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Film Review -- Prospective Student-Athletes and Coaching Staff Members (I)

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In general, a prospective student-athlete, who has not committed* to the institution, may engage in limited film review activities as part of the recruiting process. However, if the prospective student-athlete has committed* to the institution, then the prospective student-athlete may not participate in any film review activities. All questions below address the film review activities of prospective student-athletes who have not committed* to the institution.

***References to "commitment" include a signed National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or have submitted a financial deposit to the institution in response to the institution's offer of admission.**

Question No. 1: May a coach and prospective student-athlete view the prospective student-athlete's film (e.g., game film, highlight video, YouTube clip)? If so, may the coach provide feedback and/or instruction to the prospective student-athlete regarding his or her film during the viewing?

Answer No. 1: A coach and prospective student-athlete may view the prospective student-athlete's film. Further, the coach may provide general feedback (e.g., general items for improvement or identifying how the prospective student-athlete fits into the program's system) without such feedback constituting a practice activity. However, the coach may not provide the prospective student-athlete with instruction while viewing the film.

Question No. 2: May the coach and prospective student-athlete view the prospective student-athlete's film on a regular (e.g., weekly or monthly) basis?

Answer No. 2: No. Viewing a prospective student-athlete's film with the prospective student-athlete frequently or on a regular basis would constitute an impermissible practice activity. The coaching staff member should only view the prospective student-athlete's film with the prospective student-athlete on a limited basis as part of the recruiting process.

Question No. 3: May a coach and prospective student-athlete view the prospective student-athlete's film during a home visit?

Answer No. 3: Yes. However, the institution would need to account for the contact.

Question No. 4: May a coach and prospective student-athlete view the team's game/practice film or one or more student-athlete's game/practice film? Further, may the coach provide feedback and/or instruction to the prospective student-athlete during the viewing?

Answer No. 4: The coach and prospective student-athlete may view the team's game/practice film or a student-athlete's game/practice film provided the film is not created for recruiting purposes. Further, the coach may provide general feedback (e.g., general items for improvement, identifying how the prospective student-athlete fits into the program's system or explaining how current student-athletes have improved their skills under the coach's teaching) without such feedback constituting a practice activity. However, the coach may not provide the prospective student-athlete with instruction while viewing the film.

Question No. 5: May a prospective student-athlete observe a team's film review session, which is closed to the general public, during an official or unofficial visit to campus?

Answer No. 5: Yes, provided the prospective student-athlete has not committed* to the institution and only observes the film review session.

Question No. 6: May a prospective student-athlete observe a team's film review session, which is closed to the general public, on a weekly or monthly basis?

Answer No. 6: No. Observing a team's film review session frequently or on a regular basis would constitute an impermissible practice activity. The prospective student-athlete should only observe a team's film review session on a limited basis as part of the recruiting process.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.4.1.7.2 (material not created for recruiting purposes) and 14.2.1.1.1 (prohibited practice activities)]

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References

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