

The following two bylaws pertain to meals provided to PSAs on official visits.

NCAA BYLAW 13.6.7.7 - Meals on Official Visit

The cost of actual meals, not to exceed three per day, on the official visit for a prospective student-athlete and the prospective student-athlete's parents, legal guardian(s), spouse or children need not be included in the \$30-per-day entertainment expense. Meals must be comparable to those provided to student-athletes during the academic year. A reasonable snack (e.g., pizza, hamburger) may be provided in addition to the three meals. (*Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 8/5/04, 1/9/06*)

NCAA BYLAW 13.6.7.7.1 - Entertainment at Staff Member's Home

A luncheon, dinner or brunch at the home of an institutional staff member (e.g., the athletics director, a coach, a faculty member or the institution's president) may be held for a prospective student-athlete on an official visit, provided the entertainment is on a scale comparable to that of normal student life, is not excessive in nature and occurs on only one occasion. (*Revised: 1/9/96*)

UNOFFICIAL VISIT REMINDER

As a reminder, student-athletes are not permitted to have off-campus contact with PSAs. This includes contact with PSAs off-campus during unofficial visits. A copy of a self-report is shown below from another institution where the entire team was invited to an occasional meal at the coach's home while also hosting a PSA on an unofficial visit. There are numerous other violations in the database where student-athletes ate meals with PSAs off-campus at restaurants during unofficial visits. Please make sure your student-athletes are aware of this off-campus restriction.

Eligibility and Secondary Infraction Case Report

Elig Case ID: 29058
Sec Case ID: 31063
Verbal Eligibility Decision Date: 16-OCT-06 **Verbal Secondary Decision Date:** 16-OCT-06
Division: I
Sports: Women's Soccer
Bylaws: 13.02.5.1 Permissible Recruitment Activities for Enrolled Student-Athletes.

Secondary Appeal: No
Eligibility Appeal: No

Facts

Sixteen women's soccer student-athletes (SAs) had impermissible off-campus contact with a prospective student-athlete (PSA) while on an unofficial visit. Specifically, during the PSA's unofficial visit, the head women's soccer coach invited her team to dinner with the PSA and her father at a local restaurant. The head coach believed that current SAs could be present on an unofficial visit since it was permissible for them to be present on an official visit. All parties at the dinner paid for their own meals.

Additional Facts:

Institutional Action:

A letter of reprimand was issued to the head women's soccer coach. In addition, the women's soccer program will be given only five recruiting opportunities with the PSA instead of seven.

Enforcement Action:

No further action.

Eligibility Action:

STAFF: Eligibility reinstated.

Rationale:

STAFF: Based on case precedent.

Legislation

13.02.5.1 Permissible Recruitment Activities for Enrolled Student-Athletes.

- (a) Off-campus contacts. Off-campus, in-person recruiting contacts that are unavoidable incidental contacts between enrolled student-athletes (or other enrolled students) and a prospective student-athlete are permissible if such contacts do not occur at the direction of a coaching staff member.
- (b) Telephone contact. It is permissible for an enrolled student-athlete to receive telephone calls made at the expense of a prospective student-athlete after July 1 following the completion of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. Telephone calls made by enrolled students (excluding student-athletes) pursuant to an institution's regular admissions program directed at all prospective students shall be permissible.
- (c) Written correspondence. It is permissible for an enrolled student-athlete to engage in written correspondence, provided it is not done at the direction and/or expense of the member institution. *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*
- (d) Unavoidable incidental contact. If unavoidable incidental contact occurs between a student-athlete and a prospective student-athlete (even at the prospective student-athlete's high school), such contact is permissible, provided the institution had no prior knowledge of the occurrence of the contact.
- (e) Official visits. An enrolled student-athlete may participate as a student host during a prospective student-athlete's official visit to the institution's campus. As a student host, a student-athlete may receive the following:

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- (1) A maximum of \$30 for each day of the visit to cover all actual costs of entertaining the student host(s) and the prospective student-athlete (and the prospective student-athlete's parents, legal guardians or spouse), excluding the cost of meals and admission to campus athletics events. The cost of entertainment of the institution's athletics department staff members who accompany the prospective student-athlete is also excluded. If an athletics department staff member serves as the prospective student-athlete's host, his or her entertainment costs must be included in the entertainment allowance. The entertainment allowance may not be used for the purchase of souvenirs such as T-shirts or other institutional mementos. It is permissible to provide the student host with an additional \$15 per day for each additional prospective student-athlete the host entertains. In the event that several students host a prospective student-athlete, the \$30 per day entertainment money may be used to cover the actual and necessary expenses incurred by the prospective student-athlete and all hosts. Only one student host per prospective student-athlete may be provided a free meal if restaurant facilities are used; *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 5/12/05, 4/27/06)*
 - (2) A complimentary meal, provided the student host is accompanying the prospective student-athlete during the prospective student-athlete's official visit; and
 - (3) A complimentary admission to a campus athletics event, provided the admission is used to accompany a prospective student-athlete to that event during the prospective student-athlete's official visit.
- (f) Unofficial visits. A prospective student-athlete on an unofficial visit may stay in an enrolled student-athlete's dormitory room, provided the prospective student-athlete pays the regular institutional rate for such lodging.