

**Division:** I

**Proposal Number:** 2017-112

**Title:** RECRUITING -- UNOFFICIAL (UNPAID) VISITS -- FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT -- SEPTEMBER 1 OF JUNIOR YEAR -- SPORTS OTHER THAN BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL

**Status:** Rescission Period

**Intent:** In sports other than basketball and football, to specify that an unofficial visit with athletics department involvement (e.g., contact with athletics department staff, athletics-specific tour, complimentary admission) shall not occur with an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.7, as follows:

13.7 Unofficial (Nonpaid) Visit.

**13.7.1 First Opportunity to Visit -- Sports Other Than Basketball and Football. In sports other than basketball and football, an unofficial visit with athletics department involvement (e.g., contact with athletics department staff, athletics-specific tour, complimentary admission) shall not occur with an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school.**

13.7.12 Number Permitted. A prospective student-athlete may visit a member institution's campus at his or her own expense an unlimited number of times. *A prospective student-athlete may make unofficial visits before his or her senior year in high school.*

[13.7.1.1 through 13.7.1.2 renumbered as 13.7.2.1 through 13.7.2.2, unchanged.]

*13.7.1.3 Exception — Women's Gymnastics, Lacrosse and Wrestling. In women's gymnastics, lacrosse and wrestling, an unofficial visit with athletics department involvement (e.g., contact with athletics department staff, athletics-specific tour, complimentary admission) shall not occur with an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school.*

[13.7.2 through 13.7.4 renumbered as 13.7.3 through 13.7.5, unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Council (Student-Athlete Experience Committee)

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** This proposal slows down the recruiting process and allows middle school students and freshmen in high school to focus on academics and athletics success. In addition, this proposal de-emphasizes the importance of unofficial visits, as it shortens the permissible window of time for these visits to occur. The proposal, in conjunction with the proposal to move the first permissible date for an official visit to the junior year, would result in a greater emphasis on the official visit as part of the recruiting process. The proposal reduces early recruiting opportunities, including the provision of complimentary admissions. The opportunity would remain for an institution to provide complimentary admissions to individuals prior to the junior year in situations unrelated to recruiting.

**Budget Impact:** None.

**Time Impact:** None.

**Position Statements:**

**History:**

