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Title:

Men's Basketball Recruiting Issues (I)

Date Published: November 4, 2009**Type:** Official Interpretation**Item Ref:** 1**Interpretation:**

The NCAA Division I Board of Directors used its authority set forth in NCAA Constitution 5.4.1.1 to issue the following interpretations related to men's basketball:

1. The definition of an "individual associated with a prospect" is any person who maintains (or directs others to maintain) contact with the prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians, or coaches at any point during the prospective student-athlete's participation in basketball, and whose contact is directly or indirectly related to the prospective student-athlete's:

- a. Athletic skills and abilities; or
- b. Recruitment by or enrollment in an NCAA institution.

This definition includes, but is not limited to, parents, legal guardians, handlers, personal trainers and coaches. An individual who meets the definition of an individual associated with a prospect retains that status during the enrollment of that prospect at that institution.

2. It is not permissible for an institution or men's basketball staff member to employ (i.e., volunteer or paid) an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete at the institution's or men's basketball staff member's camp or clinic.

3. It is not permissible for an institutional or men's basketball staff member's basketball camp to offer a different participation, registration procedure, fee structure, advertisement and/or logistical experience (e.g., lodging, meals, transportation or awards/mementos) than the other men's/boys' basketball camps operated by the institution or men's basketball staff.

4. It is not permissible for an institution or a men's basketball staff member to provide money to a nonprofit foundation that expends funds for the benefit of a nonscholastic team, prospective student-athlete(s) or an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete. A violation would occur even if the foundation provides funding to or services for both prospective student-athletes and individuals younger than prospect age.

5. It is not permissible for an institution or a men's basketball staff member to provide a consulting fee to an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete or to a consulting firm in which an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete has a proprietary or financial interest.

6. It is not permissible for a men's basketball staff member to place a telephone call to a 1-900 number connected to a prospect or an individual associated with a prospect.

7. It is not permissible for a men's basketball staff member or a representative of the institution's athletics interests is involved in any way in the operation or planning of a men's basketball nonscholastic event on its campus. [Note: Contracts signed by boosters before October 29, 2009, may be honored.]

[References: Bylaws 13.2.1 (general regulation), 13.11.1 (prohibited activities), 13.12.1.1 (definition), 13.12.2.2 (high school, preparatory-school, two-year college coaches or other individuals involved with prospective student-athletes) and 13.15.1 (prohibited expenses); and official interpretation (8/6/87, Item No. 10), which has been archived.]

References

Legislative References			Other
Div.	Number	Title	R e f e r e n c e s
I	13.11.1	Prohibited Activities.	Interpretations: 1
I	13.12.1.1	Definition.	
I	13.15.1	Prohibited Expenses.	
I	13.2.1	General Regulation.	
I	13.12.2.2	High School, Preparatory-School, Two-Year College Coaches or Other Individuals Involved with Prospective Student-Athletes.	