

# The Interpreter

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## Official Visits



The beginning of the academic year signals the time of year when high school seniors will start to finalize their college plans. To help aid them in their selection, the NCAA permits institutions to provide seniors paid trips to their institutions, known as official visits.

### Number of Official Visits

**Bylaw 13.7.1.2** states that a prospect can take a maximum of five official visits, with no more than one to a single institution.

According to **Bylaw 13.7.1.6**, institutions are limited to 56 official visits in football, 12 official visits in basketball and 25 official visits in baseball. Other sports have no limitation on official visits.

### First Opportunity to Visit

As set forth in **Bylaw 13.7.1.2.2**, men's basketball prospects can be provided with a paid visit no earlier than January 1 of the prospect's junior year in high school, with no visits occurring in the summer between the junior

and senior years in high school. In all other sports, prospects may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than the opening day of classes of the prospect's senior year in high school.

### Written Notification

Per **Bylaw 13.7.1.2.1**, each institution will notify the prospect in writing, at the time of the invitation but prior to the visit of the five-visit limitation.

### Academic Requirements for the Visit

Prospects must present the institution with a high school academic transcript (**Bylaw 13.7.1.2.3.2**) and a score from the PSAT, SAT, PLAN or ACT exam taken on a national testing date (**Bylaw 13.7.1.2.3.1**).

### Length of the Official Visit

**Bylaw 13.7.2** states that an official visit to an institution shall not exceed 48 hours. The 48 hour period begins

when the prospect first arrives on 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.

### Entertainment on the Official Visit

According to **Bylaw 13.7.5.1**, an institution may provide entertainment, which may not be excessive, for a prospect, the prospect's parents or legal guardians or spouse only within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

An entertainment option open to coaches is a maximum of three complimentary admissions to a campus athletic event. These admissions must be issued on a pass list, on an individual-game basis. The seating at these contests must be in the general seating area (**Bylaw 13.7.5.2**).

### Student Host

Per **Bylaw 13.7.5.5**, a student serving as a host may be provided a maximum of \$30 per day of the visit to cover actual

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<p>costs of entertaining the prospect, the prospect's parents or spouse. These funds may not be used to purchase souvenirs. The student host is permitted to receive an addition \$15 per day for each additional prospect he or she entertains. A student host is also permitted to receive a complimentary meal and a complimentary admission to a campus athletic event, provided the host is accompanying the prospect during the official visit.</p> <p><b><u>Meals on an Official Visit</u></b></p> <p><b>Bylaw 13.7.5.7</b> states that the cost of actual meals on the official visit for a prospect, the prospect's parents or legal guardians or spouse need not be</p>	<p>included in the \$30-per-day entertainment expense. A dessert or after-dinner snack at the coach's residence also may be excluded. The meals are not to exceed three per day.</p> <p><b><u>Lodging on a Official Visit</u></b></p> <p>A prospect on an official visit shall be provided lodging and take meals as regular students normally do. Local commercial facilities may be used but at a scale comparable to that of normal student life and only within a 30-mile radius of campus, as stated in <b>Bylaw 13.7.4</b>.</p> <p>In addition, <b>Bylaw 13.7.7</b> states additional persons (e. g., prospect's brother, sister, friend) may stay in the same room as the prospect or parents, but the institution</p>	<p>shall not pay the costs resulting from the additional occupants. The additional occupants shall not be prospects being recruited by the institution.</p> <p><b><u>Post High School Visits</u></b></p> <p>According to <b>Bylaw 13.7.1.3</b>, beginning October 15 following the prospect's completion of high school, a prospect may be provided an additional five official visits. Thus, a prospect may be provided a maximum of 10 official visits, five while in high school and five beginning with the October 15 following the prospect's completion of high school. A prospect is not required to graduate from high school in order to receive a permissible post high school visit.</p>
<h2>From the Interpretation File</h2>		<p><b><u>Member Institution Utilizing Student Groups During Official Visits</u></b></p>
<p><b><u>Complimentary Admissions to NCAA Championships</u></b></p> <p>It is not permissible, under any circumstances, for a student-athlete to provide a prospect with a complimentary admission to an NCAA championship or other postseason contest in which the student-athlete is a participant. (Staff, 6/14/96)</p>	<p><b><u>Undergraduate Assistant Coach-Receipt of Meal on Official Visit</u></b></p> <p>An undergraduate student coach may not receive a free meal at a restaurant during a prospect's official visit unless the coach has been designated as the student host. (Staff, 9/29/99)</p>	<p>An institution may not provide free meals at a restaurant or entertainment to those members of an institutional student support group that accompany a prospect during the official visit unless the student is designated as the student host and thereby eligible to receive the permissible entertainment allowance to entertain the prospect during the official visit. (Staff, 10/14/98)</p>

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# In the News.....

## NCAA Investigates Auburn

Two Auburn basketball players and an assistant coach were interviewed by the NCAA regarding alleged recruiting violations. The NCAA is reportedly looking into the academic eligibility of at least one Auburn player, as well as the relationship of an AAU coach with Auburn and some of his former players. The university's internal investigation has found several secondary violations, at least one of which is unrelated to the NCAA investigation.

## Title IX Decision Upheld

A federal appeals court upheld a lower court's 2001 ruling that dismissed a lawsuit against Miami University of Ohio for eliminating men's soccer, tennis and wrestling. The male athletes sued the university to challenge the constitutionality of the government's gender-based requirements under Title IX. The courts said the athletes failed to support their claims.

## No More Sideline Injury Updates?

Injury updates by sideline reporters during college football games may be coming to an end. Following passage of a federal law designed to

protect privacy of individuals' health information, many colleges are withholding basic medical information on injured players. Even though the law does not become official until April 14, 2003, many schools are not releasing medical information during football games.



## NCAA President Search Narrowed

The highly confidential search for the next president of the NCAA should be nearing an end. The search committee expects to identify three finalists October 1. The committee will later submit a final recommendation to the NCAA's highest ranking body, the Executive Committee, whose 16 members are scheduled to make the hire by November 1.

The current president of the NCAA is Cedric Dempsey who was appointed in 1994. He will retire when his contract expires on January 1.



## 2003-04 NLI Signing Dates

### Basketball

#### **Early Period**

Nov 3, 2002–Nov 20, 2002

#### **Late Period**

April 16, 2003-May 15, 2003

### Football

#### **Midyear JC Transfers**

Dec 18, 2002-Jan 15, 2003

#### **Regular Period**

Feb 5, 2003-April 1, 2003

### Soccer

Feb 5, 2003-Aug 1, 2003

### All Other Sports

#### **Early Period**

Nov 13, 2002-Nov 20 2002

#### **Late Period**

April 16, 2003-Aug 1, 2003

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A National Letter of Intent cannot be signed prior to 7:00 am (local time) on the following dates or after the final signing date listed for each sport.

## Recruiting Calendar ~ OCT

### Men's Basketball

Sept 9-Oct 5.....**Contact Period**  
Oct 6-Nov 20.....**Quiet Period**

### Women's Basketball

Sept 30-Oct 7.....**Quiet Period**  
Oct 8-Feb 28.....**Eval/Quiet Period**

### Football

Oct 1-Oct 31.....**Quiet/Eval Period**

### Softball

Oct 1-Oct 31.....**Cont./Eval Period**

### Volleyball

Oct 1 -Oct 31.....**Cont./Eval Period**

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