

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE INFORMATION

FINANCIAL AID

In addition to university requirements, student-athletes must also meet NCAA requirements for scholarships and financial aid. If you are a student-athlete (SA) at the University of Iowa, or interested in becoming a student-athlete, the following has been created to answer any questions you may have.



RECRUITING MATERIALS

According to NCAA rules, the following are considered recruiting materials (this is not an all-inclusive list): **general correspondence (letters, postcards), business cards, e-mails, game programs, media guides, schedule cards, student-athlete handbooks.** Such materials cannot be provided to a prospect prior to September 1 at the beginning of her/his junior year in high school. In the sport of men's basketball, such materials cannot be provided to a prospect until June 15 at the conclusion of her/his sophomore year in high school.

CONTACTS

A contact is any face-to-face encounter between a prospect {parent(s), legal guardian(s), relative(s)} and a coach that goes beyond an exchange of a greeting. In all sports, contact may not be made until July 1 following the completion of the junior year in high school (July 15 in women's gymnastics). In the sport of football, contacts generally cannot be made until the end of November of the prospect's senior year in high school.

EVALUATIONS

An evaluation is any activity designed to assess the academic qualifications or athletics ability of a prospect. Prospects can be evaluated at any point in their high school career, provided they occur during permissible evaluation periods.

TELEPHONE CALLS

In **sports other than** football, men's basketball, women's basketball, swimming and diving, and track and field/cross country, telephone calls can be made starting September 1 of his/her junior year in high school and are unlimited.

In the sports of **cross country and track and field**, an institution is permitted to make one call per week to a prospect on or after July 1 following his/her junior year of high school. Unlimited calls are permitted.

In the sport of **swimming and diving**, an institution is permitted to make one call per week to a prospect on or after July 1 following the prospect's junior year of high school.

In the sport of **men's basketball**, an institution is permitted to make unlimited calls to a prospect on or after June 15 following prospect's sophomore year in high school. See the recruiting guide below for more information.

In the sport of **women's basketball**, an institution is permitted to make unlimited telephone calls on or after September 1 of prospect's junior year in year in high school. See the recruiting guide for more information.

In the sport of **football**, one telephone call can be made to a prospect from April 15 through May 31 of his junior year. Additional telephone calls cannot be made until September 1 of the prospect's senior year and are limited, with some exceptions, to one per week. Unlimited telephone calls are permitted during contact periods.

COACHES CAN ACCEPT PHONE CALLS FROM PROSPECTS AT ANY TIME, PROVIDED THEY OCCUR AT THE PROSPECTS EXPENSE

OFFICIAL VISITS

An official visit is one where an institution pays the expenses associated with a prospect's visit (transportation, meals, lodging, entertainment). In order to make an official visit, a prospect must: 1) have started classes for his/her senior year in high school, 2) provided the institution with a standardized test score (PSAT, SAT, PLAN, ACT), 3) provided the institution with an academic transcript (high school or college), and 4) must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center and be placed on their Institutional Request List. Prospects are limited to 5 official visits during their senior year in high school and cannot visit an institution more than once.



UNOFFICIAL VISITS

An unofficial visit is one where the prospect pays his or her own expenses (transportation, meals, lodging) to visit an institution. On an unofficial visit, the only expense that an institution can provide is complimentary admissions (tickets) to a home athletics event. An institution can provide a maximum of 3 complimentary admissions (prospect plus two guests). Additional complimentary admissions must be purchased in the same manner as the general public. There is no limit on the number of unofficial visits that a prospect can make.



EXTRA BENEFITS AND INDUCEMENTS

NCAA legislation prohibits prospective student-athletes or the prospect's relatives or friends from receiving financial aid or other benefits directly from or arranged by a University of Iowa coach, student-athlete or booster. This prohibition shall apply regardless of whether similar financial aid, benefits or arrangements are available to prospective students in general, their relatives or friends. Specifically prohibited financial aid, benefits and arrangements include, but are not limited to, the following:

**Cash or like items and tangible items (e.g., gift certificates, clothing, jewelry).

** Loan of money, signing or cosigning loans, guarantee of bond or providing special discounts or payment arrangements on loans to PSA, their relatives or friends.

** Arranging employment for a prospect's relatives or friends.

**Promise of employment after college graduation.

**Involvement in arrangement for free or reduced charges for professional or personal services, purchases, or charges.

**An automobile or use of an automobile.

**Free or reduced-cost housing, storage or use of personal property.

**Transportation costs to prospects, their relatives or friends.

**Educational expenses (other than from permissible institutional and outside sources).

**Entertaining prospects and/or the prospect's relatives or friends at any site either on- or off-campus.

To protect student-athlete eligibility, it is important that both agents and student-athletes adhere to both NCAA rules regarding agents and University of Iowa policy.

Under NCAA Bylaw 12.3, a student-athlete may not agree verbally or in writing to be represented by an athlete agent in the present or in the future for the purpose of marketing the student-athlete's ability or reputation. Further, a student-athlete may not accept any type of benefit from an agent (or a representative of an agent). If the student-athlete enters into such an agreement or accepts a benefit, the student-athlete becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition.

