

## Educational Column - 1 Educational Column

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Institutional Coaching Staff Members Involved with Outside Teams Including Prospective Student-Athletes (I)

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NCAA Division I member institutions should note that tryout legislation prohibits an institution from conducting (or having conducted on its behalf) any physical activity on its campus or elsewhere at which one or more prospective student-athletes reveal, demonstrate or display their athletics ability in any sport except permissible tryout activities or tryout exceptions. Accordingly, it is not permissible for an institutional coaching staff member (including a volunteer coach) to be involved with the coaching or administration of an outside team that includes prospective student-athletes, including summer league and travel teams, unless the involvement is a permissible tryout activity or tryout exception.

The tryout prohibition applies to any individual considered a prospective student-athlete, including high school, two-year college and four-year college prospective student-athletes. The tryout prohibition remains in effect until the prospective student-athlete becomes a student-athlete by:

1. Registering and enrolling full-time in a regular academic term at a four-year institution and attending classes;
2. Participating in regular squad practice or competition at a four-year institution before the beginning of any term;
3. Registering, enrolling and attending classes during the certifying institution's summer term prior to his or her initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution; or
4. Reporting to an institutional orientation session that is open to all incoming students within 14-calendar days prior to the opening day of classes of a regular academic year term.

An institutional coaching staff member may be involved with an outside team that includes student-athletes from other four-year institutions. However, if the coach's institution has received permission to contact a particular student-athlete, then NCAA recruiting rules apply. As a result, the coach is not permitted to be involved with any outside team that includes that student-athlete.

In sports other than basketball, the local sports club legislation permits an institutional coaching staff member to be involved in any capacity (e.g., as a participant, administrator or instructional or coaching activities) with a local sports club or organization located in the institution's home community that includes prospective student-athletes; however, all participating prospective student-athletes on the coach's team(s) must reside within a 50-mile radius of the institution and the institution cannot be a sponsor of the club.

For example, in baseball, it is permissible for an institution's coach to serve as a coach for a summer league team involving student-athletes from other four-year institutions. However, the coach cannot be involved in any capacity (e.g., manager, coach, scout) if the team includes prospective student-athletes, including high school, two-year college or four-year college prospective student athletes, unless the team and its participants satisfy the local sports club legislation (e.g., all participating prospective student-athletes on the coach's team reside within a 50-mile radius of the institution) or an exception to the tryout legislation.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.02.12 (prospective student-athlete), 13.1.1.3 (four-year college prospective student-athletes), 13.11.1 (prohibited activities), 13.11.2 (permissible activities), 13.11.2.4 (local sports clubs), 13.11.3 (tryout exceptions) and 17.29.2 (outside-team tours)]

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### References

Legislative References			Other
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