit and the reasons for such cancellation. [13.1.3.3.2]

g. Telephone Calls the Day of an Off-Campus Contact

Institutional staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to the prospect on the day of an off-campus contact. [13.1.3.3.5]

h. Telephone Calls Surrounding National Letter of Intent Signing Date

Institutional staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospect during the period 48 hours before and 48 hours after 7 a.m. on the initial signing date for the National Letter of Intent through the two days immediately following the initial signing date. [13.1.3.3.3.1]

i. Telephone Calls After Prospect has Signed a National Letter of Intent

Institutional staff members may telephone a prospect more than once per week after the prospect has signed a National Letter of Intent with that institution. For an institution not using the National Letter of Intent in football, or for a prospect who is not eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent (e.g., four-year college transfer), 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 after the calendar day in which the prospect

signs acceptance of the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid. [13.1.3.3.4]

It is permissible for noncoaching staff members with football-specific responsibilities to initiate and receive telephone calls from football prospects, provided the calls relate only to general pre-enrollment administrative issues and such calls occur after the prospect's signing of the National Letter of Intent with that institution or, for those institutions not subscribing to the National Letter of Intent, after the prospect's signed acceptance of the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid. [13.1.3.4.1.4]

4. Recruiting Calendar

Due to recruiting calendar changes that may occur throughout the year, you should access the most up-to-date recruiting calendar on the NCAA Web site at www.ncaa.org

a. Contact and Evaluation Periods

- 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. [13.02.4.1]
- 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. [13.02.4.2]

A football coach may speak at a meeting or banquet outside of a contact period provided (a) the meeting or banquet is initiated and conducted by the educational institution; (b) the coach does not make a recruiting presentation in conjunction with the appearance; (c) the coach has no direct contact with prospects in attendance; and (d) the coach does not engage in any evaluation activities. However, a football coach may not attend or speak at a banquet at which prospects are in attendance during a dead period. [13.1.9-(c)-(2)]

b. Quiet Periods

Only in-person recruiting contacts on the institution's campus are permissible during a quiet period (see 13.1.7.2.3 for prohibition at the site of an athletics event). No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts or evaluations may occur during this period. [13.02.4.3]

c. Dead Periods

No in-person, on- or off-campus recruiting contacts or evaluations may be made during a dead period (official and unofficial visits to the campus are not permitted). The provision of complimentary admissions to a prospect during a dead period is prohibited, unless such admission is provided as part of a group visit unrelated to athletics recruitment. A coaching staff member may not serve as a speaker at or attend a meeting or banquet at which prospects are in attendance and may not visit the prospect's educational institution. It remains permissible, however, for an institutional staff member to write or telephone prospects during a dead period. [13.02.4.4]

5. Permissible Number of Contacts and Evaluations

a. Contacts

In football, each institution is permitted six off-campus recruiting contacts per prospect at any site (which includes contacts with the prospect's relatives or legal guardians) before the prospect signs the National Letter of Intent. [13.1.6.2]

One contact per prospect is permitted during each week (Sunday through Saturday) or partial week of the contact period either at the prospect's educational institution or any other location (e.g., prospect's home). [13.1.5.1.2]

All contacts during the same calendar day (12:01 a.m. to midnight) are considered to be one contact. For instance, a coach could see a prospect at the prospect's educational institution in early afternoon and again in the evening at the prospect's home with the two visits counting as only one contact. [13.1.5.1.2]

In Division I-A, the head coach is permitted to make an off-campus recruiting contact with a prospect or the prospect's relatives or legal guardians only during one calendar day. If the I-A head coach visits a prospect's educational institution during a contact period, the visit counts as the coach's one contact for all football prospects at that educational institution. [13.02.3.1, 13.1.2.6, IC 5/8/95]

b. Evaluations

Not more than one evaluation may be used during the fall evaluation period and not more than two evaluations may be used during the spring evaluation period.

In I-AA, each institution is limited to 42 evaluation days over a period not to exceed 42 calendar

days during the fall evaluation period. 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 42 in the sport of Division I-AA football. [13.02.6.2, 13.1.8.4, 13.1.8.9.3]

In I-A, coaches may only evaluate on six days, selected at the institution's discretion, during the months of September, October and through the last Saturday in November. Coaches may visit a particular educational institution only once during the fall evaluation period. [30.11.3-(a)-(1)]

In Divisions I-A and I-AA, 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. [13.1.8.9.1]

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. [13.1.8.9.2]

Any number of evaluations or observations made during the same calendar day (defined as 12:01 a.m. to midnight) counts as one evaluation. [13.1.8.7]

Observing a contest or practice counts as an evaluation for each prospect in the contest or practice. However, tournament games held on consecutive days (and normally at the same site) count as one evaluation. Also, games held within the same tier of a tournament (e.g., sectional, district, regional) count as one evaluation. [13.1.8.14, 13.1.8.14.1]

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. An institution does not use an evaluation for prospects at an educational institution if the coaching staff member visits that institution only to observe competition between prospects who do not attend that institution. [13.1.8.1, 13.1.8.1.1]

In football, observing a contest or practice during a permissible contact period shall count only as a contact. [13.1.8.14]

c. Multisport Athlete

If a prospect is being recruited by an institution in more than one sport, all contacts by the institution with the multisport prospect at the prospect's educational institution must take place on the same day of the week. (See 6.a. for one-visit-per-week restriction.) [13.1.5.1.4]

d. 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 signing a letter of intent or other commitment to attend the institution is prohibited. Further, in-person, off-campus delivery of a letter of intent by an institutional staff member is prohibited. The letter may be delivered by express mail, courier service, regular mail or facsimile machine. [13.1.6.6, 13.1.6.6.1]

e. After National Letter of Intent Signing

After the calendar day on which a prospect signs the National Letter of Intent, there is no limit on the number of recruiting contacts and evaluations with that prospect by coaches of the institution with which the prospect has signed. For institutions not utilizing the National Letter of Intent in a particular sport, there is no limit on the number of recruiting contacts and evaluations with a prospect after 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 apply: [13.1.6.7]

- (1) Contact at the prospect's educational institution in Division I football is confined to the permissible contact periods and may not exceed one visit per week. [13.1.6.7-(a)]
- (2) No in-person on- or off-campus contact may be made during a dead period. [13.1.6.7-(b)]
- (3) No in-person on- or off-campus contact may be made with a partial qualifier or nonqualifier enrolled in the first year of a two-year college. [13.1.1.2, 13.1.6.7-(c)]
- (4) Boosters still may not make contact (including telephone calls and correspondence) except for permissible pre-enrollment activities (e.g., make arrangements for a summer job). [13.1.6.7-(d)]
- (5) Contact with the prospect still is prohibited at any site on the day or days of a prospect's competition, except that contact with the prospect's relatives or legal guardians at the site of the prospect's competition is permitted. [13.1.6.7-(e)]

f. Post-High-School Contacts

In Division I football, the contact rule limitations start over beginning October 15 following the prospect's completion of high school. [13.1.6.8]

Note, however, that a partial qualifier or nonqualifier may not be contacted during the first year at the two-year college. [13.1.1.2]

6. Site Restrictions

a. At the High School/Two-Year College

Institutional staff members are permitted only one visit per week (measured Sunday through Saturday) to a prospect's educational institution during a contact period, regardless of the number of prospects enrolled at that institution or whether any prospect is contacted on that occasion. [13.1.5.1]

Any coach desiring to visit a prospect's high school/two-year college during the academic day (i.e., when classes are being conducted for all students) first must obtain permission from the institution's chief executive officer or authorized representative. Contacts or evaluations may be made only when permission is granted. [13.1.5.1.1]

Institutional staff members may not visit a prospect's educational institution on more than two calendar days during the spring evaluation period. [13.1.8.9.2]

b. At the Site of Competition

(1) During Contact Period

Restrictions on in-person, off-campus contacts at the site of a prospect's athletics competition apply to the prospect, even if the prospect is on an official or unofficial visit. Contact at the site of competition is governed by the following: [13.1.7.2]

- (a) Contact may not be made at any site with the prospect before the competition during the day or days of competition. Such contact includes the passing of notes to a prospect by a third party on behalf of an institutional staff member. [13.1.7.2, 13.1.7.2-(a)]
- (b) If the prospect reports on call at the direction of the prospect's coach before the day of competition and is involved in team activity from that point to the end of competition, no contact may be made with the prospect until after the competition. [13.1.7.2-(b)]
- (c) No contact may be made after the competition until the prospect is released by the appropriate institutional authority and departs the dressing and meeting room facility. [13.1.7.2-(c)]

If the prospect is involved in competition for more than one day (e.g., high-school basketball tournament), no contact may be made with the prospect between games until the prospect's final contest is completed and the prospect is released by the appropriate institutional authority and departs the dressing and meeting room facility. [13.1.7.2-(d)]

Coaching staff members may send general corre-

spondence to a prospect while the prospect is participating in an athletics event, provided the general correspondence is sent directly to a prospect (e.g., the front desk of the hotel, the prospect's personal fax machine) and there is no additional party (e.g., camp employee, coach) involved in disseminating the correspondence. [13.1.7.2-(e)]

[Note: Recruiting contact may be made with a prospect's parents on the day or days of a prospect's competition, provided the contact occurs during a contact period and counts as one of the institution's off-campus contacts.]

(2) Outside contact period

Contact with a prospect or the prospect's parents may 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 period in football. Such contact includes the passing of notes to a prospect by a third party on behalf of an institutional staff member. When a prospect participates in an athletics contest or event (including a noninstitutional, private camp or clinic) on a member institution's campus outside of a contact period, it is not permissible for an authorized institutional staff member to have contact with the prospect until the calendar day following his or her release from the competition. Further, if a prospect is visiting an institution's campus immediately before or after participating in an athletics contest or event on the institution's campus, the prospect must depart the locale of the institution the calendar day before or after the contest or event. [13.1.7.2.3]

7. Off-Campus Entertainment and Transportation

An institution may only entertain a prospect and his parents (or legal guardians) or spouse on campus (or, on an official visit, within 30 miles of the institution's campus). An institution may not entertain other relatives or friends of the prospect at any site. [13.5.1, 13.7.5.1]

The only permissible transportation an institution may provide a prospect is:

- On the official paid visit;
- During the unofficial visit, a staff member may transport the prospect to view off-campus practice and competition sites used by the football team or other institutional facilities that are located within 30 miles of the

- institution's campus; and [13.6.3]
- On the prospect's initial arrival to attend classes, an athletics staff member may transport the prospect from the nearest bus or train station or major airport to campus and provide 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. [13.6.4]

8. Offers and Inducements

A staff member or booster may not offer or provide any benefits to a prospect or the prospect's relatives or friends other than those expressly permitted by NCAA legislation. Specifically prohibited financial aid, benefits and arrangements include, but are not limited to: [13.2.2]

- (1) Arrangements of employment for a prospect's relatives;
- (2) Gifts of clothing or equipment;
- (3) Cosigning of loans;
- (4) Loans to relatives or friends;
- (5) Cash or like items;
- (6) Any tangible items, including merchandise;
- (7) Free or reduced-cost services, rentals or purchases;
- (8) Free or reduced-cost housing;
- (9) Use of an institution's athletics equipment;
- (10) Sponsorship of or arrangement for an awards banquet for high-school or two-year college athletes by an institution, its boosters or its alumni groups or booster clubs; or
- (11) The presentation of awards to prospects for outstanding athletics accomplishments (except as permitted in Bylaw 13.2.3).

a. Employment

Prior to completion of the prospect's senior year, an institution's athletics department may employ a prospective student-athlete who is not an athletics award winner, and who is not being recruited by the institution, provided the employment was arranged through normal institutional employment procedures (e.g., local newspaper, bulletin board listings). An institution may employ a prospective student-athlete who is an athletics award winner in any department outside of intercollegiate athletics, provided the employment was arranged through normal

institutional employment procedures (e.g., local newspaper, bulletin board listings) and without the intervention of any member of the coaching staff. Any compensation received by the prospect must be for work actually performed and commensurate with the going rate for such services in that locale. [13.2.4.1, 13.2.4.2, OI 1/7/04 No. 5]

Subsequent to a prospect's senior year, the arrangement of employment by an institution for any prospect is permitted, provided the employment does not begin prior to completion of the prospect's senior year. [13.2.4.3]

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 permissible, provided the employment does not begin before the time period in which the prospect has officially withdrawn from or has completed requirements for graduation at the two-year college. [13.2.4.3.1]

Contacts between a prospect and a booster regarding summer employment arrangements are permissible after the prospect's signing of a National Letter of Intent. [13.1.2.2-(h), 13.1.6.7-(d)]

A prospect may not receive free transportation to and from a summer job unless it is the employer's established policy to provide transportation to all employees. [13.2.4.4]

b. Loans

Educational loans arranged by an institution for a prospect must be from a regular lending agency based on a regular repayment schedule and may not be made before the completion of the prospect's senior year in high school. [13.2.5]

c. Summer Housing

An institution may rent dormitory space to a prospect during the summer months only if it is the institution's policy to make such dormitory space available on the same basis to all prospective students. [13.2.6]

Medical Expenses

In football, an institution may finance medical expenses (including rehabilitation and physical therapy expenses) for a prospect who sustains an injury while participating in non-mandatory summer conditioning activities that are conducted by an institution's certified strength and conditioning coach with department-wide duties. In I-AA, this individual may be a countable coach. [13.2.8.1, 13.2.8.2]

9. Admissions and Graduation-Rate Data

The Association's national office annually publishes admissions and graduation-rate data on an institution-specific basis. Institutions must provide such information to prospects or to prospects' parents upon request or at the earliest opportunity during the recruiting process after the institution's first arranged in-person encounter with the prospect (or the prospect's parents) or the day before the prospect's signed acceptance of the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid, whichever is earlier. [13.3.1.1, 13.3.1.2]

10. List of Banned Drugs and Supplement Information

Member institutions shall provide to all incoming prospects and to prospects' parents the NCAA banned drug list, or the NCAA Web site address at which the list is located, and information about nutritional supplements (See Bylaw 31.2.3.1). The information shall be provided at the earliest practical opportunity (e.g., 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 July 1 before the prospect's initial enrollment at the institution. For a prospect whose recruitment is initiated after July 1, the institution must send the banned drug list and information about nutritional supplements at the earliest opportunity. [13.3.2.2]

11. Recruiting Materials

Institutions may not send prospects recruiting materials (including general correspondence related to athletics) before September 1 of the prospect's junior year in high school. An institution may provide only the following printed materials to prospects and to prospects' coaches: [13.4.1]

- (1) General correspondence, including letters, facsimiles and electronic mail, postcards issued by the U.S. Postal Service (i.e., blank cards), and institutional note cards. Such correspondence may be sent only by mail, but an institution is not permitted to use any express mail delivery services to provide permissible recruiting materials to prospects residing within the 50 states, other than the National Letter of Intent, or other written admissions/financial aid commitment to

attend the institution. Attachments to general correspondence may include materials printed on plain white paper with black ink; color attachments may be included with electronic mail correspondence. 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. [Note: 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 institution.] [13.02.5.1-(c)]

- (2) Game programs (that may not include posters) may be provided to prospects only during official or unofficial visits to campus, but may not be mailed;
 - (3) Educational information published by the NCAA (e.g., Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete);
 - (4) Any necessary pre-enrollment information regarding orientation, conditioning, academics and practice activities (e.g., playbook, weight-lifting program information), provided the prospect has signed a National Letter of Intent or has been officially accepted for enrollment;
 - (5)
 - a. One annual athletics media guide (with only one color of printing inside the covers) per sport; or
 - b. One annual athletics recruiting guide (with only one color of printing inside the covers) per sport;
- [Note: An institution may produce either an annual media guide or an annual athletics recruiting guide, but not both. Further, an institution may not produce a portfolio of information (e.g., pictures) unless it is considered the one permissible recruiting publication (i.e., media guide or recruiting brochure)]
- (6) Official academic, admissions and student-services publications or videotapes published by the institution and available to all students;
 - (7) Questionnaires;
 - (8) One wallet-size playing schedule card;

- (9) A student-athlete handbook may be provided to prospects only during official and unofficial visits, or may be mailed once the prospect has signed a National Letter of Intent or officially has been accepted for enrollment. The handbook may contain only one color of printing throughout the publication, including the covers;
- (10) Camp brochures that are not restricted by content or design, but are restricted to a single two-sided sheet, not to exceed 17" x 22" when opened in full; and
- (11) Business cards.

[Note: An institution may provide a prospect with educational information published by the NCAA, a questionnaire and a camp brochure before September 1 of the prospect's junior year in high school.]

Video/Audio Materials

An institution may not produce video/audio materials to show or send to a prospect (or the prospect's coach), except for the following: [13.4.2]

- (1) Highlight films/video/audio tapes. Highlight films/video/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/video/ audio tape must relate specifically to the event or sport season. Highlight films/videotapes/ audio tapes may include only clips of actual athletics contests and activities that occur on the 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). The highlight film/video/audio tape may be shown during on- or off-campus visits, provided it is not left with the prospect or the prospect's coach. An institution may not produce a recruiting video to show or send to a prospect (or the prospect's coach). [13.4.2.1]
- (2) Nonathletics video/audio tapes. Official academic, admissions and student-services video/ audio tapes available to all students. [13.4.2.2]

12. Official (Paid) Visit

a. Limitations on Official Visit

- (1) A prospect may not make more than five expense-paid visits to NCAA Division I and II member institutions, regardless of the number of sports in which the prospect is involved. [13.7.1.2]
- (2) An institution may finance only one visit to its campus for a prospect while the prospect is in high school. It may provide a second visit 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 October 15 after completion of high school. A prospect is not required to graduate from high school in order to receive a permissible post-high-school visit. [13.7.1.1, 13.7.1.3]
- (3) 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. [13.7.1.2.1]
- (4) A partial qualifier or nonqualifier who is enrolled during the first year at a two-year college may not be provided an expense-paid visit. [13.7.1.3.1]
- (5) 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. Further, 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 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 ACT may present such a score upon the approval of the Academics/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet or the Initial-Eligibility Waiver Committee. A prospect's fulfillment of these requirements may be certified by an initial-eligibility clearinghouse approved by the NCAA Executive Committee. [13.7.1.2.2.1, 13.7.1.2.2.2, 13.7.1.2.2.3]

- (6) The visit must be made to the campus and not, for example, to an off-campus site more than 30 miles from the institution's main campus where the institution may be participating in an athletics contest. [13.7.1.4]
- (7) An institution may not provide visits to more than 56 football prospects during the 2004-05 academic year. In Division I-A and I-AA football, an institution may retain a maximum of six unused visits from the previous year. Such visits may be used only during the subsequent academic year. The Management Council may grant a waiver for an institution that has made a coaching change after it has used all or nearly all of its 56 visits. A Division I institution that does not subscribe to the National Letter of Intent and the national service academies may provide 70 visits, 56 of which may be provided before the National Letter of Intent signing date. A multisport athlete being recruited in the sport of football and any other sport (including basketball) must count against the visit limit for football. [13.7.1.6-(a), 13.7.1.6.1, 13.7.1.6.2, 13.7.1.6.3, 13.7.1.6.5, 13.7.1.6.7]

b. Length of Official Visit

The official visit may not exceed 48 hours, measured from the time a prospect first reaches campus or is entertained in any manner by the institution, whichever comes first, to the time of the prospect's departure from the campus.

If the prospect remains in the locale in which the institution is located beyond the 48-hour period for reasons unrelated to the visit, the institution may not pay the prospect's expenses to return home.

If a coach accompanies a prospect by automobile, the 48-hour period shall begin when the coach begins transporting the prospect to campus. On completion of the 48-hour period, the coach shall terminate contact with the prospect and his parents immediately. [13.6.2.2.3, 13.7.2, 13.7.2.1, 13.7.2.1.1]

c. Transportation

- (1) Only round-trip transportation costs by direct route between a prospect's home and the institution's campus may be paid. If commercial air transportation is used, the fare may not exceed coach (or comparable) class. [13.6.2.1, 13.6.2.3]
- (2) When a prospect travels by automobile, the institution may pay round-trip expenses to

the individual (other than the prospect's coach) incurring the expense at the same mileage rate it allows its own personnel. [13.6.2.2]

- (3) An institution may provide automobile mileage reimbursement to a prospect, even if relatives or friends accompany the prospect; however, the trip counts as an official visit for each recruited prospect in the automobile. [13.6.2.8-(a)]
- (4) An institution may provide local transportation between its campus and the bus or train station or nearest airport for the parents or relatives of a prospect. [13.6.2.8-(b)]
- (5) Except as permitted in Subparagraph 4, coaching staff members may not accompany a prospect, a prospect's friends or relatives to and from an official visit unless the prospect travels only by automobile. If such transportation is used, the 48-hour period shall begin when the coach begins transporting the prospect to campus. Upon completion of the 48-hour period, the coach shall terminate contact with the prospect and his parents immediately. [13.6.2.2.3]
- (6) The institution may not provide an automobile for use by the prospect or a student host during the visit. [13.6.2.2.2]
- (7) The institution may not transport the prospect by limousine or helicopter. [13.6.2.1]
- (8) Whenever an aircraft (other than a commercial airplane) is used to transport a prospect, payment for its use shall be at the established charter rate at the airport where the aircraft is based. [13.6.2.3.3]

d. Lodging

A prospect on an official visit shall be provided lodging and take meals as regular students normally do. Local commercial facilities may be used for meals and lodging but at a scale comparable to that of normal student life and only within a 30-mile radius of the institution's campus. [13.7.4]

e. Entertainment

- (1) An institution may provide meals, lodging or entertainment only for the prospect and the prospect's parents (or legal guardians) or spouse. It is not permissible to provide meals, lodging or entertainment to other relatives or friends of a prospect. [13.7.5.1, 13.7.6]
- (2) All entertainment on the official visit must

- take place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus. [13.7.5.1]
- (3) A maximum of three complimentary admissions to a home athletics event at any facility within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus 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 only through a pass list 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 those persons accompanying the prospect in the facility's press box, special seating box(es) or bench area is specifically prohibited. [13.7.5.2]
 - (4) An institution may not provide complimentary admissions to a prospect for a postseason conference tournament, NCAA championship (all rounds) or other postseason contests (e.g., bowl game). [13.7.5.2.1, 13.7.5.2.2]
 - (5) An institution may reserve tickets, only for the use of immediate family members accompanying the prospect during an official visit, for seat locations adjacent to the complimentary seats being provided to the prospect. These tickets must be purchased at face value. [13.7.5.2.3]
 - (6) An institution may arrange special on-campus parking for prospects during an official visit. [13.7.5.3]
 - (7) The institution may pay the actual cost for reasonable expenses (e.g., meals, lodging) incurred by a prospect while en route to and from campus on an official visit. [13.7.5.1.1]
 - (8) Cash may not be provided to a prospect for entertainment purposes during the official visit. [13.7.5.4]
 - (9) A student host entertaining a prospect is governed by the following:
 - The student host may be provided \$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. The student host

may be provided an additional \$15 per day for each additional prospect the host entertains. These funds may not be used to purchase souvenirs such as T-shirts or other institutional mementos. [13.02.5.1-(e)-(1), 13.7.5.5-(a)]

- The student host may be provided a complimentary meal, provided the student host is accompanying the prospect during the prospect's official visit. [13.02.5.1-(e)-(2), 13.7.5.5-(b)]
- The student host may be provided a complimentary admission to a campus athletics event in which the institution's team plays so he or she may accompany the prospect. [13.02.5.1-(e)-(3), 13.7.5.5-(c)]
- If several students host a prospect, the \$30 per day entertainment money may be used 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 used. [13.7.5.5.2]
- The student host must be an enrolled student in the NCAA member institution visited by the prospect. [13.7.5.5.3]
- A nonqualifier may not serve as a student host during his first academic year in residence. [13.7.5.5.3]

13. Unofficial (Non-Paid) Visit

a. Number Permitted

A prospect may visit an institution's campus at the prospect's own expense an unlimited number of times and may make an unofficial visit before the prospect's senior year in high school. [13.8.1]

b. Transportation

During the unofficial visit, the only transportation the institution may provide the prospect is to view off-campus practice and competition sites in the prospect's sport and other institutional facilities within a 30-mile radius of its campus. An institutional staff member must accompany the prospect during the trip. Providing transportation to attend one of the institution's home contests (on or off campus) shall be considered a violation. [13.6.3]

c. Entertainment/Tickets

- (1) During an unofficial visit, the institution may not pay any expenses or provide any entertainment except a maximum of three compli-

mentary admissions (issued only through a pass list) to a home athletics event within a 30-mile radius of campus 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 used 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. [13.8.2.1]

- (2) An institution may not provide complimentary admissions to a prospect for a postseason conference tournament, NCAA championship (all rounds) or other postseason contests (e.g., bowl game). [13.8.2.3, 13.8.2.4]
- (3) If an institution schedules any regular-season home games at a site not designated as its regular home facility, the host institution may provide a maximum of three complimentary admissions to any 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. [13.8.2.2]
- (4) 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. [13.8.2.1.4]
- (5) An institution may not arrange special parking for a prospect to use while attending an institution's campus athletics event during an unofficial visit. [13.8.2.1.5]
- (6) A Division I-AA institution that provides no more than 25 official visits may provide one meal to any prospect (and the prospect's parents or legal guardians if institutional policy permits such a meal to all prospective students' parents or legal guardians visiting the campus) without counting the visit as an offi-

cial visit. Under such circumstances, the prospect may not also be provided with an official visit by the institution in any sport. [13.8.2.1.1.1]

14. Entertainment of Prospects' Coaches

Entertainment of prospects' coaches is confined to providing a maximum of two complimentary admissions to a home athletics event. It is not permissible to provide food and refreshments, room expenses or the cost of transportation to and from campus. [13.9.1]

An institution may not reimburse a prospect's coach for expenses incurred in transporting a prospect to visit the campus. [13.9.1.1]

An institution may not provide material benefits such as a gift bearing the institution's insignia, payment for the coach's personal expenses (or anyone else responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospect is involved), transportation for the coach or gifts (including door prizes) in conjunction with a coaching clinic. [13.9.2, 13.9.2.1]

15. Tryouts

a. Prohibited Activities

It is not permissible for a member institution to conduct or have conducted on its behalf any athletics practice session, tryout or test at which one or more prospects reveal, demonstrate or display their athletics abilities in any sport. [13.12.1]

For purposes of the tryout rule, a prospect is defined as any individual who has started classes for the ninth grade and is not enrolled in the institution. [13.12.1.1]

b. Recreational Activities

It is permissible for a prospect to participate in physical workouts or other recreational activities during a visit to the institution's campus provided (1) they are not organized or observed by members of the athletics department coaching staff, and (2) they are not designed to test the athletics abilities of the prospect. [13.12.2.2]

c. Medical Examination

During a prospect's official or unofficial visit to campus, a physician designated by a member institution may conduct an on-campus medical examination of a prospect to determine the prospect's medical qualifications to participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided no athletics department staff member other than the

athletic trainer is present, the examination does not include any test or procedures designed to measure the athletics agility or the athletics skills of the prospect and the results of the examination are not used by the institution to deny admission of a prospect who is otherwise qualified for admission under the institution's regular admissions criteria. [13.12.2.5.1]

d. High-School/College Contests

An institution may not permit high-school, preparatory or two-year college football competition to be conducted in conjunction with a varsity collegiate event. [13.12.1.3]

e. Local Sports Club

A member of an institution's coaching staff may serve as a football coach for or be employed by a local club or organization located in the institution's home community, provided any prospect on the club team is a legal resident of an area within a 50-mile radius of the institution's main campus. Such a club may not be sponsored by any department of the institution or the institution's athletics booster group. [13.12.2.3, 13.12.2.3.1]

16. Tryout Exceptions

a. Developmental Clinics

A developmental clinic (which is open to the general public and its participants reside within the institution's state or within 100 miles of campus) conducted by an institution is not considered a tryout. However, the clinic must be designed to develop fundamental skills in a sport rather than to refine the abilities of skilled participants. The clinic may not provide material benefits (e.g., awards, prizes) to its participants, nor may recruiting presentations take place. [13.12.3.1]

b. "Open" Events

Participation by a prospect in competition conducted by or held on an institution's campus is not considered a tryout, provided the event is "open." An event is "open" only if the competition is not classified by age group and the selection of participants is not limited except by number, by geographical area or on the basis of an objective standard. [13.12.3.2]

c. Activities Not Involving Institution's Staff

Physical activities involving prospects on an institution's campus will not be considered a tryout, provided the institution's athletics department is not involved in the conduct, promotion or administration of the activity. [13.12.3.3]

d. State, Regional, National or International Training Programs or Competition

Participation by an institution's athletics department staff member with prospects involved in recognized state, regional, national or international training programs or competition organized and administered by the applicable governing body or athletics authority is not considered a tryout. [13.12.3.4]

e. High-school, Preparatory School and Two-Year College Contests

Regularly scheduled athletics contests involving prospects may be held on an institution's campus and may be conducted by an institution, provided the opportunity to participate in the contest is not limited to specific prospects or specific educational institutions. The contest must be approved by the appropriate state or national authority before the season, and the contest must appear on the educational institution's schedule of events. [13.12.3.5]

f. High-School, Preparatory School and Two-Year College Practice and Competition

The regular or emergency use of an institution's facilities by an educational institution is not considered a tryout provided the competition is approved by the appropriate state or national authority and the member institution is not involved in the selection of any school participating in the competition. [13.12.3.6]

g. Officiating

An institution's coach may officiate games involving prospects, provided the contest is regularly scheduled and conducted under the authority of an outside sports organization (e.g., state high-school association). [13.12.3.7]

Summer Conditioning

In football, a prospect who has signed a National Letter of Intent or, for those institutions not using the National Letter of Intent, a prospect who has signed an institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid (including a four-year college prospect), may engage in voluntary summer workouts conducted by an institution's certified strength and conditioning coach with department-wide duties. In I-AA, the certified strength and conditioning coach may also be a countable coach. [13.12.3.9.1, 13.12.3.9.2]

17. Sports Camps and Clinics

a. Institution's Sports Camp

An institution's sports camp (or clinic) is any camp

that is owned or operated by a member institution or an employee of a member institution's athletics department, either on or off its campus, and in which prospects participate. [13.13.1.1]

- (1) Camp participants—An institution's camp must be open to any and all entrants (limited only by number and age), except a "senior prospect" may not enroll, participate or be employed at such camps. [13.13.1.2, 13.13.1.2.1]
- (2) No free or reduced admissions—An institution, members of its staff or boosters may not employ or provide free or reduced admissions to individuals who have received athletics awards (e.g., letters) in grade nine or beyond, or any individual being recruited by the institution per Bylaw 13.02.10.1. [13.13.1.5.1]
- (3) Employment of coaches—An institution's sports camp may employ high-school, preparatory school and two-year college coaches to coach or lecture at its camp, provided their compensation is commensurate with the work performed. Also, any member institution's coach may be employed at another member institution's camp. [13.13.2.2, 13.13.2.3.2]

When camp may be conducted—Institutions may conduct instructional football camps only during the months of June, July and August. [13.13.1.1.2]

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, an institutional staff member employed at any camp or clinic (e.g., counselor, director) is prohibited from recruiting any prospect during the time period that the camp or clinic is conducted (i.e., from the time the prospect reports to the camp or clinic until the conclusion of all camp activities). The prohibition against recruiting includes extending verbal or written offers of financial aid to any prospect during his or her attendance at the camp or clinic. 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. [13.13.1.3]

b. Private Camps

A private camp is any camp that is not owned or operated by a member institution or an employee of

a member institution, regardless of whether the camp is located on a member institution's campus.

- (1) Other Noninstitutional Privately Owned Camps/Clinics—An institution's athletics department personnel may serve in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to institutional camps (e.g., open to any and all entrants, no free or reduced admission to or employment of athletics award winners). Participation in such camps is limited to the months of June, July and August. Additionally, an institution's athletics department personnel may serve in any capacity at a noninstitutional camp or clinic that is designed to develop fundamental skills in a sport (rather than refine the abilities of skilled participants in the sport); open to the general public (except for restrictions in age or number of participants); conducted primarily for educational purposes and does not include material benefits for the participants (e.g., awards, prizes, merchandise, gifts); participants do not receive a recruiting presentation; and all participants reside in the state in which the camp/clinic is located or within 100 miles of the camp/clinic. [13.13.2.3.2, 13.13.2.3.2.1]

In addition, no athletics department staff member may be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) by a camp or clinic established, sponsored or conducted by an individual or organization that provides recruiting or scouting services concerning prospects. [13.13.2.3.1]

- (2) Permissible evaluation activities—An institution's coach may engage in evaluation activities at a private camp, provided evaluation occurs during a permissible evaluation period.

18. Publicity

a. Media Presence During Contact

An institution's coach may not permit a media entity to be present during any recruiting contact. [13.11.1]

b. 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, an institutional staff member may comment publicly only to the extent of confirming the institution's recruitment of the prospect. An institutional staff member may not comment generally about the prospect's ability or the contribution the prospect might make to the institution's team. Additionally, an institutional staff member may not comment in any manner about the likelihood of the prospect signing with that institution. [13.11.2]

c. Announcement of Signing

- (1) Publicity released by an institution about a prospect may occur only after the prospect has signed a National Letter of Intent or the acceptance of the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid. Such communications may be released to media forms at the institution's discretion. However, an institution is prohibited from purchasing or receiving commercial advertising (e.g., print, media or billboard) to be used to identify a prospect by name or picture. There are no limits on the number of occasions that an institution may release such information. [13.11.8]
- (2) Institutional press conferences, receptions, dinners and similar meetings held for the purpose of making such an announcement are expressly prohibited. However, an institution may make an announcement on the institution's campus for the sole purpose of presenting to the media the names of all prospects who have signed offers of admission and/or athletically related aid in a particular sport, but no prospects (or their relatives or friends) may be in attendance. After the announcement, it is permissible for an institution to release information to the media on future occasions at its discretion. [13.11.8, 13.11.8.1]
- (3) Personal contact with a media representative by an institutional staff member at the site of the signing is prohibited. [13.11.8.2]
- (4) An institution is responsible for any signings on its campus. Any contact by the media with prospects on campus during the time the prospect signs a National Letter of Intent is considered *prima facie* evidence of institutional involvement in arranging media coverage and is prohibited. [13.11.8.3]

d. Radio/Television shows

A member institution may not permit a prospect or a high-school, college preparatory or two-year col-

lege coach to appear (in person or via film, audiotape or videotape) on a radio or television program in which it is involved in any manner (e.g., coach's show, game telecast). [13.11.3]

e. Introduction of Prospect

It is not permissible for an institution to make a general introduction of a prospect at a function (e.g., football game, team banquet) that is attended by media representatives or open to the general public. [13.11.5]

f. Prospect's Visit

An institution may not publicize or arrange publicity of the visit of a prospect to the institution's campus. Further, a prospect may not participate in team activities that would make the public or media aware of the prospect's visit to the institution (e.g., running out of the tunnel with team, celebratory walks to or around the stadium/arena, on-field pregame celebrations). It is permissible for an institution to photograph a prospect during a campus visit to use in promotional activities (e.g., press release, media guide), but the photograph may not be given to the prospect. [13.11.4, 13.11.7]

19. High-School All-Star Games

a. Coach Participation

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]

b. Use of Institutional Equipment

An institution may not provide its athletics equipment to a prospect to use in a high-school all-star game either before or after the prospect has signed a National Letter of Intent. [13.14.3]

20. Use of Recruiting Funds

All funds for recruiting prospects must be deposited with the institution, which shall be exclusively and entirely responsible for the manner in which such funds are expended. [13.15.1]

21. Precollege Expense

An institution may not provide or arrange financial assistance, directly or indirectly, to support the

costs of a prospect's education or other expenses before enrollment or so the prospect may obtain post-graduate education. [13.16.1]

An institution may not provide funding, directly or through paid advertisements, to benefit a high-school athletics program. An institution's athletics department staff members may not provide any financial contributions to a high-school athletics program through participation in a fund-raising event (e.g., paying greens fees to participate in a golf outing when a portion of the fees will go to benefit the high-school athletics program). Athletics staff members may individually purchase admission to attend events (e.g., athletics banquets, competitions) where funds from admission fees ultimately will benefit prospects, provided the primary purpose of the event is not to raise funds for prospects. [13.16.1.2, IC 8/3/95]

22. National Letter of Intent

An institution may indicate in writing to a prospect that an athletics grant-in aid will be offered by the institution; however, the prospect may not sign a form indicating the prospect's acceptance of such an award before the initial signing date for the National Letter of Intent. [13.10.1.2]

Signing dates for the 2004-05 National Letter of Intent may be accessed at www.nationalletter.org.

23. Initial Eligibility

The following information will be helpful as you speak with prospective student-athletes about NCAA initial-eligibility requirements.

The information is broken down into two sections, depending on when the prospective student-athlete will enroll for the first time at a collegiate institution:

- Students first entering a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2005 (incoming freshman classes of 2005, 2006 and 2007).
- Students first entering a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2008 (incoming freshman class of 2008 and beyond).

Please share this information with your prospects, their parents, their high-school coaches and other high-school personnel.

You are a very important source of information for these young adults. With your help, they will be better prepared to meet the requirements necessary for initial eligibility.

The rules may be found on the NCAA Web page at

www.ncaa.org under “Custom Home Pages” and “Prospect/Parent Page.”

New Rule

Prospects first entering any college in 2005 **MUST** use the **NEW** rule.

14 Core Courses:

4 years of English.

2 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).

2 years of natural/physical science

(1 year of lab if offered by high school).

1 year of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.

2 years of social science.

3 years of additional courses (from any area above or foreign language, nondoctrinal religion/ philosophy).

PLEASE NOTE: Computer science is being eliminated as an acceptable core-course area for students first entering any college or university on or after August 1, 2005. Students entering college on or after August 1, 2005, may not use any computer science courses in meeting the core-course requirements.

New Core GPA/Test Score Index

| Core GPA | SAT | ACT |
|---------------|-----|-----|
| 3.550 & above | 400 | 37 |
| 3.525 | 410 | 38 |
| 3.500 | 420 | 39 |
| 3.475 | 430 | 40 |
| 3.450 | 440 | 41 |
| 3.425 | 450 | 41 |
| 3.400 | 460 | 42 |
| 3.375 | 470 | 42 |
| 3.350 | 480 | 43 |
| 3.325 | 490 | 44 |
| 3.300 | 500 | 44 |
| 3.275 | 510 | 45 |
| 3.250 | 520 | 46 |
| 3.225 | 530 | 46 |
| 3.200 | 540 | 47 |
| 3.175 | 550 | 47 |
| 3.150 | 560 | 48 |
| 3.125 | 570 | 49 |
| 3.100 | 580 | 49 |
| 3.075 | 590 | 50 |
| 3.050 | 600 | 50 |
| 3.025 | 610 | 51 |

| | | |
|-------|---------|----|
| 3.000 | 620 | 52 |
| 2.975 | 630 | 52 |
| 2.950 | 640 | 53 |
| 2.925 | 650 | 53 |
| 2.900 | 660 | 54 |
| 2.875 | 670 | 55 |
| 2.850 | 680 | 56 |
| 2.825 | 690 | 56 |
| 2.800 | 700 | 57 |
| 2.775 | 710 | 58 |
| 2.750 | 720 | 59 |
| 2.725 | 730 | 59 |
| 2.700 | 730 | 60 |
| 2.675 | 740-750 | 61 |
| 2.650 | 760 | 62 |
| 2.625 | 770 | 63 |
| 2.600 | 780 | 64 |
| 2.575 | 790 | 65 |
| 2.550 | 800 | 66 |
| 2.525 | 810 | 67 |
| 2.500 | 820 | 68 |
| 2.475 | 830 | 69 |
| 2.450 | 840-850 | 70 |
| 2.425 | 860 | 70 |
| 2.400 | 860 | 71 |
| 2.375 | 870 | 72 |
| 2.350 | 880 | 73 |
| 2.325 | 890 | 74 |
| 2.300 | 900 | 75 |
| 2.275 | 910 | 76 |
| 2.250 | 920 | 77 |
| 2.225 | 930 | 78 |
| 2.200 | 940 | 79 |
| 2.175 | 950 | 80 |
| 2.150 | 960 | 80 |
| 2.125 | 960 | 81 |
| 2.100 | 970 | 82 |
| 2.075 | 980 | 83 |
| 2.050 | 990 | 84 |
| 2.025 | 1000 | 85 |
| 2.000 | 1010 | 86 |

Rule For Prospective Student-Athletes Entering On or After August 1, 2008

16 Core Courses:

4 years of English.

3 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).

2 years of natural/physical science

(1 year of lab if offered by high school).

1 year of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.

2 years of social science.

4 years of additional courses (from any area above or foreign language, nondoctrinal religion/ philosophy).

Use the test score/grade-point average index on Page 34 for this rule.

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