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

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NCAA Division II member institutions should note that NCAA Division II Bylaw 13.11.1 (prohibited activities) 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 as permitted under Bylaws 13.11.2 (local sports clubs) and 13.11.3 (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, pursuant to Bylaws 13.11.2 or 13.11.3.

The tryout prohibition is applicable 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; or
2. Participating in regular squad practice or competition at a four-year collegiate institution.

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 it is not permissible for the coach to be involved with an outside team that includes that student-athlete because NCAA recruiting rules begin to apply once the institution receives permission to contact per Bylaw 13.1.1.2 (four-year college prospective student-athletes).

Pursuant to Bylaw 13.11.2.4, an institutional coaching staff member in sports other than basketball may be involved in any capacity (e.g., as a participant or in instructional or coaching activities) with a local sports club or organization located in the institution's home community that includes prospective student-athletes, provided all participating prospective student-athletes on the coach's team(s) reside within a 100-mile radius of the institution and there is no institutional sponsorship 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 100-mile radius of the institution) or another exception to the tryout legislation.

[References: NCAA Division II Bylaws 13.02.9 (prospective student-athlete), 13.1.1.2 (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 (sanctioned outside-team tours)]

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References

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