

## Official and Unofficial Visits

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## Objective

Identify the fundamental application of recruiting legislation to official and unofficial visits.

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## Overview

- Newly Adopted Legislation.
- Official/Unofficial Visit Overview.
- Committee for Legislative Relief Update.
- Case Studies.

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## NCAA Event App

- Visit the Regional Rules web page at <http://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/events/regional-rules-seminars>, or
- Scan the QR code.



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## NEWLY ADOPTED LEGISLATION 2015-16

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## Newly Adopted Legislation

### Autonomy Proposal No. 2015-21

Effective: August 1, 2016

Permits meals, lodging and entertainment for up to four family members accompanying a PSA on an official visit.

- A family member is defined as a spouse, parent or legal guardian, child, sibling, grandparent, domestic partner or any individual whose close association with the PSA is the practical equivalent of a family relationship.

Permits up-to six complimentary admissions to a home athletics event to the PSA and those individuals accompanying him/her on an official visit.

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## Newly Adopted Legislation

### Proposal No. 2015-90 -- FBS/FCS

Effective: August 1, 2016

With the adoption of Autonomy Proposal No. 2015-21, eliminate the exception to complementary admissions during official visits for two additional family members.

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## Newly Adopted Legislation

### Proposal No. 2015-52 -- FBS

Effective: August 1, 2016

In football bowl subdivision, permits actual round-trip transportation expenses for a PSA's parents or legal guardians (up to two individuals) to accompany the PSA on an official visit.

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## Newly Adopted Legislation

### Proposal No. 2015-53

Effective: August 1, 2016

In men's basketball, permit the institution to provide up to 24 official visits in a rolling two-year period.

- Up to 30 official visits for service academies.
- Limit of 12 official visits may occur before the initial signing date of the National Letter of Intent.

Example:

• 2016-17 = 10 official visits	→	24 official visits in 2016-17 and 2017-18.
• 2017-18 = 14 official visits	→	22 official visits in 2017-18 and 2018-19.
• 2018-19 = 8 official visits	→	24 official visits in 2018-19 and 2019-20.
• 2019-20 = 16 official visits	→	

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## Newly Adopted Legislation

**Proposal No. 2016-1**  
Effective: Immediate

Eliminate the requirement that a high school or preparatory school PSA must present an institution with a score from a PSAT, SAT, PLAN or ACT before an institution may provide an official visit to the PSA.

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## OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL VISITS

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## Official Visit Definition

- Prospective student-athlete's visit to an NCAA member institution's campus that is financed in whole, or in part by the institution.

NCAA Bylaw 13.02.16.1

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## Official Visit Limitations

- Prospective Student-Athletes:
  - One visit, per institution.
  - A maximum of five expense-paid visits.
    - Prospective student-athlete may receive five additional visits beginning October 15 after completion of high school.
- Members Institutions (Nonservice Academies):
  - MBA - 25
  - MBB - 24 per rolling two year period [Effective 8/1/2016].
  - MFB - 56
- First Permissible Date:
  - MBB - January 1 of PSA's junior year.
  - WBB - Thursday after WBB Championship of PSA's junior year.
  - All Other Sports - Opening day of classes of the PSA's senior year.

Bylaws 13.6.2 and 13.6.2.6

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## Official Visit Limitations

- Official visits shall not exceed 48 hours in length.
- Transfers:
  - A PSA, who is a nonqualifier, shall not be provided an official visit in his or her first year of enrollment at a two-year institution.
  - A PSA from a four-year institution is permitted to take an official visit to a second four-year institution after receiving permission from his original four-year institution.

Bylaws 13.6.2.3, 13.6.2.3.1 and 13.6.4

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## Requirements for Official Visit

- High school (or college) academic transcript.
- Prospective student-athlete must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- Prospective student-athlete must be placed on institutional request list with the NCAA Eligibility Center.



Bylaw 13.6.3 and Proposal No. 2016-1

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### Transportation on Official Visit

- Prospective student-athlete may be provided actual round-trip transportation costs.
- Round-trip from any location (return to origin).
  - If PSA does not return to original point of departure (e.g., home or high school), cost cannot exceed round-trip cost.
- Airfare may not exceed coach (or comparable) class.
  - Extra leg room / upgraded coach.

Bylaws 13.5.2.1 and 13.5.2.3

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### Transportation on Official Visit (continued)

- Prospective student-athlete travelling by automobile may receive round-trip mileage expenses at the same rate institution's staff members receive.
- Institution's coach may transport; however, the 48-hour period starts when the coach starts transporting the PSA.
- In basketball and football, an institution may provide round trip cost for parents or legal guardians.

Bylaws 13.5.2.2, 13.5.2.2.3 and 13.5.2.6.1

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### Lodging

- Within a 30-mile radius of institution's campus.
- Scale comparable to that of normal student life with no special accessories.
- Only for PSA and the parents (or legal guardians) or spouse.
- May pay PSA's reasonable meals and lodging while in transit to and from campus from visit.

Bylaws 13.6.6, 13.6.7.1.1 and 13.6.9

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## Entertainment

Prospective student-athlete and parents/legal guardians may be provided:

- Reasonable entertainment.
- \$40 per day.
- Within 30 miles of campus.
- Normal retail cost.

Bylaws 13.6.7.1 and 13.6.7.8

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## Meals

- Prospective student-athlete and parents or legal guardians, spouse and children may be provided three meals per day.
- Does not come out of the \$40 per day entertainment money.
- Must be comparable to those provided to SA during the academic year.



Bylaw 13.6.7

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## Meals (continued)

### Case Study.

- Institution will have a number of PSAs in for an official visit next weekend.
- The coaching staff wants to take the group to their favorite restaurant, Mr. Kyle's, which is located 15 miles away from campus.
- Mr. Kyle's is the only 4-star establishment in the permissible radius from campus and the coaching staff wants to give the PSAs the best of the best dining experience.
- Is this permissible?

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## Complimentary Admissions

- Maximum of three complimentary admissions to home athletics event within a 30-mile radius of campus.
- Nontraditional family may receive two additional complimentary admissions.
- Prospective student-athlete may not receive complimentary admissions to a conference tournament, NCAA or other postseason competition.

Bylaws 13.6.7.2, 13.6.7.2.1, 13.6.7.2.2 and 13.6.7.2.3

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## Student Host

- Maximum of \$40 per day to cover entertainment.
- May receive meals if accompanying PSA.
- Only one student-host may be provided a free meal if accompanying PSA.

Bylaw 13.6.7.5

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## Unofficial Visit Definition

Prospective student-athlete's visit to an NCAA member institution's campus that is financed in whole by the PSA or his/her family.

Bylaw 13.02.16.2

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## Limitations

- No limit in number permitted.
- May be prior to senior year.
  - May not occur during dead period.
  - Men's Basketball.
    - May not occur during the month of July.
  - Women's basketball.
    - May not occur during the July evaluation period.

Bylaw 13.7.1

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## Transportation

- May provide transportation to view practice and competition sites in PSA's sport and other institutional facilities and to attend a home athletics contest at any local facility.
- Institution's staff member must accompany PSA.

Bylaw 13.5.3

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## Transportation (continued)

### Case Study.

- Institution's coach wants to transport a football PSA to view a local NFL team stadium as part of their unofficial visit.
- The institution's senior administration is currently working on plans for institution to play a game at the NFL stadium during the 2016-17 academic year.
- Unfortunately, the stadium is already hosting Comic Con during the proposed weekend and the original Power Rangers cast cannot reschedule.
- Can the staff transport PSA's to the NFL stadium?

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## Lodging

Prospective student-athlete may stay on campus with an enrolled SA only if he or she pays the regular institutional rate for lodging.

### Case Study.

- Prospective student-athlete is on an unofficial visit at institution and would like to stay in a campus dorm to get a feel for campus life.
- Campus Life has a "Come One, Come All" policy, which allows anyone to spend the night on campus for free.
- Compliance staff knows that PSAs on unofficial visits need to pay a going rate to stay in dorms.
- How much should they charge the PSA?

Bylaw 13.7.2

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## Entertainment and Meals

- Maximum of three complimentary admissions may be provided to any home athletics event at any facility within a 30-mile radius of campus.
- Prospective student-athlete may pay the actual cost of meals to eat on campus.

Bylaws 13.7.2.1 and 13.7.2.1.1

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## Activities During Official and Unofficial Visits

**Not Permissible** during official or unofficial visit.

- Personalized recruiting aids.
- Game-day simulations.
- Decorative items.
- Balloons/welcome signs in hotel room/lobby.
- Name plate on locker.

Bylaws 13.6.7.9 and 13.7.3

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## Activities During Official and Unofficial Visits (continued)

### Case Study.

- Institution is hosting a men's basketball weekend for PSAs and their parents.
- Prospective student-athlete visit the men's basketball locker room and are provided the opportunity to try on institutional jerseys with the PSAs' high school numbers on them.
- Further, PSAs are encouraged to take pictures wearing the jerseys and holding the recent season's conference trophy.
- Are you comfortable with this arrangement?

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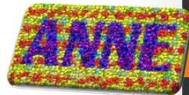
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## Activities During Official and Unofficial Visits (continued)

### Case Study.

- Prior to an official visit, Anne, a women's basketball PSA, checked into her hotel room.
- Upon entering the hotel room, Anne found multiple candies and cupcakes scattered on her bed and throughout her hotel room.
- Are you comfortable with this arrangement?
- What if the candies spelled out Anne's name?



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NCAA DIVISION I  
COMMITTEE FOR LEGISLATIVE RELIEF  
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### NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief

- Committee for Legislative Relief reviews member institution and conference requests to waive the normal application of the legislation while considering factors such as:
  - The purpose or intent of the legislation.
  - Overall well-being of the student-athlete.
  - Competitive and/or recruiting advantage.
- The academic and membership affairs staff processed approximately 1,324 legislative relief waivers in 2015 on behalf of CLR.
  - One hundred four of those waivers related to official and unofficial visits; up from approximately 82 waivers in 2014.

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### Previously Approved Waiver Checklist

**Purpose:** Reduce bureaucracy and permit the membership and NCAA staff to work more efficiently in limited waiver circumstances.

**Process:**

- Institutions may self-apply any previously approved waiver on campus without filing a formal wavier request through Requests/Self-Reports Online.
- Institutions must submit quarterly records of all previously approved waivers applied to its conference office.
- An institution is only permitted to self-apply relief if the institution's circumstances meet all parameters of the previously approved waiver.

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### Previously Approved Waiver Checklist (continued)

**Official Visit Transportation [Men's Basketball]**

- Institution would like to provide transportation expenses for up to two individuals other than a PSA's parents or legal guardians;
- Prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians are not involved in the PSA's life or are otherwise unable to accompany the PSA on his or her official visit; and
- Individual accompanying the PSA is a family member (e.g., sibling, aunt, uncle, grandparent) who is not prospect age or is a member of the PSA's host family.

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## Previously Approved Waiver Checklist (continued)

### Official Visit Expenses for Individuals Other than Parents/Legal Guardians [All Sports]

- Institution would like to provide meals, lodging and entertainment expenses for up to two individuals other than a PSA's parents or legal guardians;
- Prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians are not involved in the PSA's life or are otherwise unable to accompany the PSA on his or her official visit; and
- Individual accompanying the PSA is a family member (e.g., sibling, aunt, uncle, grandparent) who is not prospect age or is a member of the PSA's host family.

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## Questions...



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