

**NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Legislation
Question and Answer Document**

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This document contains questions and answers to assist the NCAA membership in applying the legislation adopted through NCAA Proposal Nos. 2011-99, 2012-2 and 2012-3.

NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2011-99 Recruiting – Men's Basketball Recruiting Model

Question No. 1: Do evaluation activities during the April evaluation periods count toward the 130 recruiting-person days restriction and the limit of seven recruiting opportunities per prospective student-athlete?

Answer: Yes. Evaluations during April must be included in the 130 recruiting-person days and count toward the limit of seven recruiting opportunities per prospective student-athlete. Note that if an event is conducted on consecutive days in a tournament format, an institution would only be charged with a single recruiting opportunity per prospective student-athlete.

Question No. 2: During recruiting periods, is it permissible for an institution's coach to sit with a prospective student-athlete's parents during the prospective student-athlete's contest or to have in-person contact with the prospective student-athlete after the contest once he has been released?

Answer: No. It is not permissible to have in-person contact with a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians during the day of the prospective student-athlete's competition (e.g., before and after the competition).

Question No. 3: Is it permissible for an institution to make a telephone call to a prospective student-athlete who has reported on call for competition or competition-related activities?

Answer: No. It is not permissible to make a telephone call to a prospective student-athlete who has reported on call for competition or competition-related activities until he has been released by the appropriate institutional authority in accordance with the parameters of Bylaw 13.1.6.2.

Question No. 4: Is it permissible for an institution to send an email [or other form of electronic correspondence (e.g., text message) effective 6/15/12] to a prospective student-athlete who has reported on call for competition or competition-related activities?

Answer:

It is not permissible to send electronic correspondence to a prospective student-athlete while he is on call for competition at the competition site (e.g., arena, stadium). It is permissible to send general correspondence (including electronic correspondence) to a prospective student-athlete while he is on call and not at the competition site, or while he is at any location, once released by the appropriate authority.

Question No. 5:

Is it permissible for an institution to make a telephone call or send an email [or other form of electronic correspondence (e.g., text message) effective 6/15/12] to a prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians while the prospective student-athlete is on call for competition or competition-related activities? What if the prospective student-athlete is participating in a certified event?

Answer:

It is permissible to make a telephone call or send an email [or other form of electronic correspondence (e.g., text message) effective 6/15/12] to a prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians while the prospective student-athlete is on call for competition or competition-related activities. Such communication may also occur with a prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians while the prospective student-athlete is participating in a certified event. However, all communication with a prospective student-athlete's coach or any individual associated with the prospective student-athlete as a result of the prospective student-athlete's participation in basketball, directly or indirectly, is prohibited during the time period in which the prospective student-athlete is participating in a certified event.

Question No. 6:

During the April evaluation periods, is it permissible for coaches to attend events other than certified events (e.g., noninstitutional organized events that are approved, sponsored or conducted by an applicable state, national or international governing body and are not organized and conducted primarily for a recruiting purpose)? Is it permissible for a coach to visit a high school to talk to a high school coach or pick up a transcript?

Answer:

No. Evaluations of live athletic activities during the April evaluation periods are specifically limited to events that are certified pursuant to Bylaw 13.18. No other off-campus evaluation activities may occur during the April evaluation periods.

Question No. 7:

During the academic year recruiting period, is it permissible for coaches to evaluate at an "open gym"?

Answer: It would be permissible for coaches to evaluate if the "open gym" (or pick-up game or similar activity) has been approved by the appropriate authority at the scholastic institution as a regular scholastic activity; it involves only students enrolled at the institution where the activity is occurring; and, it is not organized for the purpose of permitting institutional coaches to observe the prospective student-athletes participating in the activity.

Question No. 8: During the July dead periods, may an institution conduct institutional camps and clinics?

Answer: As specified in Bylaw 13.12.1.5, institutions may not conduct institutional camps and clinics (those that include prospective student-athletes) during dead periods. [Note: The NCAA Division I Legislative Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief approved, with conditions, a blanket waiver to permit camps for prospective student-athletes during the former evaluation periods, July 6-15 and July 22-31, provided institutions demonstrate camps were scheduled on or before October 27, 2011. Institutions must provide documentation to respective conference offices to verify the camp was scheduled prior to the adoption of the new legislation. Documentation may include contracts, facility request forms or rental agreements, camp approval forms or verification of the date when promotional materials were ordered and must be dated on or before October 27, 2011, in order for relief to be provided. In addition, the institution must demonstrate why it was unable to reschedule the camp to a permissible time period within the current legislation, due to a scheduling conflict, through documentation, such as facility calendars or rental agreements. This waiver does not provide relief for camps to be scheduled during the timeframe that is a dead period under the previous and current legislation (July 16 through 4:59 p.m. July 18)].

Question No. 9: If a prospective student-athlete making an official visit is a member of a nontraditional family (e.g., divorce, separation), is it permissible to provide travel expenses to more than two individuals?

Answer: No. It is only permissible to provide travel expenses in conjunction with an official visit to two individuals who are the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians.

Question No. 10: May an institution pay the costs for a prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians to receive meals and lodging while in transit to an official visit without starting the 48-hour official visit period?

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 11: May a coaching staff member have in-person contact with a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians during a day of the prospective student-athlete's competition, provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or has submitted a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission?

Answer: If a prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received the prospective student-athlete's financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission, in-person contact with the prospective student-athlete and/or his relatives or legal guardians is permissible in the following situations:

(a) During a recruiting period, in-person contact is permissible, subject to the provisions of Bylaw 13.1.6.2.

(b) For competition that occurs during an evaluation period, in-person contact is permissible after the prospective student-athlete's final contest of an event is completed and the prospective student-athlete is released by the appropriate authority and he leaves the dressing and meeting facility.

Therefore, a coaching staff member may sit with a prospective-student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians during such a prospective student-athlete's competition that occurs during a recruiting period but may not sit with the relatives or legal guardians during an evaluation period.

Question No. 12: Does the exception in Bylaw 11.7.4.3.1 (exception – basketball – July evaluation period) that allows that a replaced coach is not required to return to the institution's campus before engaging in additional recruiting activities, provided not more than three coaches engage in off-campus recruiting activities each day, also apply to the April evaluation periods?

Answer: No.

Proposal No. 2012-2 Recruiting -- On-Campus Evaluations -- Men's Basketball

Question No. 1: May an institution publicize the on-campus evaluation of a prospective student-athlete?

Answer: No. Bylaw 13.10.5 specifies that an institution shall not publicize (or arrange for publicity of) a prospective student-athlete's visit to the institution's campus.

Question No. 2: May an institution conduct an on-campus evaluation with a prospective student-athlete who has graduated from high school and is enrolled in a preparatory school?

Answer: Yes, provided the institution has not previously conducted an on-campus evaluation with the prospective student-athlete (e.g., during senior year of high school); the evaluation is conducted at the end of the prospective student-athlete's season; and, after he has exhausted preparatory school eligibility in basketball.

Question No. 3: May an institution conduct an on-campus evaluation with a prospective student-athlete during his senior year in high school and another while he is enrolled in a preparatory school during the following year?

Answer: No. An institution may conduct one on-campus evaluation with a prospective student-athlete while he is enrolled in high school or preparatory school and one after the prospective student-athlete enrolls full time in a collegiate institution.

Question No. 4: What activities are counted toward the limitation of two hours of on-campus evaluation activities?

Answer: Any activities that are considered countable athletically related activities would count toward the two-hour limitation.

Question No. 5: May an institution provide a prospective student-athlete access to locker and shower facilities during an on-campus evaluation?

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 6: May an institution conduct an on-campus evaluation with a two-year college transfer prospective student-athlete who has withdrawn from the two-year institution?

Answer: An on-campus evaluation may not be conducted with a two-year college transfer prospective student-athlete until he has exhausted two-year college eligibility in basketball. Once such a prospective student-athlete is

considered to have exhausted his two-year college eligibility, he may participate in an on-campus evaluation.

Question No. 7: May an institution conduct an on-campus evaluation with a high school prospective student-athlete or two-year college transfer prospective student-athlete who is not a participant on his institution's basketball team?

Answer: An on-campus evaluation may not be conducted with a high school prospective student-athlete or a two-year college transfer prospective student-athlete until he has exhausted his high school or two-year college eligibility in basketball, respectively. Once such a prospective student-athlete is considered to have exhausted his eligibility, he may participate in an on-campus evaluation.

Question No. 8: May an institution conduct an on-campus evaluation with a four-year college transfer prospective student-athlete who has withdrawn from the four-year institution or who is not a participant on his institution's basketball team?

Answer: An on-campus evaluation may not be conducted with a four-year college transfer prospective student-athlete until the conclusion of the prospective student-athlete's basketball season. If the prospective student-athlete has withdrawn from the institution or is not a participant, his season has concluded. Therefore, he may participate in an on-campus evaluation (permission to contact must be granted by the previous institution if the individual met the definition of a student-athlete at that institution).

Question No. 9: May an institution's coach observe a prospective student-athlete participating in a pick-up game that includes the institution's current student-athletes and count the observation as an on-campus evaluation?

Answer: Yes, provided the student-athletes are eligible for practice if the evaluation occurs during the academic year (e.g., skill-related workouts) or are eligible to participate in summer athletic activities if the evaluation occurs in the summer (e.g., enrolled in summer school or meet the exception to summer school enrollment) and such participation counts toward the limitations of eight hours of required athletic activities per week and two hours of skill-related instruction (academic year or summer).

Question No. 10: May an institution's coach observe a prospective student-athlete participating in a pick-up game that includes the institution's current

student-athletes and current student-athletes from another collegiate institution and count the observation as an on-campus evaluation?

Answer: No. If student-athletes from other institutions participate, the activity would not meet the requirements of the required summer athletic activities legislation.

Question No. 11: If an on-campus evaluation occurs during a period in which there is a limit of four on the number of student-athletes who may be involved with a coach in skill-related instruction at the same time, may four student-athletes plus the prospective student-athlete participate in the activity?

Answer: Yes. The prospective student-athlete is not included in the limit of four student-athletes who may be involved at any one time in skill instruction after April 15 during the remainder of the academic year.

Question No. 12: If an on-campus evaluation occurs during the summer, may student-athletes participate?

Answer: Yes, provided the student-athletes are eligible to participate in summer athletic activities (e.g., enrolled in summer school or meet the exception to summer school enrollment) and such participation counts toward the limitations of eight hours of required athletic activities per week and two hours of skill-related instruction.

Question No. 13: If an institution is conducting an on-campus evaluation with a prospective student-athlete during the prospective student-athlete's unofficial visit, may it provide the prospective student-athlete with food and/or beverages?

Answer: The institution may provide water and/or electrolyte replacement drinks (e.g., Gatorade, Powerade) to the prospective student-athlete; however, it is not permissible to provide food to the prospective student-athlete.

Question No. 14: May an institution record video of an on-campus evaluation for further review after the actual evaluation?

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 15: May more than one prospective-student-athlete participate in an on-campus evaluation at the same time?

Answer: Yes. There is no limit on the number of prospective student-athletes who may participate at the same time.

Question No. 16: May the two hours of an on-campus evaluation be divided and conducted on two different days of the prospective student-athlete's visit?

Answer: No. Conducting evaluations (or portions of an evaluation) on different days would constitute different and separate on-campus evaluations.

Question No. 17: What constitutes the "conclusion of a prospective student-athlete's season for purposes of conducting an on-campus evaluation?"

Answer: The conclusion of the prospective student-athlete's scholastic season. A prospective student-athlete's season is considered concluded when his scholastic season ends even if he will be participating in an all-star contest at a later date.

Question No. 18: Pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.6.7, a student-athlete who has exhausted his eligibility, but is eligible for practice under the five-year rule, is not subject to the time limits of Bylaw 17.1.6. Is it permissible for such a student-athlete to participate in more than one on-campus evaluation in a week?

Answer: Yes. The two-hour limitation on skill-related instruction does not apply to such student-athletes.

Question No. 19: Is a student-athlete, who has exhausted his eligibility but is eligible for practice under the five-year rule, subject to prohibition on conditioning and skill-related instruction one week prior to the institution's final exam period through the conclusion of the student-athlete's final exams?

Answer: Yes.

Proposal No. 2012-3 Playing and Practice Seasons -- Summer Athletic Activities -- Men's Basketball

Question No. 1: Is there a limit on the number of student-athletes who may participate in skill-related instruction as part of the required summer sessions?

Answer: No.

Question No. 2: May an institution declare a new definition of its “week” or is it required to use the one declared during the academic year?

Answer: The institution may declare a new definition of its “week” for the summer.

Question No. 3: May coaches be present during and/or conduct weight training and conditioning activities that are part of the eight hours per week of required summer athletic activities?

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 4: If an institution has multiple summer sessions, may workouts with the student-athletes be split up between the two sessions? In other words, do the eight weeks have to be continuous?

Answer: The eight weeks do not have to be consecutive or continuous. Unless a student-athlete meets the exception to the summer school requirement, workouts are only permissible during the time period in which the student-athlete is enrolled and classes are in session for the specific summer term (and/or final exams are conducted).

Question No. 5: Are there exceptions for the service academies for situations in which their student-athletes are assigned to summer work at a military base separate from the academy? May the coaching staff conduct workouts with those student-athletes at a base in another area of the country?

Answer: If a student-athlete is enrolled in a summer school session or meeting an exception to the enrollment requirement, it would be permissible for the coaching staff to work with him at a base in another area of the country.

Question No. 6: May coursework from an early summer school session (e.g., four week session) be considered toward a student-athlete meeting the exception to the summer school requirement for the remaining weeks of the summer athletic activities?

Answer: No. In order to meet the exception to summer school enrollment, the student-athlete must have successfully completed the specified academic requirements by the end of the applicable number of regular academic terms.

Question No. 7: When may an institution begin to conduct summer athletic activities with its men's basketball student-athletes? When must summer athletic activities end?

Answer: Summer athletic activities may begin the day following the institution's spring commencement exercises. Summer athletic activities must end by the day before the first day of classes for the fall term. Note that a student-athlete who does not meet the exception to summer school enrollment may only participate in required summer athletic activities during the time period in which the student-athlete is enrolled in summer school and classes are in session for the specific summer term (and/or final exams are conducted).

Question No. 8: Are institutions required to provide a day off (or two days off) per week to student-athletes who are participating in required summer athletic activities?

Answer: No. There is no requirement to provide a day (or days) off during the eight weeks of required activities.

Question No. 9: May an institution provide training table meals to student-athletes who are participating in summer athletic activities?

Answer: No.

Question No. 10: May student-athletes participate in unlimited hours of countable activities with their coaches during an institutional vacation period (e.g., Memorial Day, Independence Day) while engaging in summer athletic activities?

Answer: No.

Question No. 11: May a student-athlete who has been certified as a nonqualifier participate in summer athletic activities during the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution?

Answer: Yes, provided he is enrolled in summer school and the activities are conducted during the time period classes are in session (and/or final exams are conducted).

Question No. 12: If a student-athlete was certified as a nonqualifier during the 2011-12 academic year, when may he begin to engage in summer athletic activities after the year in residence?

Answer: Such a student-athlete may begin to participate in summer athletic activities the day following the institution's spring commencement exercises, provided he is enrolled in summer school or meets the exception to summer school enrollment.

Question No. 13: Does a student-athlete's temporary certification period (i.e., 21 days or 45 days) begin once he participates in summer athletic activities?

Answer: No.

Question No. 14: May a student-athlete who is enrolled in the first and second summer school sessions engage in skill instruction during the time in between sessions?

Answer: Such a student-athlete may engage in skill instruction with a coach in between terms only if he has met the exception to summer school enrollment at the end of the preceding regular academic term (e.g., spring semester, spring quarter).

Question No. 15: How does the legislation apply to an institution that offers only one summer session and the session is less than eight weeks in duration?

Answer: Prospective student-athletes (freshmen or transfers) would only be permitted to participate in required athletic activities during the time period in which summer classes are in session (and/or final exams are conducted). Continuing student-athletes would be subject to the same application as prospective student-athletes unless they meet the appropriate provisions of the exception to summer school enrollment.

Question No. 16: May the eight weeks of required summer athletic activities be determined on an individual basis?

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 17: Is it permissible to conduct required summer athletic activities during the week before finals and the final exam period of the summer term?

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 18: May remedial, tutorial or noncredit courses be used to satisfy the requirements of the exception to summer school enrollment?

Answer: Yes, provided such courses meet the requirements of Bylaw 14.4.3.4.4.

Question No. 19: Must incoming student-athletes (e.g., freshmen and transfers) sign the drug-testing consent form before participating in required summer athletic activities?

Answer: Yes. Because such student-athletes will be participating in required activities, they are subject to the drug testing program.

Question No. 20: May an institution provide room and board to returning student-athletes to participate in required summer athletic activities if the individuals are not enrolled in summer school?

Answer: No. It is not permissible to provide room and board to student-athletes who are not enrolled in summer school. Room and board may be provided, pursuant to Bylaw 15.2.8, to student-athletes who are enrolled in summer school.