

- 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. (Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/90)

**13.02.6 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 intercollegiate athletics program.

**13.02.6.1 Recruited Prospect.** Actions by staff members or athletics representatives that cause a prospect to become a recruited prospect 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)

**Representative of Athletics Interest.** A

"representative of the institution's athletics interests" is an individual who is known (or who should have been known) by a member of the institution's executive or athletics administration to:

- a. Have participated in or to be a member of an agency or organization promoting the institution's intercollegiate 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.

**13.02.7.1 Representative of Athletics Interests.** Once an individual is identified as such a representative, the person retains that identity indefinitely.

**13.02.8 Telephone Calls.** The definition of a telephone call includes a facsimile or other electronically transmitted correspondence. (Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/14/97)

**13.02.9 Visits by Prospects**

**13.02.9.1 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, or by a representative of the institution's athletics interests (see Bylaw 13.7)

**13.02.9.2 Unofficial Visit.** An unofficial visit to a member institution by a prospective student-athlete is a visit made at a prospect's own expense (see Bylaw 13.8). 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 Bylaw 13.8.2.1;
- 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)
- c. An institution may provide a meal to the prospect at the institution's on-campus student dining facilities during an unofficial visit. In addition, an institution may provide a meal in an off-campus dining facility when all on-campus dining facilities are closed, provided the institution can certify that it is the institution's normal policy to provide such a meal under similar circumstances to all prospective students (including nonathletes) visiting the campus; and
- d. A member institution may provide housing to the prospect, provided such housing is generally available to all visiting prospective students.

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## *Bylaw, Article 13, Recruiting Educational Brochure*



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## **Bylaw Article 13**

### **Recruiting**

#### **13.01 General Principles**

##### **13.01.1 Eligibility Effects of Recruiting Violation.**

The recruitment of a prospect 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 Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement 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 Recruiting by Representative of Athletics**

**Interests.** Representatives of an institution's athletics interests (as defined in Bylaw 13.02.7) may make in-person, on- or off-campus recruiting contacts with a prospect; however, such off-campus contact may not occur until the conclusion of the prospect's junior year in high school.

**13.01.5 Time Periods for Contacts.** In person, off-campus contacts with a prospect or a prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s) may not be made until the prospect has completed the junior year in high school. (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)

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

##### **13.01.7 Compliance with Legislation for Emerging Sports.**

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

**13.02.2 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 athletics department staff member or athletics representative during which any dialogue occurs in excess of an exchange of 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. (Adopted: 1/13/03, Revised: 1/12/04)

**13.02.3 Student-Athlete.** An individual becomes a student-athlete when either of the following conditions are satisfied:

- a. The individual's enrollment was enlisted by a member of the athletics staff or other representative of the institution's athletics interests that are viewed toward the student's ultimate participation in the intercollegiate athletics program and the student-athlete attends the first day of class while enrolled in at least a minimum full-time program of studies; or
- b. The individual participates in an intercollegiate squad practice or contest that is under the jurisdiction of the athletics department.

##### **13.02.3.1 Permissible Recruitment**

###### **Activities for Enrolled Student-Athletes.**

- a. **Telephone contact.** It is permissible for an enrolled student-athlete to receive telephone calls made at the expense of a prospect after July 1 after the completion of the prospect's junior year in high school. Telephone calls made by enrolled students in accordance with an institution's regular admissions program directed at all prospective students shall be permissible. In addition, an institution may permit an enrolled student-athlete to telephone a prospect at the institution's expense, provided the call is only for the purpose of recruitment and is with the full knowledge of the athletics department.
- b. **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 \$20 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 \$10 per day for each additional prospect the host entertains. In the event that several students host a prospect, the \$20 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; (Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)
  - (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.
- c. Unofficial visits.** A prospect on an unofficial visit may stay in an enrolled student-athlete's dormitory room, provided the housing is available to all visiting prospective students.

**13.02.4 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.

**13.02.5 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 occurs earlier):