



NCAA DIVISION I PROPOSAL NO. 2018-25
[RECRUITING – OFFICIAL (PAID) AND UNOFFICIAL (UNPAID) VISITS –
LIMITATIONS ON OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL VISITS – MEN'S BASKETBALL]
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS DOCUMENT
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The following questions and answers are designed to assist the NCAA Division I membership in understanding the application of NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2018-25 [recruiting -- official (paid) and unofficial (unpaid) visits – limitations on official and unofficial visits – men's basketball].

Editor's Note: Questions 3, 4 and 5 were added when the question and answer document was updated on December 3, 2018.

Official Visits.

Question No. 1: How many total official visits may a men's basketball prospective student-athlete take in Division I?

Answer: A men's basketball prospective student-athlete may take up to 15 total official visits: a maximum of five expense-paid visits to Division I institutions before the completion of his junior year of high school; five additional visits before October 15 following his completion of high school; and five visits for the remainder of his intercollegiate participation beginning October 15 following his completion of high school, including visits related to a possible transfer.

Question No. 2: How many official visits may a men's basketball prospective student-athlete take to the same Division I institution?

Answer: A men's basketball prospective student-athlete may take three official visits to the same Division I institution: one visit before completion of his junior year of high school; one visit before October 15 following his completion of high school; and one visit for the remainder of his intercollegiate participation beginning October 15 following his completion of high school, including a visit related to a possible transfer.

Question No. 3: Which year is the first year of the "rolling" two-year period?

Answer: Proposal No. 2015-53 established 2016-17 as the first year in which men's basketball official visits are counted over a rolling two-year period.

Question No. 4: How does Proposal No. 2018-25 affect the application of the rolling two-year period?

Answer: The rolling two-year period includes the current year and the previous year rather than separate succeeding two-year periods. Beginning 2017-18, the number of official visits available during any given year depends on the

number of official visits provided during the previous year. With the adoption of Proposal 2018-25, an institution may provide up to four more official visits during the 2017-18 and 2018-19 rolling two-year period (i.e., 24 to 28 total) and 28 official visits over every subsequent rolling two-year period.

For example, if an institution provided 10 official visits in 2017-18, the institution is permitted to provide up to 18 official visits in 2018-19. If the institution provides 18 official visits in 2018-19, then the institution is permitted to provide up to 10 official visits in 2019-20 and so on.

Question No. 5: How does the "head coaching change" exception apply with the proposal?

Answer: There is no change to the exception. The number of additional official visits available under the exception will depend on the number of official visits available for the applicable year, which will depend on the number of official visits provided in the previous year.

For example, if an institution used 10 official visits in 2017-18, the limit in 2018-19 is 18. If the institution experiences a head coaching change in 2018-19 after the first coach used at least 14 official visits (i.e., at least 75 percent of 18), the new coach could first use any of the remaining official visits for 2018-19 and then up to four more based on 25 percent of 18 official visits. (Note: 25 percent of 18 is 4.5; however, no fraction of an official visit based on 25 percent of the applicable limit may be rounded up). Also, if the institution provides any of the additional official visits allowed by the "head coaching change" exception, the institution only counts 18 official visits in 2018-19 for purposes of the rolling two-year period.

Unofficial Visits.

Question No. 6: What is a coach permitted to say if a prospective student-athlete shows up unscheduled on-campus to meet with an institution's coach prior to August 1 of his sophomore year?

Answer: The coach may not engage in any recruiting conversations with the prospective student-athlete. However, the coach may confirm the prospective student-athlete's age, explain the recruiting rules, and then must end the contact. It is permissible for the coach to direct the prospective student-athlete to admissions, or the institutional authority outside of the athletics department designated to provide campus tours; however, it is not permissible for the coach to arrange a campus tour on behalf of the prospective student-athlete.

Question No. 7: Does the legislation governing a visit unrelated to recruitment remain applicable to an individual prior to August 1 of his sophomore year in high school?

Answer: Yes. Similar to sports other than football and women's basketball, the visit unrelated to recruitment legislation remains applicable.

It is permissible to provide complimentary admissions, provided the visit is not related to the prospective student-athlete's athletics recruitment by the institution, the institution's athletics department is not involved in any way with the arrangements for the visit, and the free admissions are provided to an athletics event on a group basis (rather than personally to the prospective student-athlete) in accordance with the institution's established policy.

Question No. 8: May complimentary admissions to a home athletics event be provided to a group (e.g., scholastic or nonscholastic team, boys or girls club, YMCA) unrelated to recruitment for athletics, if that group includes individuals not yet sophomores in high school?

Answer: Yes, provided no athletics recruiting activities (e.g., facility tour, access to field) or conversations occur with any individuals prior to August 1 of the prospective student-athlete's sophomore year in high school.

Question No. 9: May an institution's coach, in response to a request from a group or team, add the group or team to the pass list during a visit unrelated to recruitment?

Answer: Yes. The provision of complimentary admissions as part of a visit unrelated to recruitment legislation may be administered by anyone in the athletics department, including coaches, in accordance with institutional policy.

Question No. 10: May the children of a booster, who are not yet sophomores in high school, receive access to the field, court, or other restricted areas while attending an athletics' contests?

Answer: Yes, provided the benefits are available to all boosters and the family members of boosters in accordance with institutional policy.

Question No. 11: May a high school sophomore, junior or senior prospective student-athlete bring a sibling, who is a men's basketball prospective student-athlete, on an unofficial visit before August 1 of the sibling's sophomore year in high school?

Answer: Yes. The younger sibling may receive complimentary admissions and access to accompany the prospect on the unofficial visit, however, no recruiting conversations may occur with the younger sibling.

Question No. 12: During an unofficial visit may a high school sophomore, junior or senior prospective student-athlete assign one of the three permissible complimentary admissions to an individual who is a teammate or friend before August 1 of the individual's sophomore year in high school?

Answer: Yes. It is permissible for the prospective student-athlete's teammate or friend to receive one of the prospective student-athlete's three complimentary admissions to a home athletics event. However, the institution's athletics staff cannot direct or request the attendance of the teammate or friend on the unofficial visit. Additionally, no athletics recruiting activities (e.g., facility tour, access to field) or conversations may occur with any individuals prior to August 1 of the prospective student-athlete's sophomore year in high school.

Question No. 13: May an institution's coach ask a high school and or club coach to inform his or her team of the recruiting legislation?

Answer: Yes, however, this request should be generic and not directed toward a specific prospective student-athlete.

Question No. 14: If requested, may the institution's athletics staff provide a tour of athletics facilities to a team of prospective student-athletes that includes individuals who are not yet sophomores in high school?

Answer: No. A tour involving athletics staff would trigger an unofficial visit and would not be permissible.

Question No. 15: May admissions, or the institutional authority outside of the athletics department designated to provide campus tours to prospective students, provide a campus tour to team of prospective student-athletes that includes individuals who are not yet sophomores in high school, and include institutional athletics facilities as part of the tour?

Answer: Yes, provided there is no involvement from the athletics department, and the tour is facilitated by the office of admissions or the regular authority for providing campus tours.

Question No. 16: May the chancellor, president, board of governors or regents direct athletics department staff to provide an athletics facility tour to an individual and their children that include individuals who are not yet sophomores in high school?

Answer: Yes, provided the visit is unrelated to athletics recruitment.

Question No. 17: During a visit to campus, may a prospective student-athlete who is not yet a sophomore in high school meet with an academic advisor who is an athletics department employee?

Answer: No.

Question No. 18: May a prospective student-athlete who is not yet a sophomore in high school meet with an academic advisor who is not considered an athletics department employee, but has duties that are specific to athletics?

Answer: Yes, provided meeting with prospective students (not just prospective student-athletes) is within the scope of job responsibilities of the individual and the meeting is not at the direction of the athletics department and does not include recruiting conversations related to athletics.

Question No. 19: May an institution rent an athletics facility to a group that includes individuals who are not yet sophomores in high school?

Answer: Yes, provided the institution does not engage in any recruiting activities involving prospective student-athletes who are not yet sophomores in high school during the facility rental.