

NCAA BYLAW 13.7.2.1 -- 48-Hour Period Defined

The **48-hour** period of the official visit begins at the time the prospect arrives on the institution's campus, rather than with the initiation of the prospect's transportation by a coach or the time of the prospect's arrival at the airport or elsewhere in the community (see Bylaw 13.7.2.1.1). The prospect's transportation to and from the campus must be without delay for personal reasons or entertainment purposes. The institution may not pay any expenses for entertainment (other than the actual and reasonable cost of meals) in conjunction with the prospect's transportation. At the completion of the **48-hour** visit, the prospect must depart the institution's campus immediately; otherwise, the institution may not pay any expenses incurred by the prospect upon departure from the institution's campus, including the cost of the prospect's transportation home.

Entertainment Prior to 48-Hour Official Visit Period

Interpretation: The NCAA legislative services staff confirmed that the permissible **48-hour** on-campus official visit period is initiated upon a prospective student-athlete's arrival on campus, or the institution's provision of entertainment (e.g., meals) when accompanied by an institutional staff member following the prospective student-athlete's arrival in the institution's community or airport.

If a prospect travels to campus and is provided lodging on a Thursday prior to a Friday/Saturday official visit, please be reminded that the prospect may not come onto campus or lodge at the Union Club on that Thursday evening without the 48-hour visit beginning. If the prospect arrives on campus Friday morning at 9:00 AM, then the prospect's visit ends at 9:00 AM on Sunday morning at which time the prospect is required to leave campus. Should the prospect stay on-campus past the 48-hours, we would not be able to provide any expenses (including transportation expenses home) to the prospect at that time or have further contact with the prospect at that time. Bottom line, make sure you are aware of Sunday's departure time prior to bringing the prospect onto campus Friday.

In this scenario (Thursday arrival), the prospect should be picked up at the airport and taken immediately to the hotel or s/he should drive immediately to the hotel. A drive-through meal or room service at the hotel can be provided, but a meal at a sit-down restaurant is considered entertainment and starts the 48-hour visit (interpretation above).