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Telephone Calls Regarding Institutional Camp and Clinic Logistical Issues (I)

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NCAA Division I institutions should note that the NCAA Division I Legislative Review/Interpretations Committee recently reviewed issues related to telephone calls regarding institutional camp and clinic logistics. The committee determined that a telephone call to an individual (or his or her parents, guardians or coaches) that relates solely to institutional camp and clinic logistical issues is not subject to the restrictions on telephone calls, provided no recruiting conversation or solicitation of particular individuals to attend a camp or clinic occurs. The following questions and answers and example scenario are designed to assist institutions regarding the application of this interpretation.

Question 1: Which institutional staff members may make telephone calls regarding institutional camp and clinic logistical issues?

Answer 1: Any institutional staff member (e.g., countable coach, volunteer coach, administrative assistant, noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities) may make telephone calls regarding institutional camp and clinic logistical issues since these calls are not intended to be for recruiting purposes. Accordingly, these calls may not include any recruiting conversation or solicitation of particular individuals to attend the institution's camp or clinic. If a call includes any recruiting conversation or solicitation of particular individuals to attend, then the legislated telephone call restrictions apply including the restrictions on who is permitted to make and receive telephone calls.

Question 2: Is there a limit on the number of calls that may be made to a prospective student-athlete regarding institutional camp and clinic logistical issues?

Answer 2: No. Since these calls are not intended to be for recruiting purposes, they are not subject to the time period limitations for telephone calls that may be made to prospective student-athletes. However, if a call includes any recruiting conversation or solicitation of particular individuals to attend, then the legislated telephone call restrictions apply including the time period limitations.

Question 3: What are some examples of logistical issues regarding camps and clinics?

Answer 3: Camp logistical issues may include but are not limited to:

- Incomplete, insufficient or illegible payment information;
- Incomplete or unsigned paperwork or forms;
- Questions regarding accommodations;
- Questions regarding required vs. optional items to bring to camp;
- Questions regarding transportation or meal options at camp; or
- Medical questions.

Example Scenario: The institution's director of women's basketball operations returns a telephone call from a prospective student-athlete's parent regarding rooming arrangements at the institution's camp. May the director of operations also inquire about the prospective student-athlete and her younger sister's last game and/or ask if the student-athlete's younger sister will also be attending the camp?

Answer: No, the director of operations may not initiate any conversation that may be considered a recruiting conversation and/or solicitation of a particular individual to attend the camp. At the point that a recruiting conversation or solicitation begins, the call is subject to applicable telephone call restrictions, including limitations regarding permissible callers and permissible time periods.

[References: NCAA Division I Bylaws 11.7.1.2 (recruiting coordination functions), 11.7.4 (limitations on number of coaches and off-campus recruiters), 13.1.3 (telephone calls), 13.1.3.1 (time period of telephone calls — general rule), 13.1.3.4 (permissible callers), 13.1.3.4.1 (institutional coaching staff members — general rule), 13.12.1.3 (recruiting calendar exceptions) and an official interpretation (4/2/09, Item Ref. 2)]

References

Legislative References		
Div.	Number	Title
I	13.12.1.3	Recruiting Calendar Exceptions.
I	13.1.3	Telephone Calls.
I	13.1.3.4	Permissible Callers.
I	13.1.3.1	Time Period for Telephone Calls — General Rule.
I	13.1.3.4.1	Institutional Coaching Staff Members — General Rule.
I	11.7.4	Limitations on Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters.
I	11.7.1.2	Recruiting Coordination Functions.

Other
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