



**NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee  
Early Recruiting Review – Visits – Regulatory Framework Concept  
Fall 2017 Draft Document**

Regulatory Approach Color Key	Prohibitive	Limited	Permissive
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Official Visits (OVs)					
Recruiting Area	Prior to 9th Grade	In 9th Grade	In 10th Grade	In 11th Grade	In 12th Grade
First Opportunity for a PSA to Visit	OVs may not be provided.	OVs may not be provided.	OVs may not be provided.	OVs may be provided beginning <b>September 1 of the PSAs junior year in high school.</b>	OVs may be provided.

Unofficial Visits (UOVs)					
Recruiting Area	Prior to 9th Grade	In 9th Grade	In 10th Grade	In 11th Grade	In 12th Grade
First Opportunity for a PSA to Visit	UOVs may not involve the athletics department.	UOVs may not involve the athletics department.	UOVs may involve the athletics department beginning <b>September 1 of the PSAs sophomore year in high school.</b>	UOVs may involve the athletics department.	UOVs may involve the athletics department.

Other Concepts Related to Visits	
	<b>Transportation Expenses for Parents/Legal Guardians Accompanying PSA on OV</b>
Transportation Expenses	An institution may pay the actual round-trip costs (transportation, meals, lodging) for a PSA's parents/legal guardians (up to two people) to accompany PSA on an OV.
	<b>Complimentary Admissions Involving Athletics</b>
Complimentary Admissions	An institution <b>may not</b> provide complimentary admissions to a PSA as part of an unofficial visit prior to <b>September 1 of the PSAs sophomore year in high school.</b> *** Exception – Complimentary admissions may be provided as visits unrelated to athletics recruitment prior to sophomore year in high school. ***
	<b>Recruiting Conversations at an Institutional Camp/Clinic</b>
Recruiting Conversations	An institution <b>may not</b> engage in recruiting conversations with a PSA at a camp/clinic prior to <b>September 1 of the PSAs sophomore year in high school.</b>



**Rationale:**

The NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee Early Recruiting Subgroup has recommended the regulatory framework concepts listed on the first page to SAEC after consultation with NCAA Division I National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and a comprehensive review of the SAEC guiding principles related to early recruiting. The Division I Council recommended SAEC review early recruiting and charged SAEC with finding opportunities for the athletic recruiting timeline to better align with the timeline of the general student. SAEC solicited feedback from various groups of athletics administrators (Division I-FCS Athletics Directors, Division I-AAA Athletics Directors and National Associate for Athletics Compliance) related to early recruiting, and reviewed the SAAC Early Recruiting Survey. Additionally, the subgroup conducted a legislative review, and in light of similar legislative changes in football, basketball, lacrosse and gymnastics, believes these concepts are appropriate to better align the recruiting timeline with the timeline of a general student. The regulatory framework concepts listed on the first page are the initial phase of a multi-phased systematic early recruiting review conducted by SAEC.

**Official Visit - First Opportunity for a Prospective Student-Athlete to Visit:**

This is permissive legislation. Moving the first permissible date for a prospective student-athlete to take an official visit to an institution from the opening day of classes during the prospective student-athlete's senior year of high school to September 1 of a prospective student-athlete's junior year of high school will allow for the decision-making timeline of prospective student-athletes to better align with the decision-making timeline of the general student. General students typically begin visiting institutions during their junior year of high school. Additionally, moving the first permissible date of an official visit forward to the junior year in high school increases the importance of official visits in the recruiting process. Division I SAAC was supportive of moving the first permissible date of an official visit earlier. SAEC is supportive of exploring numerical limits on the number of official visits.

**Unofficial Visit - First Opportunity for a Prospective Student-Athlete to Visit:**

This is restrictive legislation. Establishing the first permissible date for an unofficial visit as September 1 of the prospective student-athlete's sophomore year of high school slows down the recruiting process, and allows middle school students and freshmen in high school to focus on academics and athletics success, as opposed to the pressure of taking unofficial visits to institutions. Given general students typically begin visiting institutions campuses during their junior year of high school, this concept de-emphasizes the importance of unofficial visits, as it narrows the permissible window of time for these visits to occur, simultaneously moving the first permissible date for an official visit forward to the junior year may create a greater emphasis on the official visit as part of the recruiting process.

**Complimentary Admissions:**

Restricting institutions from providing complimentary admissions to prospective student-athletes prior to September 1 of the sophomore year, eliminates early recruiting opportunities and aligns with the first permissible date for an unofficial visit. It would remain permissible for institutions to provide complimentary admissions to individuals in situations unrelated to athletics or recruiting.

**Recruiting Conversations at an Institutional Camp/Clinic:**

Restricting recruiting conversations at institutional camps/clinics with prospective student-athletes prior to September 1 of the sophomore year, eliminates early recruiting opportunities and aligns with the first permissible date for an unofficial visit.

**Transportation Expenses:**

This is permissive legislation. Permitting the parents/legal guardians of a prospective student-athlete to accompany the prospective student-athlete on an official visit to the institution will increase the involvement of the parents/legal guardians in the decision-making process. The subgroup acknowledged there are prospective student-athlete well-being concerns related to juniors in high school making visits to institutions without the parents/legal guardians in attendance. Further, permitting the parents/legal guardians to accompany a prospective student-athlete on an official visit aligns with a traditional campus visit for a general student.

**Autonomy Legislation:** This concept needs to be referred to the Autonomy 5 for consideration of introduction into the 2017-18 or 2018-19 legislative cycles.

It is important to note that these regulatory concepts remain under evaluation by the subgroup and SAEC, the concepts are subject to modification based on input from stakeholders.