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As a follow-up to my January presentation on the Commission on College Basketball and June scholastic basketball recruiting events for the NCAA, I wanted to reach out with more specific details on the 2019 NCAA College Basketball Academy that will occur July 22-28 at Grand Canyon University, the University of Connecticut, the University of Houston and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

The official website for the NCAA College Basketball Academy launched March 12 and includes pertinent event information on the academy. Additionally, it includes a self-nomination link for prospective student-athletes to nominate themselves to be considered for the NCAA College Basketball Academy.

Please keep in mind any prospective student-athlete already registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center will receive an automatic email from the NCAA Eligibility Center to self-nominate. If a prospect is not registered with the Eligibility Center, the link will direct him to register before he can self-nominate himself for the academy.

Should you get any inquiries from coaches or players on the nomination process, please direct them to the NCAA College Basketball Academy website:

ncaa.com/collegebasketballacademy

Additionally, I am asking for your assistance regarding your respective state high school association bylaws covering benefits the NCAA would like to provide to each prospective student-athlete and one chaperone per participant. In order to protect the prospective student-athlete's high school eligibility, the NCAA would like to know which of the following benefits your state high school association would allow:

Prospective Student-Athlete

Airfare or mileage reimbursement to camp
Housing (three nights/dorm on campus)
Meals (three days/cafeteria on campus)
One basketball jersey, one pair of shorts, socks, two T-shirts and one backpack

Chaperone of Prospective Student-Athlete

Airfare
Housing (three nights/hotel)
Meals (three days/cafeteria on campus)

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Please include any feedback on your bylaws and whether there are restrictions as to how a chaperone is defined and what a parent/guardian may receive versus another chaperone. In most cases, but not all, we anticipate the chaperone will be a parent or legal guardian. I have attached an exhibit that explains our definition of a chaperone for the NCAA College Basketball Academy.

Finally, as discussed in the January presentation, we also will invite NCAA Division II and Division III men's college basketball coaches and boys basketball high school coaches to serve as academy coaches. These coaches will be nominated and selected by the National Association of Basketball Coaches. Before extending invitations, we will reach out to the coaches' respective high school association to make sure they are association members and to obtain clearance on any potential compliance issues.

I also would appreciate if you could provide me with any bylaws in place that would prohibit high school coaches in your state from coaching with or against prospects from their high school or other high schools in your state. Please include any other pertinent bylaws you feel could apply to your high school coaches participating in the NCAA College Basketball Academy.

I appreciate your willingness to assist us with our academy. Ideally, we'd like to receive a written response from you on your official letterhead which we could post on our NCAA College Basketball Academy website. Please direct any responses via email to Davis Whitfield at dwhitfield@nfhs.org.

Best of luck with your state basketball tournaments in 2019.



Dan Gavitt
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Attachment

Who is a “Chaperone”?

All Chaperones must be either a(n): (i) parent, (ii) legal guardian, (iii) family member, or (iv) individual over the age of 25 that is designated by the parent or legal guardian to travel with and attend the event with the NCAA College Basketball Academy participant.*

The intent is to have the participant accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. If someone other than the parent, legal guardian or a family member is attending a regional site of the academy as the Chaperone, the parent or legal guardian of the academy participant will be required to sign a waiver to allow the designated individual to travel with and attend with the academy participant.

One of the goals of the NCAA College Basketball Academy is to educate participants and families on NCAA recruiting rules.

**- Family member is considered a sibling, grandparent, domestic partner or any individual whose close association with the participant is the practical equivalent of a family relationship.*

Chaperone Policy

The following individuals would be considered as a “Chaperone” for the NCAA College Basketball Academy:

- Parent or legal guardian (Must be at least 25 years of age)
- Family Member (Must be at least 25 years of age)
- High School or non-scholastic coach (Must be at least 25 years of age)
 - Must have a valid USA Basketball Gold License

Participants will be asked to register their Chaperones soon after being invited to the academy. The NCAA will cover travel, lodging, and meal expenses for the prospect and one Chaperone, ***IF permitted by the state high school association.***

Carpool Policy: If participants carpool, Chaperones will only be reimbursed for the mileage of the vehicle that they are driving no matter how many prospects/Chaperones are in the vehicle.