

DIVISION III RECRUITING - QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

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- **Bylaw 13.02.2 – Contact:** There are no restrictions on the number of off-campus contacts. Off-campus contacts are not permitted until the conclusion of the prospect's junior year of high school. Please note contact restrictions at practice and competition sites per Bylaw 13.1.4. (contact restrictions at specified sites).
- **Bylaw 13.1.5 - Evaluations:** There are no restrictions on the number or timing on the observation of a prospect participating in practice or competition.
- **Campus visits in which athletics recruitment is involved:**
 - **Bylaw 13.6 – Official visits.** Each institution is permitted to finance the expenses of one visit per prospect. There are restricted allowances on transportation, meals, lodging, and entertainment detailed within the legislation. Official visits can take place beginning with the opening day of classes for the prospect's senior year in high school. An additional paid visit would be permitted beginning October 15 after the prospect's completion of high school, which is typically used by two- and four-year college prospects.
 - **Bylaw 13.7 – Unofficial visits.** A prospect may visit a member institution's campus at his or her own expense an unlimited number of times and there are no restrictions on the timing of these unofficial campus visits.
- **Communications:**
 - **Bylaw 13.4.1 – Recruiting materials and letters.** There are no restrictions on the timing of providing recruiting materials or letters to prospects. Institutions are permitted to provide any official academic, admissions, athletics and student-services publications or videotapes published or produced by the institution and other information of a general nature that is available to all students.
 - **Bylaw 13.02.9 – Telephone calls.** There are no restrictions on the number or timing on telephone calls to prospects.
 - **Bylaw 13.02.10 – E-mails or facsimiles.** There are no restrictions on the number or timing for sending e-mails and facsimiles to prospects.
 - **Bylaw 13.02.10 – Text messages/instant messenger/social networking sites.** The use of text messaging, instant messaging or social networking Web sites by, or on behalf of, a member of the institution's athletics department staff for the purpose of recruitment of prospects is prohibited. It is permissible for athletics departments to use these services for dissemination of general athletics information to a public group that may include prospective student-athletes provided the information sent is the same for all members of the group and the members are able to opt out of the group or service at any time.
- **Bylaw 13.1.1.2 – Four-year college prospects:** Athletics recruitment of an NCAA or NAIA four-year college student-athlete is not permitted without first obtaining written permission from the student's current institution to do so, regardless of who makes the initial contact. A student-athlete transferring from a Division III institution to another Division III institution can sign the self-release form for proper permission.



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Campus Visits

Official Visits (NCAA Division III Bylaw 13.6)

- Each institution is permitted to finance the expenses of one visit per prospect.
- There are restricted allowances on transportation, meals, lodging and entertainment.
- These visits can take place beginning with the opening day of classes for the prospect's senior year.
- An additional paid visit would be permitted beginning October 15 after the prospect's completion of high school (*which is typically used by two- and four-year college prospects*).

Unofficial Visits (Bylaw 13.7)

- A prospect may visit a member institution's campus at his or her own expense an unlimited number of times.
- There are no restrictions on the timing of these visits.

Communications

Recruiting Materials and Letters (Bylaw 13.4.1)

- There are no restrictions on the timing of providing recruiting materials or letters to prospects.
- Institutions are permitted to provide any official academic, admissions, athletics and student-services publications or videotapes published or produced by the institution and other information of a general nature that is available to all students.

Telephone Calls (Bylaw 13.02.8)

- There are no restrictions on the number or timing on telephone calls to prospects.

E-mails or Facsimiles (Bylaw 13.02.10)

- There are no restrictions on the number or timing for sending e-mails and facsimiles to prospects.

Text Messages / Instant Messenger / Social Networking Sites (Bylaw 13.02.10)

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Contacts

Contacts (Bylaw 13.02.2)

- There are no restrictions on the number of off-campus contacts.
- Off-campus contacts are not permitted until the conclusion of the prospect's junior year of high school.
- Please note contact restrictions at practice and competition sites per Bylaw 13.1.4.

Evaluations (Bylaw 13.1.5)

- There are no restrictions on the number or timing on the observation of a prospect participating in practice or competition.

Four-Year College Prospects (Bylaw 13.1.1.2)

- Athletics recruitment of any type of an NCAA or NAIA four-year college student-athlete is not permitted without first obtaining written permission from the student's current institution to do so, regardless of who makes the initial contact. A student-athlete transferring from a Division III institution to another Division III institution can sign the self-release form for proper permission.