



**2015-16 NCAA Division I Council-Governance Legislative Proposals  
Question and Answer Document  
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This document contains questions and answers to assist the NCAA membership in its understanding of selected proposals.

**NCAA Proposal No. 2015-36 Recruiting -- Application of Recruiting Rules After Commitment -- Commitment Before the National Letter of Intent Regular Signing Period**

**Question No. 1:** How does the proposal apply to 4-4 transfer student-athletes?

**Answer:** The proposal does not apply to 4-4 transfer student-athletes because there are no NLI signing periods for such prospective student-athletes.

**Question No. 2:** How does this proposal apply to midyear enrollees who only sign an institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid?

**Answer:** For purposes of this proposal, as it relates to midyear enrollees, the applicable initial regular signing period is the one that occurs during the same academic year as the student-athlete's midyear enrollment. For example, for a prospective student-athlete who intends to enroll in January 2017, the applicable initial regular signing period begins in February 2017 for football, soccer and men's water polo or April 2017 for all other sports. For such a prospective student-athlete, the rules in NCAA Bylaw 13.1 (contacts and evaluations) continue to apply until he or she enrolls even if he or she signs a financial aid agreement on or after August 1 of his or her senior year in high school but before the initial regular NLI signing period.

**Question No. 3:** How does this proposal apply to a prospective student-athlete who only submits a financial deposit in response to an offer of admission?

**Answer:** This proposal does not change the application of the current legislation as it relates to a prospective student-athlete who only submits a financial deposit in response to an offer of admission. In other words, once such a prospective student-athlete submits a financial deposit in response to an offer of admission, he or she is no longer subject to the restrictions of Bylaw 13.1 (contacts and evaluations).

**Proposal No. 2015-37-FBS Recruiting -- Contacts and Evaluations -- Football -- Contact with Juniors During Spring Evaluation Period**

**Question:** Do the restrictions on an Football Bowl Subdivision head coach recruiting during the spring evaluation period also apply to contacts with juniors?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Proposal No. 2015-38 Recruiting – Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes – Transfer – Permission to Contact – Written Policies**

**Question:** Regarding the requirement that written policies include a description of services and benefits that will or will not be provided to a student-athlete who requests permission to contact or indicates his or her intention to transfer, may an institution's written policies include a stipulation that allows for exceptions and case-by-case decisions?

**Answer:** Yes. The proposal would require an institution to provide a description of services and benefits that will or will not be provided to a student-athlete who requests permission to contact or indicates his or her intention to transfer; however, it is permissible for the published policies to specify that exceptions and case-by-case decisions may be made.

**Proposal No. 2015-40 Recruiting -- Telephone Calls and Recruiting Materials -- Telephone Calls and Electronic Correspondence to a Coach Who is the Parent of a Prospective Student-Athlete**

**Question:** Does this proposal allow an institution's coaching staff member to place a telephone call or send an email to a coach who is also the parent of a prospective student-athlete for the purpose of soliciting the prospective student-athlete's enrollment at any time (e.g., prospective student-athlete's freshman year in high school)?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Proposal No. 2015-52 Recruiting -- Transportation on Official Visit -- Prospective Student-Athlete's Parents or Legal Guardians – FBS**

**Question:** Do the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians need to travel with the prospective student-athlete in order for the institution to pay for the round-trip costs?

**Answer:** No; the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians may travel separately from the prospective student-athlete for the official visit.

**Proposal No. 2015-53 Recruiting -- Official (Paid) Visit -- Number of Official Visits -- Men's Basketball -- 24 Visits in a Rolling Two-Year Period**

**Question No. 1:** Which year is the first year of the "rolling" two-year period?

**Answer:** 2016-17 will be the first year. Therefore, the number of visits that will be available to provide in 2017-18 will be based on the number of visits provided in 2016-17.

**Question No. 2:** How is the "rolling" two-year period applied?

**Answer:** Once the second year under the legislation begins, the rolling two-year period will include the current year and the previous year rather than separate succeeding two-year periods. Beginning with 2017-18, the number of visits available during any given year depends on the number of visits provided during the previous year.

For example, if an institution provides 10 official visits in 2016-17, the institution would be permitted to provide up to 14 official visits in 2017-18. If the institution were to provide the 14 permissible official visits for 2017-18, then the institution would be permitted to provide up to 10 official visits for 2018-19. The 2018-19 year would not start a new separate two-year period in which the institution could provide up to 24 official visits.

**Question No. 3:** How does the "head coaching change" exception apply with the proposal?

**Answer:** There is no change to the exception. The number of additional visits available under the exception will depend on the number of visits available for the applicable year, which will depend on the number of visits provided in the previous year. For example, if an institution used 14 visits in the previous year, the limit for the following year would be 10. If the first coach used at least eight visits, the new coach could use ninth and 10th visits and up to two more based on 25 percent of 10 visits. However, for purposes of the two-year period, the institution would have used only the 10 visits for the year. Note that no fraction of a visit (based on 25 percent of the applicable limit) may be rounded up. For example, 2.5 visits may not be rounded up to three.

**Proposal No. 2015-55 Recruiting -- Tryouts -- Exceptions -- Voluntary Summer Conditioning -- After Commitment -- Sports Other Than Football**

**Proposal No. 2015-56-FBS/FCS Recruiting -- Tryouts -- Exceptions -- Voluntary Summer Conditioning -- After Commitment**

**Proposal No. 2015-57 Recruiting -- Tryouts -- Exceptions -- Voluntary Summer Conditioning -- After Commitment -- Basketball**

**Question No. 1:** May the voluntary summer conditioning activities occur at the same time as required summer athletic activities?

**Answer:** No.

**Question No. 2:** May the voluntary summer conditioning activities occur off campus?

**Answer:** No.

**Proposal No. 2015-58 Recruiting -- Camps and Clinics -- Employment at Camp or Clinic -- Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics – Baseball**

**Question No. 1:** May a coach or a noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to baseball be employed at a noninstitutional fundamental skills camp/clinic during a quiet period?

**Answer:** Yes, provided it meets the requirements of a noninstitutional fundamental skills camp/clinic.

**Question No. 2:** May a manager with responsibilities specific to baseball be employed at another institution's camp/clinic or a noninstitutional camp/clinic during a quiet period?

**Answer:** Yes, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to institutional camps (e.g., open to any and all entrants, no free or reduced admission to or employment of athletics award winners).

**Proposal No. 2015-59 Recruiting -- Camps and Clinics – Location Restriction and Employment at Camp or Clinic -- Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics – FBS**

**Proposal No. 2015-60 Recruiting -- Camps and Clinics -- Employment at Camp or Clinic -- Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics – FBS**

**Question No. 1:** May a coach or a noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to football be employed at a noninstitutional fundamental skills camp/clinic?

**Answer:** Yes, provided it meets the requirements of a noninstitutional fundamental skills camp/clinic.

**Question No. 2:** May a manager with responsibilities specific to football be employed at another institution's camp/clinic or a noninstitutional camp/clinic?

**Answer:** Yes, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to institutional camps (e.g., open to any and all entrants, no free or reduced admission to or employment of athletics award winners).

**Proposal No. 2015-61 Recruiting -- Camps and Clinics -- Employment at Camp or Clinic -- Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics -- Women's Volleyball**

**Question No. 1:** May a coach or a noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to volleyball be employed at a noninstitutional fundamental skills camp/clinic conducted off campus during a quiet period?

**Answer:** Yes, provided it meets the requirements of a noninstitutional fundamental skills camp/clinic.

**Question No. 2:** May a manager with responsibilities specific to volleyball be employed at another institution's camp/clinic or a noninstitutional camp/clinic conducted off the manager's campus during a quiet period?

**Answer:** Yes, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to institutional camps (e.g., open to any and all entrants, no free or reduced admission to or employment of athletics award winners).

**Proposal No. 2015-73 Playing and Practice Seasons -- Summer Athletic Activities -- Enrollment in One Summer Term -- Basketball**

**Proposal No. 2015-74-FBS/FCS Playing and Practice Seasons -- Summer Athletic Activities -- Enrollment in One Summer Term**

**Question No. 1:** May an incoming prospective student-athlete participate in summer athletic activities before the summer term in which he or she is enrolled begins? For example, may a prospective student-athlete begin participating in summer athletic activities that begin three weeks before a five-week summer term in which he is enrolled?

**Answer:** Yes; however, if the prospective student-athlete participates in the summer athletic activities but does not ultimately attend summer school, a violation would occur. If the individual attends the summer course but withdraws from the course before the summer session is complete, no

violation occurs, provided he or she ceases participation in the summer athletic activities on withdrawal from the course.

**Question No. 2:** An incoming student-athlete plans to enroll in a five-week, three credit hour course (degree-applicable) that begins at the same time that summer athletic activities will begin. May the individual participate in the athletic activities for the three weeks after the summer course ends?

**Answer:** Yes, provided the student-athlete remains enrolled for the five-week duration of the course. If he or she withdraws before the course ends, he or she must cease participation in summer athletic activities at that time.

**Question No. 3:** May a student-athlete who is participating in summer athletic activities before or after the duration of the summer course in which he or she is enrolled receive room and board during those times?

**Answer:** No. Room and board may only be provided, pursuant to Bylaw 15.2.8, during the period of the award for summer courses in which a student-athlete is enrolled.

**Proposal No. 2015-77 Playing and Practice Seasons -- Football -- Preseason Practice -- Five-Day Acclimatization Period -- Academic Orientation -- FCS**

**Question No. 1:** Is a student-athlete who joins the team after preseason practice required to go through an academic orientation program?

**Answer:** No.

**Proposal No. 2015-78-FBS/FCS Playing and Practice Seasons -- Football -- Five-Day Acclimatization Period -- Application to Playing Season**

**Question No. 1:** Does the five-day acclimatization period apply to spring practice?

**Answer:** No.