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NESCAC Statement of Expectations for Prospective Student-Athletes

Campus visits are an excellent opportunity for you to learn more about life as a NESCAC student athlete. We encourage you to take part in the academic, social, and residential life at our institutions. We remind you that as a guest, you should behave in a way that is respectful towards yourself, your host, and the College/University. We expect that you will abide by the rules and guidelines put forth by the Institution and State. Please be aware that your choices reflect upon your character. We anticipate you having a great visit and look forward to seeing you on campus!

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Information for Prospective Student-Athletes Visiting NESCAC Institutions

The following document was drafted to assist prospective student-athletes when visiting NESCAC member institutions. The following general guidelines are not all-encompassing and the NESCAC and NCAA Manuals should be consulted for more detailed information.

Arrangements and accommodations provided by an institution for prospective students visiting for the purpose of athletic recruitment should be consistent with arrangements and accommodations provided for visiting prospective students generally. However, if athletics department staff members are involved in any way with arrangements of a visit, more restrictive policies of the NCAA may need to be followed.

The NCAA classifies visits by prospective student-athletes either as official or unofficial. In general, an unofficial visit is one that is financed by the prospective student while an official visit is one that is financed either entirely or partially by the institution. There are a number of expenses/benefits that if provided by an institution classifies the visit as an official visit. Official visits may not occur until the opening day of classes of the prospect's senior year and may not exceed 48 hours. An institution may provide only one official visit to its campus for a prospect.

Division III does not limit the number of official visits prospective students can make to Division III institutions. Official visits to Division III institutions do not count toward limits established in Divisions I and II.

NESCAC institutions may provide limited benefits to prospects visiting campus for the purpose of athletic recruitment. Anything provided above and beyond what is identified below is a violation of NESCAC rules even if permitted by NCAA rules.

Unofficial Visits

- A prospective student may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits.
- **Meal:** A prospect may receive a single meal provided by the institution in their on-campus student dining facility (the meal may not be provided at a local restaurant if the dining facility is closed unless it is the institution's policy to do so for all visiting prospective students generally). Meals may not be provided for parents or other family members.
- **Lodging:** Lodging may not be provided to a prospect unless it is the institution's policy to provide such lodging to all visiting prospective students generally. Note: If an institution's policy is to provide lodging only for visiting high school seniors, then the institution's athletic department may arrange/provide lodging for a senior without considering the visit an official visit (as long as all other guidelines for unofficial visits are met). If the institution does not provide lodging for visiting students, the athletic department may still arrange/provide lodging for a senior, but the visit will then be classified as an official visit. Lodging may only be provided for non-seniors if it is the institution's policy to provide such lodging for all visiting non-seniors in general.
- **Transportation:** Transportation (including to/from the local bus/train station and/or local airport) may not be provided.

Official Visits

- A prospect may not make an official visit until the opening day of classes of the prospect's senior year.
- An institution may provide only one official visit to its campus for a prospective student.
- An official visit may not exceed 48 hours.
- **Meals:** An institution may provide meals (not to exceed three per day) to a prospect in the institution's on-campus

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student dining facility. If a prospect visits campus during a vacation period and the dining facility is closed, a meal may be provided to a prospect (and the prospect's parents/legal guardians) in a local restaurant. The meal must be comparable to the type of meal provided in the on-campus dining facility.

- **Lodging:** Lodging may be provided for a prospect. If provided it shall be in a manner similar or comparable to that of student housing (e.g., dorm room).
- **Transportation:** Transportation to/from the local bus/train station and/or local airport is permissible.

The NESCAC does not permit colleges nor organized alumni athletic associations to pay the travel costs of prospective students to the campus for the purpose of athletic recruitment. However, NESCAC rules permit coaches to pick up prospective students from and deliver them to local airports, bus stations and train stations. Per NCAA rules, providing such transportation is permitted but only for and during an official visit. If an institution chooses to provide a prospect with such transportation the visit is classified by the NCAA as an official visit and may not occur until the opening day of classes of the prospect's senior year, may not exceed 48 hours and may only occur on one occasion.

An institution may provide a prospect with transportation to view off-campus practice and competition sites in the prospect's sport and other institutional facilities located within a 30-mile radius of the institution's campus. An institutional staff member must accompany the prospect during such a trip. During an unofficial visit it is not permissible for the institution to provide a prospect with transportation to these facilities to attend one of the institution's home athletics events.

Entertainment: Although permitted by NCAA rules, NESCAC rules state it is not permissible to provide a student host with funds/cash to entertain a prospect on an official visit (or unofficial visit).

Tickets/Complimentary Admission to Athletic Events

- **Regular Season Events**

Unofficial visit: A maximum of three complimentary admissions to a home athletics event may be provided at any facility in which the institution's intercollegiate team practices or competes. Such complimentary admissions are for the exclusive use of the prospect and those persons accompanying the prospect on the visit and must be issued on an individual-game basis.

Official visit: Complimentary admissions to a home athletics event at any facility within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus may be provided only to a prospect and the prospect's parents/legal guardian(s) or spouse.

- Providing special seating (facility's press box, special seating boxes or bench area) during the conduct of the event for the prospect or the prospect's family is prohibited.
- **Conference Championships**
Complimentary admission to a conference championship is prohibited.
- **NCAA Championships**
Complimentary or reduced admission for an NCAA Championship is prohibited.

Note: The limitations on providing benefits to a prospect shall not extend to a visit to the institution's campus for a purpose having nothing whatsoever to do with the prospect's athletics recruitment by the institution (e.g., Prospective Student Days, Accepted Student Days). The institution's athletics department or representatives of its athletics interests may not be involved in any way with the arrangements for the visit, other than providing free admission to an athletics event on a group basis, rather than personally to the prospect.

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