

## College Visits in Accordance with NCAA Guidelines

For a high school student wavering between a seemingly infinite number of college choices, a visit to a campus can often be the determining factor. Student-athletes must consider NCAA regulations when arranging these visits as to not jeopardize their eligibility.

There are two types of visits according to NCAA regulations - official and unofficial. Official visits are taken during the athlete's senior year and are financed in whole or in part by the respective institution. Unofficial visits, however, are those that are typically taken during or before the end of an athlete's junior year.

The following limitations apply to official visits:

- An official visit may not be taken prior to the start of classes or September 1 of the athlete's senior year
- A school may finance only one official visit per prospect to its campus. A prospect may take a maximum of five expenses-paid official visits to DI and DII schools and an unlimited number to DIII schools if the prospect enrolls in a DIII school
- In DI and II, you cannot be offered an official visit without receiving initial eligibility form the NCAA Clearinghouse
- The length of an official visit may not exceed 48 hours
- The school must limit the entertainment, meals and lodging on an official visit to the prospect, the prospect's parents (or guardian) and spouse.

The institution may provide the following on an unofficial visit:

- Complimentary admission to an on-campus athletic event
- Transportation within 30 miles to off-campus practice and competition sites, but not to attend one of the institution's athletic events
- In DI and DII, a meal to the prospect in the school's on-campus dining facility (or off-campus if all on-campus facilities are closed). In DIII schools a meal can be provided if it is a normal policy to provide a meal to all prospective students
- In DIII, the institution can provide housing to the prospect, provided such housing is available to all visiting prospective students

Players can take an unlimited number of unofficial visits to any campus and can make them before their senior years in high school.

Though daunting, it is the responsibility of the student-athlete to ensure that he is in compliance with NCAA regulations throughout the entire recruiting process. Failure to do so can result in his inability to compete on the varsity team during his freshman year at college.

For more information about official NCAA rules, visit [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org) or contact a Baseball Factory representative at [newsletter@baseballfactory.com](mailto:newsletter@baseballfactory.com) or 800.641.4487.