SIBLINGS ON OFFICIAL VISITS

NCAA official visit legislation now allows SDA to provide local transportation, meals, lodging, and entertainment to four family members accompanying prospects. The following chart summarizes the expenses SDA may provide siblings of prospects. No recruitment of prospect-age siblings may occur during the official visit.

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<th>Siblings may receive the following (including prospect-aged siblings)</th>
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<td><strong>Transportation between campus and Phoenix Sky Harbor</strong></td>
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<td>Generally, only prospects and their parents may receive trans-</td>
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<td>portation from the airport to campus. But siblings may receive</td>
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<td>such transportation if there are no costs associated with the</td>
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<td><strong>Transportation around campus and within a 30-mile radius</strong></td>
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<td>Coaches and staff may transport siblings around campus and</td>
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<td>to off-campus locations (e.g., restaurant).</td>
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<td><strong>Meals, Lodging, and Entertainment</strong></td>
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SPOT THE VIOLATION

Peyton throws discus for the University of Argon and planned to redshirt his freshman year. To stay sharp that year, he competed unattached twice.

First competition (October 2017) - Peyton traveled to his hometown of New Orleans to compete unattached in the New Orleans Open. In the previous summer, Peyton competed for the New Orleans Track and Field club team. Peyton planned to compete unattached in the Open, but his club coach begged him to compete with the team so the team had the best chance to win. Peyton gave in and entered the meet as a member of the club. Peyton competed in the event and scored 1st place points, which helped the club win the meet.

Second competition (November 2017) - Peyton traveled to Denver to compete in the Bronco Open. Peyton paid for the travel expenses and entry fee for the meet. Peyton used his own uniform and throwing shoes. Peyton’s Argon throwing coach just happened to be on a recruiting trip to Denver for the Bronco Open. Knowing Peyton was competing, the coach stopped by to watch. The coach noticed Peyton used bad technique on his throws. During a break in action, the coach approached Peyton and told him about the mistake in his technique.
The ACS help tool is a great resource for answering questions relating to using the system for activities such as recruiting, ticketing, and other compliance-related items. On the ACS homepage, there is a “Help & Training” tab at the right-hand top of the screen. Click on this tab and find two circles -- one for help with ACS Forms and another for roster management, recruiting, dashboard, etc. Also, click on “InControl” and find dozens of helpful step-by-step guides. The search bar feature can help find topics not immediately seen on the page. Examples of the help guides are how to log a school visit, where to log a phone call/evaluation/contact, and how to send an email to recruits. If you have any questions, please contact Erika Torrez.

In January, the Power 5 conferences adopted a few autonomy proposals, including the following:

**New rule:** SDA may provide reasonable snacks (e.g., pizza, hamburger, granola bars) to prospects and up to four of their family members.

**What this means:** Before coaches and staff could only provide one snack each day of an official visit. Now coaches and staff may provide unlimited snacks to prospects and up to four of their family members.

**Effective date:** Immediate

**New rule:** Student host money will increase from $40 to $75 each day.

**What this means:** Student-athletes who serve as hosts may receive up to $150 total for a visit that lasts up to 48 hours.

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2018

**New rule:** On-campus evaluations of video and on-campus activities involving the selection of prospects are permissible recruiting coordination functions that noncoaching staff members (e.g., analysts, director of operations) may now perform.

**What this means:** Countable coaches were the only ones who could perform these specific recruiting functions, but now noncoaching staff members may participate in these limited, on-campus activities.

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**New rule:** A volunteer coach may receive complimentary admissions to a home athletics event in any sport in connection with a prospect’s official or unofficial visit; a meal in connection with an unofficial visit; and reasonable entertainment in connection with entertainment provided to student-athletes.

**What this means:** In addition to the limited benefits volunteer coaches may receive (see the January 2018 newsletter for a list), this new rule allows volunteer coaches to receive more benefits incidental to their recruiting efforts.

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2018

If a sport’s time management calendar accurately reflects off days and additional off days as such, the staff can track how many off days a specific student-athlete has received throughout the academic year. To do so, the staff will go to the team roster. Then select one, multiple, or all student-athletes. Finally, select the Calendar: Days Off report in the Reports drop-down menu and click print. The report will populate in a spreadsheet format. If you have any questions relating to days off, please contact the Compliance Office.
Subject to the conditions below, a student-athlete may participate in outside competition as an individual at any time in his or her sport as either a member of an SDA team or as an unattached individual.

**Competing in Unattached Individual Competition**
Competing unattached from SDA allows student-athletes to maintain redshirt status or not use a date of competition if the student-athletes:

- Represent themselves and not a club, team, or other organization;
- Pay all their own expenses, including all travel and competition expenses (i.e., they only receive expenses from their parents, legal guardians, or event sponsors);
- Do not receive any coaching or instruction from SDA staff members; and
- Do not wear SDA-issued uniforms or apparel still used by SDA in competition.

Note: Student-athletes may use SDA equipment (e.g., golf bag, bicycles).

**Prizes and Awards While Competing Unattached**
Student-athletes may accept prize money if it does not exceed the student-athletes’ “actual and necessary expenses” (this term is limited in scope and defined in the NCAA manual) and is provided by the event sponsor.

**Competing for SDA in Outside Individual Competition**
Competing for SDA in an outside individual competition must be counted toward individual NCAA competition limits, but allows SDA to provide travel expenses and coaching. Student-athletes may also use SDA-issued uniforms.

**Prizes and Awards While Competing for SDA**
Student-athletes may not receive anything for their finish when competing for SDA in an outside individual competition. For example, student-athletes may not accept any prize money, even if it does not exceed actual and necessary expenses.

**Compliance Office Approval for Outside Individual Competition**
Because mistakes in connection with individual competition carry serious consequences (e.g., using a season of competition or violating amateurism rules), student-athletes must fill out the Outside Competition Approval form in ACS before participating in outside competition.

Although student-athletes are permitted to compete unattached as individuals, once Peyton competed as a member of an outside team during the academic year, it was considered team competition. Because outside team competition is only allowed during a vacation period in the academic year, the first competition was impermissible outside competition.

The second competition was not a violation but affected Peyton's redshirt status. Because his coach provided instruction to him during the meet, the meet was considered competition representing Argon. This means Peyton used a date of competition and that date counted as a season of competition. Thus, Peyton was not be able to use his freshman year as a redshirt year.

**Spring Lieu Check Pick-Up Schedule**
- February 21
- March 21
- April 18
Please note this table has dates that run until February 28. Many of the periods run past February 28. Visit the NCAA Recruiting Calendars website for full recruiting calendars.