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### Unofficial Visits

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<th><strong>Definition</strong></th>
<th>A visit made to ASU’s campus at the prospect’s own expense.</th>
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| **Time period for unofficial visits** | - A prospect may take an unofficial visit at any time, including before his or her senior year in high school, as long as it is not during a dead period.  
- Beginning August 1, 2017, a prospect for gymnastics, wrestling, or lacrosse may not take an unofficial visit until September 1 of his or her junior year.  
- A basketball prospect may not visit during July unless he or she has signed an NLI. |
| **Quantity** | There are no limits on the number of unofficial visits a prospect may take. |
| **Expenses** | An unofficial visit must be entirely funded by the prospect, so SDA may not pay any expenses (e.g., meals, lodging) or provide any entertainment, with one exception: three complimentary admissions to regular season, home events. |
| **Meals** | A prospect may eat with coaches, other prospects, or student-athletes on ASU’s campus (see below for a list of on-campus restaurants) during an unofficial visit as long as he or she pays for his or her own meal (prospect should be on a separate bill). Note: Beginning August 1, 2017, off-campus contacts may occur within a one-mile radius of campus. Please see page 3 for more information. |
| **Transportation** | SDA may only provide on-campus transportation and transportation to view practice or competition sites on an unofficial visit. |
| **NLI signee restriction** | Many NCAA recruiting restrictions are lifted after a prospect signs an NLI. When it comes to visits, however, one rule is more strict—an NLI signee is prohibited from observing off-court or off-field activities (e.g., meetings, film reviews) closed to the general public. |

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### College Avenue
- Dickey’s Barbecue Pit
- Fractured Prune Doughnuts
- House of Tricks
- Jimmy John’s
- My Pie
- Nocawich
- Panda Express
- Paradise Hawaiian BBQ
- Pitchforks & Corks

### College Avenue Cont.
- Phoenicia Cafe
- Postino
- Snooze
- Subway
- The Blend Coffee Shop
- Wise Pies

### University Avenue
- Chuckbox
- Original Chop Shop Co.
  - Mill Avenue
- Ike’s Place
- La Bocca Urban Pizzeria
- Steak and Shake

### ASU
- Karsten Golf Course
- Memorial Union
- Sun Devil Marketplace
- University Club
  - Downtown Campus
- Bowl of Greens
- Subway
- El Portal
Five-Year Clock: A student-athlete is allowed four seasons of eligibility within five calendar years from the time he or she first enrolls full time at a collegiate institution.

Full-Time Enrollment: A student-athlete must carry a minimum of 12 credit hours per term to practice, receive financial aid, or compete in intercollegiate athletics. If a student-athlete drops below 12 hours during the term, that student-athlete is immediately ineligible to practice or compete.

Final Semester Exception: A student-athlete is allowed to carry less than 12 credit hours during the student-athlete's final semester before graduation as long as the Compliance Office receives a less-than-12 letter from the Registrar's Office.

Football 9-Credit-Hour Rule: Football student-athletes must pass 9 credit hours in the fall semester to be eligible for competition in the following fall semester.

The chart below is a year-by-year guide to academic eligibility.

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Credits</th>
<th>Degree %</th>
<th>Cumulative GPA</th>
<th>Degree Designation</th>
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| 1    | • 6 degree applicable credits per semester  
     • 18 degree applicable credits per academic year (no summer)  
     • 24 degree applicable credits before year two | N/A | 1.60 to be eligible to practice  
     1.80 to be eligible to compete | Credits toward any degree program fulfills PTD requirements. |
| 2    | • 6 degree applicable credits per semester  
     • 18 degree applicable credits per academic year (no summer) | N/A | 1.80 to be eligible to compete | Credits toward any degree program fulfills PTD requirements. |
| 3    | • 6 degree applicable credits per semester  
     • 18 degree applicable credits per academic year (no summer) | 40% before year three | 1.90 to be eligible to compete | Declare major by start of third year. All credits used for certification must count toward declared major. |
| 4    | • 6 degree applicable credits per semester  
     • 18 degree applicable credits per academic year (no summer) | 60% before year four | 2.00 to be eligible to compete | May use credits acceptable toward any major to fulfill 6-hour requirement in final two semesters before graduation. |
| 5    | • 6 degree applicable credits per semester  
     • 18 degree applicable credits per academic year (no summer) | 80% before year five | 2.00 to be eligible to compete | May use credits acceptable toward any major to fulfill 6-hour requirement in final two semesters before graduation. |
One week before the start of the second summer school session, an incoming University of Argon football prospect showed up at the football offices. He told the head coach he wanted to get to campus early so he could move into his dorm and get his affairs in order before the start of classes. Knowing a prospect could not move into the dorm before the beginning of classes, the head coach informed him of the rule and told the young man he would see him next week. Without a place to stay, the prospect sent a text to his future teammates asking if they would open their doors to him for the week. A teammate obliged, and the prospect stayed at the teammate’s apartment for free until moving into his dorm.

The teammate provided an impermissible benefit (cost-free lodging) to the prospect when he allowed the prospect to stay with him before moving into the dorm. The Argon coach would likely be considered to have failed to properly monitor the prospect’s living situation because he knew the prospect could not move into the dorms but did not inquire into what, if any, alternate arrangements were available. The NCAA could charge the coach with failure to monitor. To avoid this type of issue, SDA coaches should make sure all their prospects fill out the Pre-Enrollment Information 2017-2018 form in ACS.

In April, the NCAA council adopted several new proposals, including the following:

**New rule:** Prospects (and their relatives) may have on-campus contact with former SDA student-athletes.
**What this means:** Former student-athletes may talk with prospects on campus regarding their experiences at ASU. Prospects can also take pictures with former student-athletes.
**Effective date:** August 1, 2017

**New rule:** SDA staff members may call, text, or email a prospect beginning the day immediately preceding the prospect’s unofficial visit through the conclusion of the visit.
**What this means:** SDA staff members including noncoaching staff members may make and receive communications from prospects (even freshmen and sophomores) regarding any topic including directions or meeting locations. Sports must log their unofficial visits in ACS for Compliance Office review.
**Effective Date:** August 1, 2017

**New rule:** SDA staff members may contact prospects within one mile of campus boundaries during an unofficial visit.
**What this means:** Coaches and staff may meet with prospects at locations within a one-mile radius of campus such as on Mill Avenue or at Tempe Marketplace.
**Effective Date:** August 1, 2017

**New rule:** Coaches may arrange and conduct tours during institutional camps/clinics as long as the tour format is approved by an institutional authority outside SDA (e.g., admissions).
**What this means:** Coaches may provide campus tours to aid in the recruiting process during institutional camps/clinics as long as they are preapproved.
**Effective Date:** Immediate
Please note this table has dates that run until May 31. Many of the periods run past May 31. Visit the [NCAA Recruiting Calendars website](https://ncaamembers.ncaa.org/calendars/recruiting-calendars) for full recruiting calendars.