



For Your Interpretation.....

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February 2016 Recruiting Calendars

Baseball-	
February 1-29—Quiet Period	
Men's Basketball-	
February 1-29—Recruiting Period	
Women's Basketball-	
February 1-29—Evaluation Period	
Football-	
February 1-4—Dead Period	
February 5-29—Quiet Period	
Soccer-	
February 1-4—Dead Period	
February 5-29—Contact Period	
Softball-	
February 1-29—Contact Period	
Track and Field-	
February 1-29—Contact Period	
Volleyball-	
February 1-29—Contact Period*	
*In states that play high school volleyball season in the winter, contacts and evaluations shall be permissible Jan. 1 through the Friday prior to the Presidents Weekend Tournaments	
All other Sports-	
February 1-29—Contact Period	

Questionnaires and Camp Brochures

Coaches at MU will be sending out camp brochures in the coming weeks. The coaches always include a letter with the brochure with specific information related to camp and the registration process. Is it permissible to include such a letter if the brochure is being sent to a prospect who is not yet permitted to receive correspondence (i.e. prior to Sept 1 of junior year)?

An institution may include a cover letter with a questionnaire or camp brochure sent to a prospective student-athlete prior to the first permissible date to provide general and electronic correspondence, provided the correspondence is generic in format and content, does not include information related to the institution's athletics program and does not contain recruiting language or solicitation of the prospective student-athlete to enroll at the institution. Such correspondence may include a personalized salutation (e.g., Dear John) and/or instructional language.

Personalized Audio/Video

An institution may produce and arrange personalized audio/video presentations to show to or play for a prospective student-athlete after he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or after the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. The video may not be given to the prospect, even after formal commitment.

Sports Psychologist

A sports psychologist may attend practice sessions without being included in the institution's coaching limitations in a particular sport, provided the individual does not provide any technical or tactical instruction related to the sport or make or assist in making tactical decisions related to the sport during on-court or on-field practice or competition. A sports psychologist may evaluate, but not interact with, a student-athlete during a practice session only for the purposes of assisting the student-athlete in off-court or off-field non-coaching activities (e.g., mental imagery) directly related to the sport; however, if a student-athlete is required to meet with the sports psychologist, such a meeting is considered a countable athletically related activity

Further, an institution may require a student-athlete to meet with a sports psychologist as a permissible out-of-season conditioning activity, provided the time engaged in the sessions are included in the maximum limit of eight hours per week for countable athletically related activities outside the playing season.

From the Interpretations Files...



Question: A volunteer coach would like to travel to an upcoming competition but is unable to depart the same day as the team. If the volunteer coach were to provide his/her own transportation to attend the competition, would it be permissible to reimburse his/her transportation expenses?

Answer: Yes. NCAA rules permit the institution to provide transportation expenses to a volunteer coach who is participating with the team during away-from-home competition. Accordingly, it would be permissible to reimburse the coach for expenses associated with travel for the team's competition. Please note the volunteer coach should retain copies of all receipts associated with their travel, to provide any documentation the Athletics Business Office may need to assist with the reimbursement.

Question: A recruit will be making an official visit this weekend. He/she will be flying to Columbia, but his/her family will be driving separately. Can we pay for mileage for his parents?

Answer: No. Except in the sport of basketball, current official visit and transportation legislation does not permit Mizzou to incur the cost of transportation to campus for the parent of a recruit. If he/she were to travel to campus by car with one of his/her parents, it would be permissible to provide mileage to the parent with whom he/she travels. However, since he/she is traveling separately, we may pay for his airfare but may not provide mileage to his/her parents.

Question: We would like to recognize the companies that sponsored our golf tournament last year at different meets this season. Would it be permissible to recognize club gyms who contributed to the golf tournament?

Answer: No. It would not be permissible to recognize any gym that has prospect-aged members, even if this benefit is provided to all sponsors and the in-meet recognition is limited to a thank you for the organization's support. Reason being, all athletics staff members are prohibited from promoting or endorsing a prospect's team or coach or a facility that is used by prospects (11.3.2.8). This would also raise concerns under the publicity restrictions of Bylaw 13.10.

Question: A prospect who is a non-qualifier first enrolled in a two-year school during Spring 2015. Would this prospect be permitted to sign a National Letter of Intent for 2015-16?

Answer: No. It would not be permissible for this prospect to sign a National Letter of Intent because it is known that the prospect will be ineligible to enroll at Missouri for Fall 2015. Additionally, this recruit would not be eligible to sign an SEC financial aid agreement, as a non-qualifier enrolled within the first year at a two year school.

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