

INTERPRETATIONS

Staff Interpretation

Food and Beverage During Unofficial Visits (I)

Division: I

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Item Ref: a

Interpretation:

The academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that during an unofficial visit, an institution may provide food and beverages to a prospective student-athlete and individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete (even if the meal is not open to the public), provided the prospective student-athlete and any individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete pay the actual cost.

[References: Bylaws: 13.02.17.2 (unofficial visit); 13.7.2.1 (general restrictions); 13.7.2.1.2 (meals); 13.7.3 (activities during unofficial visits); and an official interpretation, 8/27/1992 Item Ref. 2 (institution organizing picnic for prospects and prospects' parents during unofficial visit), which has been archived]

Official Interpretation

Prospective Student-Athlete's Prospect-Aged Sibling Receiving Meals, Lodging, and/or Entertainment While Accompanying the Prospective Student-Athlete on an Official Visit (I)

Division: I

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Interpretation:

The committee confirmed that it is permissible for an institution to provide meals, lodging and/or entertainment during an official visit to the sibling of a prospective student-athlete, who is also prospect-aged or is being recruited by the institution without constituting an official visit for the prospective student-athlete's sibling, provided no recruitment of the sibling occurs during the visit and he or she is included in the four permissible family members' meals, lodging, and/or entertainment.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.6.6.1 (lodging for additional persons), 13.6.7.1 (general restrictions) and 13.6.7.7 (meals on official visit) and staff interpretation (1/05/2017 Item No. A), which has been archived]

Official Interpretation

Entertainment During Unofficial and Official Visits (I)

Division: I

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Interpretation:

The committee reviewed issues related to entertainment during a prospective student-athlete's unofficial or official visit and determined the following:

Unofficial Visits

In general, an institution's athletic department may not provide or arrange entertainment for a prospective student-athlete's unofficial visit. Specifically, during an unofficial visit, it is not permissible for the athletics department:

- a. To provide special additions to an event or area as entertainment (e.g. carnival games, gaming recreational vehicles), even if the prospective student-athlete pays for the cost of the entertainment; or
- b. To arrange for the appearance or performance of a mascot, cheerleading squad, dance team or band as entertainment at an event not open to the public.

However, during an unofficial visit, it remains permissible for the prospective student-athlete to engage in entertainment that is:

- a. Open to the public (e.g., campus bowling alley), if the prospective student-athlete pays the cost for the entertainment; or
- b. Restricted to student-athletes (e.g., video games or pool table in the locker room), if it is in its normal location and is not a special addition for a recruiting visit.

Official Visits

During an official visit, it is permissible for an institution's athletic department to provide or arrange entertainment for a prospective student-athlete's visit, if the cost of the entertainment is paid with student host money. Specifically, during an official visit, it is permissible for the athletics department to provide entertainment that would otherwise be considered a special

addition to an event or area as entertainment (e.g. carnival games, gaming recreational vehicles) if the cost of the entertainment is paid for with student host money. However, it is not permissible to arrange for the appearance or performance of a mascot, cheerleading squad, dance team or band as entertainment even if there is no cost associated with the appearance. Such activities would constitute the celebratizing of the campus visit.

[References: Bylaws: 13.02.17.1 (official visits); 13.02.17.2 (unofficial visit); 13.6.7.1 (general restrictions); 13.6.7.5 (student host); 13.6.7.9 (activities during official visit); 13.7.2.1 (general restrictions); 13.7.3 (activities during unofficial visits); 13.10.2.4 (prospective student-athlete's visit)]

Staff Interpretation

Transportation Expenses for a Prospective Student-Athletes Parents or Legal Guardians – Basketball and Bowl Subdivision Football (I)

Division: I

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Date Published: May 05, 2017

Item Ref: a

Interpretation:

The academic and membership affairs staff determined if a prospective student-athlete's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) travel by car on an official visit, the institution may pay round-trip expenses at the same mileage rate it allows its own personnel or the cost of a rental car up to that same mileage rate.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 13.5.2.2 (automobile transportation), 13.5.2.6.1 (exception-transportation expenses for a prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians - basketball) and 13.5.2.6.2 (exception-transportation expenses for a prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians - bowl subdivision football) and a staff interpretation (10/18/89, Item No. b)]

Official Interpretation

Conditioning Activities Outside of the Playing Season -- Game Simulations and Instruction (I)

Division: I

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Interpretation:

The committee determined that required conditioning activities outside of the playing season may only include weight training or conditioning activities. Simulating game activities (e.g., running bases) are permissible provided no offensive or defensive alignments are used and no equipment related to the sport (e.g., blocking sleds in football) is used. An alignment is used when more than two student-athletes are arranged in a sport-specific formation. Simulation of game activities cannot include or simulate contact-related drills or activities (e.g., wrestling, blocking drills). Further, a coaching staff member may only provide instruction specific to the weight training or conditioning activity being performed (e.g., proper bench press technique). A coaching staff member may not provide skill instruction related to aspects of his or her sport (e.g., receiver progressions in football) as part of weight training or conditioning activities.

[Reference: NCAA Division I Bylaws 17.1.7.2 (weekly hour limitations -- outside the playing season), 17.1.7.2.3 (conditioning activities), and staff interpretation (3/23/2012, Item No. a) which has been archived]