

INTERPRETATIONS

Official Interpretation

Involvement of Noncoaching Staff Members and Student Managers with Recreational Activities (I)

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Interpretation: The NCAA Division I Interpretations Committee determined that noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities (e.g., director of operations) are not permitted to observe recreational activities involving prospective student-athletes and/or student-athletes during a prospective student-athlete's visit to the institution's campus. Institutional staff members may be present for reasons incidental to job responsibilities either in supervising the use of the facility (e.g., facilities staff) or to ensure the health and safety of the prospective student-athletes and student-athletes (e.g., trainer).

Student managers may observe and participate in recreational activities with prospective student-athletes and student-athletes on the institution's campus, provided involvement is not at the direction of the coaching staff and the student manager does not report any information related to these activities to the coaching staff.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaw 11.7.3 (noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities), 13.11.2.3 (recreational activities)]

Staff Interpretation

Exceptions Available to Graduate Transfer Student-Athletes (I)

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Interpretation: The NCAA academic and membership affairs staff confirmed a student-athlete who enrolls in a graduate or professional program at a different institution must meet the one-time transfer exception for postbaccalaureate participation at the time of initial full-time enrollment in order to practice or compete in intercollegiate athletics.

The exceptions intended for undergraduate student-athletes as set forth in NCAA Bylaw 14.5.5.2 are not meant to be used to certify a graduate transfer student-athlete as eligible to practice or compete in intercollegiate athletics at the graduate institution.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 14.5.5.2 (exceptions for transfers from four-year colleges), 14.6 (graduate student/postbaccalaureate participation) and 14.6.1 (one-time transfer exception).]