

## SUMMARY OF NCAA RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING OFFICIAL VISITS

This summary of important institutional and NCAA rules and regulations governing visits to Division I institutions is provided to help prospective student-athletes avoid any action which could jeopardize their eligibility. **It is especially important to note that the use of alcohol, drugs, sex, gambling and criminal activity are expressly prohibited by Lipscomb University and the NCAA during the recruitment of a prospect on an official visit. Also, in conjunction with the Christian mission of this university, all enrolled students are prohibited from engaging in those same activities listed above.**

### BYLAW 13.7 OFFICIAL (PAID) VISIT

A prospect may receive one expense-paid visit to a member institution's campus for a maximum of 48 hours. In Divisions I and II, a prospect may not accept more than a total of five (5) expense-paid visits.

#### 1. BYLAW 13.6.2 TRANSPORTATION ON OFFICIAL PAID VISIT

- (a) The route to the institution must be directly from the prospect's home (or high school, prep school or junior college in which the prospect is enrolled).
- (b) The institution may reimburse a prospect for actual and necessary transportation expenses at established mileage rate incurred in traveling to the campus in an automobile, in which case the prospect may be accompanied by members of the family or friends.
- (c) If commercial air transportation is used, the fare may not exceed coach (or comparable) class. Air transportation can be provided for the prospect only. Coaching staff members shall not accompany a prospect to or from an official visit when air travel is used, except as permitted in 13.6.2.4.
- (d) NCAA rules allow the use of an aircraft other than a commercial airplane provided the institution is prepared to demonstrate satisfactorily that payment (based on established charter rates) has been made.
- (e) Except as permitted in 13.6.2.4, coaching staff members shall not accompany a prospect in the coach's sport to or from an official visit unless the prospect travels only by automobile. If such transportation is used, the 48-hour period of the official visit shall begin when the coach makes contact with the prospect or his or her parents. Upon completion of the 48-hour period, the coach shall terminate contact with the prospect and his or her parents immediately.

## 2. BYLAWS 13.7.4 ACCOMMODATIONS & 13.7.5 ENTERTAINMENT

During the one paid visit, the institution may house and entertain the prospect and the prospect's parents (or legal guardian or spouse) in the community in which the institution is located, but these must be at a scale comparable to normal student life. Off-campus entertainment must take place only in the area within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus; further, entertainment must be at a scale comparable to that of normal student life and may not be excessive in nature. (NOTE: There are certain limitations and restrictions on the entertainment of prospects and others for whom entertainment is permitted. These should be explained in detail and must be carefully adhered to.)

3. A visiting prospect may engage in recreational or workout activities as long as the activity is not arranged or observed by the coach.

The following arrangements or activities are NOT PERMISSIBLE in connection with the expense-paid visit to the campus:

1. Alumni or friends of the institution may not pay or arrange for the payment of transportation costs or transport a prospective student-athlete to visit an institution's campus or elsewhere.
2. Staff members, alumni or friends of the institution may not pay or arrange for the payment of transportation costs incurred by relatives or friends of the prospect to visit an institution's campus or elsewhere.
3. Staff members, alumni or friends of the institution may not transport the relatives or friends of the prospect to visit the campus or elsewhere in their own automobile, aircraft, or other vehicle except as permitted in 13.6.2.4.
4. Staff members, alumni or friends of the institution may not entertain a prospect's friend at any site.
5. NO gifts of any material benefit may be given to a prospect, nor can a car be made available for the prospect's use during the campus visit.
6. The institution is not permitted to pay for long distance telephone calls made by the prospect while on campus and/or from the hotel for the official visit.
7. When other friends or members of the prospect's family accompany the prospect on an official paid visit, the institution cannot provide housing, meals, or entertainment for individuals other than the prospect and the prospect's parents (legal guardian) or spouse.