

Prospective Student-Athlete

NCAA RECRUITING INFORMATION

As you may know, the NCAA has extensive rules regarding how and when coaches may recruit prospective student-athletes. There are also a number of criteria that a prospective student-athlete must meet in order to be eligible to participate in college athletics. The NCAA provides some resources that summarize these rules and criteria that may prove helpful to you.

BASIC RECRUITING DO'S AND DON'TS

- Prospective student-athletes being recruited by the University of Arkansas – Fort Smith (or anyone else) should not receive cash or any other items of value from anyone associated with UAFS.
- Prospects should not receive promises of any of the above.
- Prospects should not receive correspondence or phone calls from anyone other than the UAFS staff or faculty about the University.
- Prospect's families should not be promised or given any items of value or received job promotions or new jobs based upon a prospect's decision to attend UAFS.
- Neither a prospect nor their family should receive "free" tickets to any events other than complimentary tickets for athletics events held on campus.

TELEPHONE CALLS TO PROSPECTS: RULES TO REMEMBER

Telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete [or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardian(s)] may not be made before June 15 immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school; thereafter, staff members shall not make such telephone calls more than once per week.

Exceptions to the Telephone Rule:

- Collect and Toll-Free Telephone Calls: Institutional coaching staff members may accept collect and toll-free telephone calls placed by prospective student-athletes and prospective student-athletes' parents and legal guardians at any time:
- Official-Visit Exception: The institution may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospect during the five days immediately preceding the prospect's official visit to campus.
- Letter-of-Intent Signing-Date Exception: The institution may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospect on the initial date for the signing of the National Letter of Intent and during the two days immediately following the initial signing date Off-Campus Contact Exception.
- The institution may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospect on the day a permissible, in-person, off-campus contact occurs.

OFFICIAL VISITS

What is an Official Visit?

An Official Visit is when an institution invites you to visit campus at their expense. These visits

may not last more than 48 hours. You may not make more than one (1) official visit to any one institution and may not make more than (5) official visits in total. You may not make an official visit until the opening day of classes of your senior year in high school.

Information that a Prospective Student-Athlete must provide us before they can make an Official Visit:

1. A high school or college academic transcript
2. A PSAT, SAT, PLAN or ACT score taken on a national testing date under national testing conditions, except that a state-administered ACT may be used to meet the requirement. The score must be presented through a testing agency document, on a high school or preparatory school academic transcript (official or unofficial) or through the use of the applicable testing agency's automated-voice system.
3. Registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center and is placed on the institutions Institutional Request List (IRL).

UNOFFICIAL VISITS

An Unofficial Visit occurs when a prospective student-athlete visits the institution at their own expense. 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.

If known, inform the Compliance Office of an unofficial visit 48 hours prior to the visit. If the visit was unanticipated, notify the Compliance Office at the first reasonable opportunity not to exceed 24 hours.

COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSIONS

During an official or unofficial visit the institution may provide a prospective student-athlete a maximum of three (3) complimentary admissions to a home athletics event at any facility within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus in which the institution's intercollegiate team practices or competes

- These complimentary admissions may only be used by the prospect and those persons accompanying the prospect on the visit
- The complimentary admissions must be issued through a pass list on an individual game basis.
- The complimentary admissions may provide seating only in the general seating area of the facility utilized for conducting the event.
- An institution may reserve tickets, only for the use of immediate family members accompanying a prospect during an official visit and for seat locations adjacent to the complimentary seats being provided to the prospect. These tickets must be purchased at face value.
- Providing seating during the conduct of the event (including intermission) for the prospect or those persons accompanying the prospect in the facility's press box, special seating box(es) or bench area is specifically prohibited.

- A member institution may not provide complimentary admissions to a prospect for a postseason conference tournament. The prospect may purchase tickets only in the same manner as any other member of the general public.
- The provision of complimentary or reduced-cost admissions to prospects for an NCAA championship (all rounds) or other postseason contests (e.g., bowl game, NAIA or NIT championship) constitutes excessive entertainment and is prohibited. The prospect may purchase these tickets only in the same manner as any other member of the general public.