Division I – Recruiting: Camps, Clinics and Tryouts
Advanced Application

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Presentation Overview
- Institutional Camps and Clinics
- SA and PSA Camp and Clinic Employment
- Noninstitutional Camps and Clinics
- Activities not Involving the Institution’s Staff
- Local Sports Clubs
- Recent Interpretations and Educational Columns
- Navigating the Process

Objectives
- Effectively educate institutional staff members on camps, clinics and tryout legislation.
- Identify the differences between an institutional and noninstitutional camp or clinic.
- Explain permissible activities not involving the institution’s staff.
- Apply local sports club legislation appropriately.
Institutional Camps and Clinics

What is an Institutional Camp or Clinic?

- Owned or operated by a member institution or an employee of the athletics department.
- Owned defined as the individual must be at least a majority owner (51 percent of the camp or clinic).
- NCAA Bylaw 13.12 applies when PSAs participate.
  - MBB: 7th grade and up.
  - All other sports: 9th grade and up.

Bylaw 13.12.1.1 and February 1, 1990, Official Interpretation

- Places special emphasis on instruction/practice in a particular sport or sports and may include competition;
- Designed to improve skills and general knowledge in the sport; OR
- Provides a diversified experience, with no emphasis on a particular sport.
- In basketball, must include an educational session detailing NCAA initial-eligibility standards and gambling, agents and drug-use regulations.

Bylaws 13.12.1.1.2 and 13.12.1.8
When May An Institutional Camp or Clinic Be Held?

- Basketball and FCS football: During the months of June, July or August, or any calendar week (Sunday - Saturday) that includes days of those months.

- FBS football: Two periods of 15 consecutive days in the months of June or July, or any calendar week (Sunday - Saturday) that includes days of those months.

- All other sports: An institutional camp or clinic can be held any time outside of a dead period.


Where May An Institutional Camp or Clinic Be Held?

- Institutional camps and clinics may occur on or off campus.

- In basketball, must occur within a 100-mile radius of institution’s campus.

- In football, must occur within the state or, if outside the state, within a 50-mile radius of institution’s campus.

Bylaw 13.12.1.2

Who May Attend An Institutional Camp or Clinic?

- Camp or clinic must be open to any and all entrants.

- Permissible to limit by number, grade level and/or gender.

- Permissible to invite specific PSAs or teams as long as the camp or clinic is legitimately advertised.

Bylaws 13.4.3.1.2.1 and 13.12.1.3
What Is the Necessary Registration Fee For an Institutional Camp or Clinic?

- Impermissible to provide a reduced or free admission to an athletics award winner or any individual being recruited by the institution.

  Exceptions:
  - Discounts based on objective criteria unrelated to athletics ability, provided the discount is published and available on an equal basis; and
  - Discounts to children of an institutional staff member.

Bylaw 13.12.1.7.1

What Is the Necessary Registration Fee For an Institutional Camp or Clinic?

- A booster may not pay a PSA's expenses to attend an institutional camp or clinic.

- Awards received must be included in the cost of the camp or clinic.

Bylaws 13.12.1.7.2 and 13.12.1.7.4

What are the Recruiting Restrictions During an Institutional Camp or Clinic?

- Interaction between coaches and PSAs during a camp or clinic is not subject to recruiting calendar restrictions.

- Institutional staff members are prohibited from recruiting (e.g., providing a written offer of athletics aid, taking PSA on a campus tour, setting up a meeting with a faculty member) during a camp or clinic.

- Exception: It is permissible for the certifying institution’s coaches to have recruiting conversations during the institution’s camp or clinic. Other coaches must comply with recruiting legislation.

Bylaw 13.12.1.5
How Can an Institutional Camp or Clinic Be Advertised?

- Must indicate the camp/clinic is open to any and all entrants (limited only by number, age, grade level and/or gender), but no other limits on content or design.
- Effective August 1, 2014, no limit on content or design; however, still must adhere to restrictions of the offers and inducement legislation.
- Restricted to a single two-sided sheet, not to exceed 17 by 22 inches in size.
- Not applicable effective August 1, 2014.
- May be provided at any time.

Bylaw 13.4.1.3-c and NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2013-27

How Can an Institutional Camp or Clinic Be Advertised?

- May be placed in a recruiting publication that includes a camp directory, provided:
  - Camp directory includes multiple listings of summer camps on each page; and
  - Size (not to exceed one-half page) and format are identical.
  - Exception: Size restriction does not apply to Internet advertisements.
- Permissible to advertise toward a particular audience, provided the advertisement indicates the camp or clinic is open to any and all entrants.

Bylaws 13.4.3.1.2, 13.4.3.1.2.1 and April 19, 2000, Staff Interpretation

**Question:** Is this a permissible camp?

**Answer:** No.
- What is the issue?
  - The t-shirt, backpack and gift card are permissible, provided the cost is included in the $300 fee.
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  - It is not permissible to hold a camp in May in 2014.
  - June 1 is a Sunday.
  - Brochure does not indicate that a camp is open to any and all entrants.
**Question:** Is this a permissible camp?

**Answer:** Yes.
- Permissible to have an "elite" camp, provided it is open to any and all entrants.
- Must have a skill instruction component.
- Discount is permissible since it is not athletically related.

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**Student-Athlete and Prospective Student-Athlete Camp Employment**

- **SAs** may be employed at any sports camp or clinic, provided the employment meets the criteria of Bylaw 12.4.

- **SAs** may not receive compensation if he or she only demonstrates or lectures at the camp or clinic.

  Bylaw 13.12.2.1
Prospective Student-Athletes

- A PSA who is an athletics award winner or being recruited by the institution may not be employed at an institutional camp or clinic.

- **Exception:** If the PSA has signed a NLI or written offer of financial aid or admission, he or she may be employed.

Bylaws 13.12.1.7.1 and 13.12.1.7.1.1

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### Noninstitutional Camps and Clinics

- **Question:** Is it permissible for Cameron to be employed at this camp?
- **Answer:** Only if he has committed to DU (NLI, written offer of admission and/or financial aid or financial deposit in response to offer of admission).

- **Question:** Is it permissible for Manny to be employed at the camp?
- **Answer:** Yes. However, if he only lectures or demonstrates he cannot be paid.
General Rule

- Staff members may be involved in any capacity, provided the noninstitutional camp or clinic adheres to the requirements for an institutional camp or clinic:
  - Open to any, all entrants;
  - No free or reduced admission to PSAs; and
  - PSAs cannot be employed.

Bylaw 13.12.2.3

Noncoaching Staff Members

- Noncoaching staff members may present educational information at a noninstitutional camp or clinic not operated in accordance with institutional camp or clinic regulations, provided no recruiting presentations occur.

- Opportunity for compliance or academic personnel to educate on initial-eligibility standards!

Bylaw 13.12.2.3.7

Sport-Specific Restrictions

- Basketball:
  - Coaches and noncoaching staff may not work noninstitutional camps or clinics.

- Football:
  - FBS: Limited to two periods of 15 consecutive days in the months of June and July or any calendar week that includes those months.
  - FCS: Limited to June, July and August or any calendar week that includes those months.

Bylaws 13.12.2.3.2 and 13.12.2.3.3
Sport-Specific Restrictions, Cont’d

- **Women’s Volleyball:**
  - Not permissible to be employed at a noninstitutional camp or clinic that takes place during a quiet period.

- **All Other Sports:**
  - May serve in any capacity, at any time, outside of a dead period.

  Bylaws 13.12.2.3.5 and 13.12.2.3.6

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**Question:** May Coach Pritchett work the YMCA camp?

**Answer:** Yes, since the camp attendees are not PSA aged.

- If the camp was for PSA aged, it would not be permissible due to the dead period.

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**Tryout Exceptions**
Activities Not Involving Institution’s Staff

General Rule

- Use of a member institution’s facilities for physical activities by a group that includes PSAs is not a tryout, provided the institution’s athletics department staff or boosters are not involved in the conduct, promotion or administration of the activity, other than activities incidental to supervising the facilities.

- Subject to all applicable recruiting legislation.

Bylaw 13.11.3.2

General Rule, Cont’d

- Exception does not apply to:
  - Nonscholastic-based basketball, practice or competition.
  - Nonscholastic practice or competition in FBS football.
  - Tryout events, including workouts or combines devoted to agility, flexibility, speed or strength tests.

Bylaw 13.11.3.2
Supervising the Facility

- Noncoaching staff members without sport-specific responsibilities and representatives of athletics interests:
  - May perform regular job responsibilities incidental to supervising the use of the institution’s facilities.
  - Examples: Security, operating the scoreboard, third-party vendors staffing ticket booth or concession stands, field maintenance.

March 28, 2014, Staff Interpretation

Supervising the Facility

- Noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities:
  - May not be involved in activities incidental to supervising the use of the institution’s facilities.
    - Exception: The staff member is an immediate family member or legal guardian of a participant in the activity that includes PSAs.

- Coaching staff members:
  - May not perform activities incidental to supervising the use of facilities unless it is permissible for the coach to evaluate the participating PSAs.

March 28, 2014, Staff Interpretation

Local Sports Clubs
Bylaw 13.11.2.4 - Local Sports Clubs

In Sports Other Than Basketball:
- Any capacity in the same sport.
- All PSAs must be legal residents within 50-mile radius of institution.

In All Sports:
- Any capacity in sport other than coach’s sport.
- All PSAs must be legal residents within 50-mile radius of institution.

Case Study No. 1
- State’s assistant women’s tennis coach, Marnie Michaels, is also employed at a local racquet club and provides individual instruction to prospects.
- The racquet club has been offering lessons to aspiring tennis players for over 25 years and only serves State’s community.
- The racquet club does not sponsor any competition activities.

**Question:** May Coach Michaels be involved with the racquet club even though there is no competition?

**Answer:** Yes, since the coach is not the owner/organizer of the club, then competition is not required.

Employee or Owner

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Case Study No. 2

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- The club team has a competition in Atlanta during September 17-19, 2014.
- State’s soccer team also has a competition in Atlanta September 18, 2014.
- Coach Horvath wants to coach both teams during that time period and will not return to campus during the trip.

**Question:** May the institution pay for Coach Horvath’s expenses to attend the institution and club team competitions in Atlanta?

**Answer:** No, the institution providing the expenses would constitute impermissible financial support of the local sports club. (Bylaw 13.11.2.4.1)

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**Question:** May the local sports club team pay for Coach Horvath’s expenses to attend the institution and club team competitions in Atlanta?

**Answer:** No, providing the expenses would trigger booster status for the local sports club, which would restrict the club’s ability to permissibly contact and evaluate prospective student-athletes. (Bylaws 13.02.13.1 and 13.1.2.1)

**Outcome:**
- The coach would not be permitted to coach the club team and the institution’s team during overlapping or coinciding competitions.
- Exception: the coach is able to conclude all activities associated with her participation with the club team and/or the institution and return home prior to re-engaging with the club team or institution’s team.
- **No Comingling of Funds**
Accounting for Expenses
(November 7, 2012, Educational Column)

Receiving Expenses from the Local Sports Club

• May not engage in recruiting activities. (Bylaw 13.14.4)
  o Applies to any portion of the event.
  o Applies even after the club team concludes competition.
  o Coach must return to the institution prior to conducting recruiting activities.
  o Expenses cannot be shared between the institution and club.

• May not engage in institutional competition. (Bylaws 11.07.11.1 and 13.1.2.1)

Receiving Expenses from the Institution

• May not participate with the local sports club. (Bylaw 13.11.2.4.3)

Bylaw 13.11.2.4.3 - Institutional Sponsorship of Local Sports Clubs

A department that operates independently of athletics may sponsor a local sports club, provided no athletics department staff member is involved with the club team.

  o Athletics may not assist in fundraising efforts.
  o Booster groups may not assist in fundraising efforts.
  o A representative of the institution’s athletics interests may fundraise provided:
    • They are acting independently of the institution and do not engage in recruiting activities;
    • The funds are distributed by the organization conducting the fundraiser; and
    • The funds are not earmarked for a specific prospect.

Case Study No. 3

• State’s assistant men’s swimming coach, Elijah Krantz, also coaches a local sports club 10-and-under swim team.

  The club is owned and operated by State’s physical education department, which operates independent of the athletics department.

  The club organization consists of multiple teams and age levels, which include prospects.

  Question: May Coach Krantz be involved with a club team that does not include prospect-aged participants but is owned and operated by the institution’s physical education department?

  Answer: Yes, provided the coach is not involved with any prospect-aged teams and/or PSAs within the club’s organization.
**Case Study No. 3**

- Coach's Employment
  - Institutionally Sponsored Club
    - Non-PSA-Aged Team
      - Permissible Involvement
      - No Recruiting Activities
  - PSA-Aged Team
    - No Involvement

**Recent Interpretations & Educational Columns**

**Prospects used as Demonstrators at Coaches Clinics**

(July 1, 2013, Staff Interpretation)

- Prospects are not permitted to serve as demonstrators.
- A coach who observes a prospect as a demonstrator must count the observation as an evaluation.
- The evaluation is subject to all legislation governing nonscholastic live athletics activities.
- Note: applies to clinics that occur at coaches association and convention events.
Recording Prospects During Camp or Clinic Participation
(October 10, 2013, Educational Column)

Employed at the Camp or Clinic
- May not record for recruiting purposes.
- May record for instructional purposes and make video available to prospects.
- Cost of video must be included in camp registration for an additional fee.

Not Employed at the Camp or Clinic
- May record for recruiting purposes.
- Camp or clinic must occur during a permissible recruiting period.

Questions

Navigating the Process
Interpretative Assistance

- Requests and Self-Reports Online (RSRO)
  - Service standard for non-urgent cases is three to five days.
  - Complex cases may exceed service standard.

- Urgent Requests
  - Review within the next two business days.
  - Reasons for expedited review:
    - Timing of event other than competition (e.g., campus visit, contact, promotional activity).
    - Admissions or financial aid deadlines.
    - Other – must include explanation.

- If the staff determines that the case does not meet the urgency guidelines then they will contact the institution and update the assessment in RSRO.