

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS FOR PRACTICE ACTIVITIES

An institution can practice at a site that is in direct route to the competition from campus or that is within a 100 mile radius of the competition site. The provisions of 16.7.1 apply inasmuch as they permit an institution to provide entertainment within a 100-mile radius of the competition or practice site in connection with an away-from-home contest. Since you can provide such entertainment within 100 miles, it is certainly reasonable to permit a team to practice within such a radius. The 100 mile radius ensures that the institution is not providing impermissible expenses based on entertainment reasons.

For example, a golf team flies to Orlando on Sunday for a competition in Orlando on Wednesday. The team can practice within a 100 mile radius of the competition no matter what direction the course is located. The institution cannot, however, finance a trip for the team to go to Miami (over 100 miles from Orlando) on Tuesday to practice and return to Orlando for the competition on Wednesday. However, if the institution had another competition in Miami, it could practice somewhere in-between Miami or in the Miami locale (100 mile radius).

Also, it is reasonable to permit institutions to practice at a site that falls within a direct route from their campus to the competition site. Thus, if the team is going to Orlando, it could practice at a site that is in a direct route between the institution and Orlando. The institution would have to demonstrate that the practice site is in a direct route between campus and the competition site.

Again, it is reasonable per NCAA entertainment and travel rules to permit the institution to practice in the locale of the competition site and not restrict them to practicing at the specific competition site.

Please contact the compliance office if there are any questions relating to the 100-mile radius rule.