

# COMMUNICATION, CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS

## CONTACTS (Bylaw 13.1)

- Off-campus contacts are not permitted until a PSA has completed his or her sophomore year of high school.
- No number limit on off-campus contacts.
- Contact (including telephone calls if at the event or aware of the competition) may not be made with a PSA before any athletics competition in which the PSA is a participant until the PSA has been released by the appropriate institutional authorities. **Exception:** An athletics staff member may have on-campus contact prior to competition with a PSA, provided the PSA is not scheduled to compete on that day on the institution's campus.
- Contact may occur with relatives, guardian(s) or individual of comparable relationship of a contactable PSA at the site of a PSA's practice or competition (including during the competition).

## RECRUITING MATERIALS (Bylaw 13.4)

- There are no restrictions on the timing of providing recruiting materials or letters to PSAs.
- Institutions are permitted to provide any official academic, admissions, athletics and student-services publications or electronic media published or produced by the

institution and other information of a general nature that is available to all students.

## EVALUATIONS (Bylaw 13.1)

- There are no restrictions on the number or timing on evaluations of a PSA participating in practice or competition.

## PERMISSION TO CONTACT (Bylaw 13.1.1.2)

- Athletics recruitment of any type of an NCAA or NAIA four-year college student-athlete is not permitted without first obtaining written permission from the student's current institution, regardless of who makes the initial contact.
- A student-athlete transferring from a Division III institution to another Division III institution can sign the self-release form for proper permission.
- Permission to contact is not required for a two-year college prospect.

## CELEBRATORY SIGNING FORM (Bylaw 13.9)

- Institutions may use a standard, nonbinding athletes celebratory signing form after a PSA has been accepted for enrollment. The standard form shall be made available by the NCAA national office. The form is located on the Legislative Services Database (LSDBI).



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# Athletics Recruiting/Communication Quick Reference Guide

This document is designed to provide a quick reference of NCAA Division III recruiting rules. It is not to serve as a substitute for the legislation in the NCAA Division III Manual.

Division III recruiting rules apply to athletics-based recruiting and are not meant to limit an institution's admissions office from the recruitment of prospective students generally.

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## CAMPUS VISITS

	Official visits	Unofficial visits
<b>Number of Visits Permitted</b>	One financed visit per institution.	Unlimited.
<b>First Opportunity to Visit</b>	January 1 of the prospective student-athlete's (PSA) junior year in high school.	Any time.
<b>Permissible Length of Visit</b>	Shall not exceed 48 hours. The 48-hour period begins at the time the PSA arrives on campus.	No time limitations.
<b>Meals</b>	Three on-campus meals per day for the PSA and individuals accompanying the PSA. Dessert or after-meal snack also is permitted. May provide meals while in transit to and from visit.	One on-campus meal for the PSA only.
<b>Lodging</b>	Campus or within 30-mile radius of campus and comparable to student life. May include other guests if no additional cost. May provide a separate room for parents/guardians. May provide lodging while in transit to and from visit.	None, unless lodging is generally available to all visiting prospective students.
<b>Entertainment</b>	Maximum of \$40 each day (no cash to the PSA) within a 30-mile radius of campus. \$40 must cover PSA, the PSA's parents, guardian(s), spouse or individual of comparable relationship and student host.	None.
<b>Complimentary Admissions to Home Athletics Event</b>	Admission for the PSA and any individual accompanying the PSA (no limit on the number of tickets). No special seating.	Admission for the PSA and any individual accompanying the PSA (no limit on the number of tickets). May not reserve additional game tickets. May not arrange special parking. No special seating.
<b>Transportation</b>	Round-trip (e.g., airfare, mileage) cost for the PSA only (including other individuals traveling in same automobile). The PSA may receive special on-campus parking. Transportation to view home practice and competition sites in the PSA's sport or other home institutional facilities.	Transportation to view home practice and competition sites in the PSA's sport or other home institutional facilities.

See *Bylaws 13.5, 13.6 and 13.7 for more information.*

## SOCIAL MEDIA TIMING

When	Athletics may	Athletics may not
<b>Before the PSA submits a financial deposit to the institution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Send private/direct messages to the PSA (or PSA's family) using social media.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Send a public message to the PSA (or PSA's family) on social media.</li> <li>Post information about the PSA on social media.</li> <li>Like the PSA's post (or a post the PSA is tagged in).</li> <li>Follow, friend, retweet, tag or post to the PSA's page/timeline.</li> </ul>
<b>After the PSA submits a financial deposit to the institution, but before May 1 of the senior year in high school</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Send private/direct messages to the PSA (or PSA's family) using social media.</li> <li>Use social media to announce the PSA's commitment to attend the institution, without tagging the PSA.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Send a public message to the PSA (or PSA's family) using social media.</li> <li>Like the PSA's post (or a post the PSA is tagged in).</li> <li>Follow, friend, retweet, tag or post to the PSA's page/timeline.</li> </ul>
<b>After the PSA submits a financial deposit to the institution, and it is after May 1 of the senior year in high school</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Send private/direct messages to the PSA (or PSA's family) using social media.</li> <li>Use social media to announce the PSA's commitment to attend the institution.</li> <li>Send a public message to the PSA (or PSA's family) using social media.</li> <li>Like the PSA's post (or a post the PSA is tagged in).</li> <li>Follow, friend, retweet, tag or post to the PSA's page/timeline.</li> </ul>	

See *Bylaws 13.02.11 and 13.10 for more information.*

### **ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS (Bylaw 13.02.11)**

- No restrictions on the number or timing of telephone calls (including videoconferencing and videophones) and private electronic correspondence (electronic mail, text messages, private communication through social networking site) to PSAs.