

## Educational Column - 1 Educational Column

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Recruiting -- Tryouts -- Exception (III)

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**Question No. 1:** Are there any restrictions on what activities may occur during the private lesson? Would playing lessons be permitted?

**Answer:** Private lessons may include any instructive guidance to a prospect about a sport, including playing lessons. A private lesson should not be used to test a prospective student-athlete's playing abilities or for other tryout purposes.

**Question No. 2:** How is this proposal different from what is allowed when golf or tennis professionals give lessons under the local sports-club exception?

**Answer:** The local sports club exception (See NCAA Bylaw 13.11.3.4) allows a coach in any sport to give lessons to prospects so long as the lesson is conducted through a local sports club's normal individual lesson schedule and operations. This proposal is distinct from the local sports club exception in that it would allow a coach to provide private lessons directly to a prospect without requiring it to be conducted through local sports club operations.

**Question No. 3:** Who is considered a prospect for this proposal? Can an institutional coach provide private lessons to students or student-athletes of other four-year collegiate institutions?

**Answer:** Per Bylaw 13.11.1, a prospect is defined as any individual who has started classes for the ninth grade and is not enrolled in the member institution at the time of the practice or test therein described. Regardless of whether written permission to contact has been granted or a self-release has been properly executed, such an individual is considered a prospective student-athlete under Bylaw 13.11.1 for purposes of the tryout legislation. However, an institution's coach may provide private lessons to a four-year college prospect from another institution. Provided no recruiting activities occur while providing a private lesson under Bylaw 11.3.2.

**Question No. 4:** May current student-athletes take private lessons from coaches from another institution during the student-athlete's playing season?

**Answer:** Yes, according to the provisions noted in the answer above.

**Question No. 5:** May the coach promote or advertise the private lessons?

**Answer:** Yes. These promotions should indicate that the lessons are available to the general public and should not be targeted toward any one prospect or towards prospects generally.

**Question No. 6:** May institutional facilities be used for the private lessons?

**Answer:** Yes, if the coach pays the standard rate to use the facility and follows institutional policy.

**Question No. 7:** What if the coach has access to facilities at no cost as part of his or her employment, do they have pay for those institutional facilities to be used for the private lessons?

**Answer:** No. The coach would not have to pay for facilities he or she could normally access for no cost provided the prospects receiving lessons are charged the going rate in the locale of the institution.

**Question No. 8:** How are private lessons distinguished from camps or clinics?

**Answer:** Private lessons are geared primarily toward one-on-one and small group instruction, whereas camps or clinics include more broad-based instruction and programming for large groups.

[References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 11.3.2 (Private Lessons), 13.11.1 (Prospective Student-Athlete Defined for Tryout-Rule Purposes), 13.11.3.4 (Sports Club Teams) and an education column (01/07/2006, Item No. 2, which has been archived)]

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## References

<b>Legislative References</b>		
Div.	Number	Title
III	11.3.2	Private Lessons.
III	13.11.1	Prospective Student-Athlete Defined for Tryout-Rule Purposes.
III	13.11.3.4	Sports Club Teams.

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