

## **SUMMARY OF NCAA RULES GOVERNING OFFICIAL VISITS**

This summary of NCAA rules governing official (expense-paid) visits to the campuses of Division I institutions is provided by The University of Mississippi to help prospective student-athletes and their parents plan their official visits and avoid actions which could jeopardize the eligibility of the prospect.

### **BYLAW 13.7 OFFICIAL (PAID) VISIT**

1. A prospect may receive one expense-paid visit to a member institution's campus and remain a maximum of 48 hours on campus (Exception: See Transportation, item #5).
2. A prospect may not accept more than a total of five expense-paid visits to Division I and Division II institutions.
3. A prospect may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than the opening day of classes of the prospect's senior year in high school.
4. A prospect must provide a copy of his/her high school (college) transcript to the institution before an expense-paid visit can be provided. High school prospects must also present test scores (PSAT, SAT, PLAN, PACT Plus, or ACT). Fulfillment of these academic requirements may be certified through the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse if the prospect has sent these items to the Clearinghouse.
5. All entertainment during the official visit must be within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.
6. Expenses (meals and lodging) and complimentary admissions to athletics events during an official visit can only be provided to the prospect, the prospect's parents (or legal guardians) or spouse (maximum of three people). Additional persons (prospect's brother, sister, friend, etc.) may stay in the same room but the institution cannot pay any additional occupancy charges and the additional person cannot be a prospect.
7. Only the institution's coaches, staff, faculty (and spouses), and enrolled full-time students may have recruiting contact with a prospect or the prospect's family during the official visit.

(OVER)

## BYLAW 13.6 TRANSPORTATION

1. The institution may pay the prospect's actual round trip transportation costs (ground or air) provided a direct route is used between the institution and the prospect's home (or the prospect's prep school or college).
2. When traveling by automobile, the institution may reimburse a prospect for actual and necessary transportation expenses at an established mileage rate incurred in traveling to the campus (reimbursement cannot be made to a prospect's coach). A prospect's friends and relatives may receive cost-free transportation to campus only by accompanying the prospect traveling by automobile.
3. Air fare for commercial transportation may not exceed coach class. An institution's coach may not accompany a prospect on a commercial flight or private aircraft. The institution can pay only for the prospect's airplane ticket. Parents or spouse must purchase their own tickets if they wish to accompany the prospect on a commercial plane. Parents or spouse cannot accompany the prospect if a private airplane is used. Once the prospect arrives at the institution's nearest major airport, an institutional staff member may transport the prospect (and parents or spouse if accompanying the prospect ) from the airport to the campus.
4. Certain transportation exceptions exist when a prospect is traveling to or from the site of competition or when visiting two or more institutions.
5. In Division I, an institution's coach cannot accompany a prospect to campus except when the prospect travels by automobile. The coach can transport only the prospect from the prospect's home to the institution's campus. In such cases, the 48-hour official visit period begins when the coach makes contact with the prospect or the prospect's family. The coach must terminate contact within 48 hours after the initial contact.

## OTHER PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES:

1. Alumni and friends of the institution are not permitted to have recruiting contact with the prospect or the prospect's family either on or off campus.
2. Alumni and friends of the institution may not pay or arrange for the payment of transportation costs or transport a prospect or the prospect's family and friends to visit an institution's campus.
3. Alumni and friends of the institution may not pay or arrange for the payment of lodging, meals, or entertainment of a prospect or the prospect's family and friends.
4. No gifts or any material benefits (souvenirs, etc.) may be purchased for or given to a prospect, nor can an auto be made available for the prospect's use during the campus visit.

5. The institution is not permitted to pay for the prospect's long distance telephone calls, "pay for view" movies, or other room service charges made by the prospect while staying in a hotel during an official visit.

UMAA 2003-04