

December

Recruiting Calendars

Men's Basketball

Evaluation Period:
Oct. 6, 2009 - March 31, 2010

EXCEPT FOR

Dead Period:
Dec. 24-26, 2009

Women's Basketball

Evaluation Period:
Oct. 7, 2009 - Feb 28, 2010

EXCEPT FOR

Dead Period:
Dec. 24-26, 2009

Women's Softball

Quiet Period :
Nov 26, 2009–Jan. 1, 2010

Dead Period: Dec 9-13, 2009

Baseball

Quiet Period :
Nov 13, 2009—Feb 28, 2010

Dead Period:
January 7-11, 2010

Quiet Period:
Nov 13, 2009 - Feb 28, 2010

Women's Volleyball

Quiet Period
Dec 7-15, 2009

Dead Period: Dec 16-31, 2009

Women's Lacrosse

Quiet Period:
Nov 25, 2009 - Jan 1, 2010



COMPLIANCE CORNER



DECEMBER 2009

PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS

Viewing Skill-related Instruction Sessions and Informal Basketball Practice Scrimmages



NCAA Division I institutions should note that in accordance with NCAA Bylaws 17.1.6.2.2, 17.1.6.2.3 and 17.3.3.1-(a), an institution may not publicize skill-related instruction that occurs outside the playing season in all sports other than football, or informal practice scrimmages in basketball. Also, an institution may not conduct skill-related instruction sessions in view of a general public audience. Informal practice scrimmages in basketball must be held in complete privacy.

The following questions and answers are designed to assist member institutions in applying the legislation regarding the viewing of skill-related instruction that is permissible outside the playing season in all sports other than football and informal practice scrimmages in basketball:

1. Question: May prospective student-athletes view skill-related instruction while on official or unofficial visits?

Answer: Yes, it is permissible for a prospective student-athlete to view skill-related instruction during official or unofficial visits, provided the skill-instruction has not been publicized and is not held in view of a general public audience.

2. Question: May individuals accompanying prospective student-athletes on official or unofficial visits (e.g., parent, sibling, coach) view skill-related instruction?

Answer: Yes, it is permissible for individuals accompanying prospective student-athletes on official or unofficial visits to view skill-related instruction, provided the skill-instruction has not been publicized and is not held in view of a general public audience.

3. Question: May an institution invite individuals (e.g., boosters, high school coaches) to watch a team's skill-related instruction or in basketball, an informal practice scrimmage?

Answer: No, if an institution were to invite an individual or individuals to a skill-related instruction session or an informal practice scrimmage it would be considered publicizing the activity, which is prohibited by the legislation.

4. Question: May a member of the general public walk into a facility and watch skill-related instruction?

Answer: Yes, a member of the general public could walk into a facility where a team is involved in skill-related instruction on his or her own without the instruction being considered in view of a general public audience. However, an institution could not arrange to conduct skill-related instruction in a facility or at a time in which the institution had reason to believe that the skill instruction session would be conducted in view of a general public audience. For example, it would not be permissible for an institution to conduct skill instruction for its basketball team on the football field immediately following a home football game. This situation would constitute conducting skill-related instruction in view of a general public audience.

Cross Country/Track and Field

Contact Period:
Aug 9, 2009– Dec 13, 2009

Quiet Period:
Dec 14, 2009 - Jan 2, 2010

Dead Period:
Dec 14-18, 2009

Other Sports

Evaluation/Contact Period until
April 12-15, 2010

Definitions

Recruiting Periods (Bylaw 13.02.4)

Quiet Period. A quiet period is a period of time when it is permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts **ONLY** on the institution's campus. No in-person, off campus recruiting contacts or evaluations may be made during the quiet period.

Dead Period. A dead period is a period of time when it is not permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts or evaluations on or off the institution's campus or to permit official or unofficial visits by prospective student-athletes to the institutions campus. The provision of complimentary admissions to a prospective student-athlete during a dead period is prohibited, except as provided by Bylaw 13.7.2.5. During the dead period, a coaching staff member may not serve as a speaker, attend a meeting or banquet at which a prospective student-athletes are in attendance and may not visit a prospective student-athletes institution. It remains permissible however, for an institutional staff member to write or telephone a prospective-student athlete.

PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS (cont'd)

5. Question: May prospective student-athletes in basketball view an informal practice scrimmage while on official or unofficial visits?

Answer: Basketball prospective student-athletes (and those individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete) are permitted to view informal practice scrimmages while on an official visit. However, prospective student-athletes (and those individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete) are not permitted to view an informal practice scrimmage in basketball during an unofficial visit.

6. Question: What is the difference between the standards of "conducted in privacy" and "conducted in view of a general public audience"?

Answer: Informal practice scrimmages in basketball must be conducted in privacy. To satisfy this standard, an institution must ensure that no one from the general public can view the scrimmages. The facility where the scrimmage is occurring must be closed to the general public and the department of athletics must keep anyone from the general public from entering the gym. Further, the legislation specifically requires an institution to ensure that no one other than department of athletics staff members and those individuals necessary to conduct the practice scrimmage are present.

In contrast, the legislation regulating skill-related instruction specifies that skill related instruction sessions shall not be conducted in view of a general public audience. The intent of the legislation is to prohibit institutions from creating special activities or events in conjunction with skill-instruction sessions as a way of creating the appearance of full-fledged practice outside of the playing season or creating a celebrity atmosphere during prospective student-athletes' campus visits.

The legislation does not require complete privacy during skill-related instruction; however, it requires that institutions do not schedule or conduct the sessions in a way in which they become spectator events.

AWARDS AND BENEFITS

16.5.2 Permissible

Vacation-Period Expenses. The institution may provide the cost of room and board to student-athletes (during official institutional vacation periods) in the following circumstances. If an institution does not provide a meal to its student-athletes under such circumstances, a cash allowance may be provided (except for the permissible additional meal as described below), not to exceed the amount provided by the institution to institutional staff members on away-from-campus trips:

Student-athletes who are required to remain on the institution's campus for organized practice sessions or competition during the institution's official vacation period. If the student-athlete lives at home during the vacation period, the cost of room and board may not be provided by the institution, other than to permit the student-athlete to participate in team meals incidental to practice sessions.

Student-athletes who return to campus during the institution's official vacation period occurring during a regular academic term (not including vacation periods between terms) from institutional competition. Under such circumstances, room and board expenses may be provided beginning with the student-athlete's arrival on campus until the institution's regular dormitories and dining facilities reopen. If the student-athlete lives at home during the vacation period, the cost of room and board may not be provided by the institution