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# FOCUS OF THE MONTH

## **NOTIFICATIONS OF TRANSFER**

#### Effective October 15, 2018:

NCAA policy regarding transfers from any institution will change, effective October 15, 2018, to a "notification of transfer" policy. This change consolidates the requirements for requests to transfer and permissions to contact, and must be submitted before a student-athlete can speak with another institution about transferring.

- Student-athletes must obtain a Notification of Transfer form from the Compliance Office, which they must complete and send to their individual Compliance representative and Associate AD/ Compliance Trever Wright, who will notify the Head Coach and Sport Supervisor.
- The Compliance Office will enter the student-athlete's information into the NCAA transfer database within two (2) business days of receiving a completed Notification of Transfer form.
- Once this process has started, student-athletes will be notified in writing of any services of benefits that will or will not be offered during the remainder of their enrollment at UC.
- Student-athletes are responsible for maintaining academic and athletic eligibility while still enrolled.

Starting this process *does not* mean a student-athlete is automatically eligible to participate at a new institution. It simply allows the student-athlete to speak to another institution about transferring.

### OFFICIAL VISITS RULES!!

**13.6.2.1.1 Sports Other Than Basketball and Football.** In sports other than basketball and football, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than September 1 of his or her junior year in high school.

**13.6.2.1.2 Men's Basketball.** In men's basketball, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than August 1 at the beginning of his junior year in high school.

**13.6.2.1.3 Women's Basketball.** In women's basketball, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than the Thursday following the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship game of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school

**13.6.2.1.4 Football. [FBS/FCS]** In football, an institution may provide a prospective student-athlete an expense-paid visit beginning April 1 of a prospective student-athlete's junior year through the Sunday before the last Wednesday in June. However, an institution shall not provide a prospective student-athlete an expense-paid visit in conjunction with the prospective student-athlete's participation in an institutional camp or clinic. Thereafter, an institution may provide an expense-paid visit beginning with the opening day of classes of the prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school.

### **CARA REMINDERS**

- ⇒ Reading Days on October 11-12 are not Official UC Holidays.
- ⇒ Unlimited CARA Hours for teams in their 20-hour CARA Segment are not permitted during Reading Days.

# CAN YOU SPOT THE VIOLATION?

A group of prospective student-athletes are on campus for an official visit. During the visit a photograph opportunity is arranged by a coach in the locker room. The photograph was taken against a backdrop that was placed in the locker room specifically for the visits. The PSA was given a copy of the image and posted it on their personal Instagram page after the conclusion of the visit.

The violation occurred when the photo was taken against a backdrop that was not a permanent or regular fixture in the locker room. The taking of the photograph, giving the PSA the photograph and the post to Instagram by the PSA are not

violations.



# Per Educational Column 9/14/2017: Activities During Official and Unofficial Visits Publicity and Photographs

Any time during a prospective student-athlete's official or unofficial visit, it is permissible for him or her to photograph the visit and post the photograph on social media provided the photograph:

- 1. Is not arranged or taken at the direction of an institutional staff member; and
- 2. Is not posted on social media by or at the direction of an institutional staff member.

Question No. 2: May a prospective student-athlete take a photograph with a coach or student-athlete and post it on social media?

<u>Answer</u>: Yes, provided the photograph is not posted on social media at the direction of an institutional staff member.

<u>Question No. 3</u>: May a prospective student-athlete who is on the sideline or the field/court before or after a contest take a photograph of him or herself and post it on social media?

Answer: Yes, provided the photograph is not posted on social media at the direction of an institutional staff member.

Question No. 4: May a prospective student-athlete take a photograph in the locker room in front of a media backdrop?

Answer: Yes, if the media backdrop is a permanent or regular fixture in the locker room. However, it is not permissible for the institution to place special additions (e.g., temporary displays of trophies) in the locker room during a recruiting visit.

Question No. 8: May a prospective student-athlete take a photograph while dressed in a non-personalized institutional uniform (see Question No. 10) and post it on social media?

**Answer**: Yes, provided the photograph is not posted on social media at the direction of an institutional staff member.



**Q:** May an institutional staff member take a photograph of a prospective student-athlete on the field/court or in the locker room to be used for permissible publicity after his or her commitment?

**A:** Yes, provided the photograph does not include a game day simulation or is used in a manner that violates the rules related to publicity of a prospective student-athlete's campus visit (e.g. released prior to commitment)

Educational Column, 9/14/2018: Activities During Unofficial and Official Visits – Photographs, Equipment and Uniforms (I)

**Q**: May a prospective student-athlete enter a hospitality area (e.g., recruiting room, suite) during a home athletics contest?

**A**: Yes, however, during the conduct of the contest (including intermissions), the hospitality area may not have sightlines to the playing surface.

# RECRUITING CALENDAR

#### FOOTBALL

1st - 30th: Evaluation/ Quiet Period (42 days through 11/24/18)

#### **WBB**

1st - 30th: Evaluation (scholastic only)

#### **ALL OTHERS**

1st - 30th: Contact Period