**NCAA GUIDELINES FOR CAMPS & CLINICS**

**I. DEFINITION, PURPOSE & TIMING**

**Institutional Sports Camp or Clinic Defined (13.12.1.1)** An institution's sports camp or instructional clinic shall be any camp or clinic that is owned or operated by a member institution or an employee of the member institution's athletics department, either on or off its campus, and in which prospective student-athletes participate.

**Purposes of Sports Camp or Clinic (13.12.1.1.2)** An institution's sports camp or clinic shall be one that:

(a) Places special emphasis on a particular sport or sports and provides specialized instruction or practice and may include competition

(b) Involves activities designed to improve overall skills and general knowledge in the sport; or

(c) Offers a diversified experience without emphasis on instruction, practice or competition in any particular sport.

**Institutional Football Camp or Clinic (13.12.1.1.3)**

An institution's football camp or clinic may be conducted only during the months of June, July and August or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days of those months (e.g., May 28-June 3). The dates of the two 15-day periods must be on file in the office of the athletics director.

**Institutional Basketball Camp or Clinic (13.12.1.1.4)**

An institution's basketball camp or clinic may be conducted only during the months of June, July and August, or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days of those months (e.g., May 28-June 3).

**Educational Session (13.12.1.7)** An institution's basketball sports camp or clinic must include an educational session presented in-person or in a video format detailing NCAA initial eligibility standards and regulations related to gambling, agents and drug use to all camp and/or clinic participants.

**II. ATTENDANCE, ADMISSION & AWARDS**

**Attendance Restrictions (13.12.1.3)** A member institution's sports camp or clinic shall be open to any and all entrants (limited only by number, gender and age).

**January 15, 2009 Official Interpretation:** The Legislative Council determined that an institution may advertise or promote an institutional camp or clinic in any way, provided any camp or clinic advertisement or promotion (e.g., camp brochure, Web site, newspaper or magazine advertisement) stipulates that the camp or clinic is open to any and all entrants (limited only by number, age, grade level and/or gender).

**May 12, 1993 Educational Column:** Member institutions should accept camp/clinic participants on a first-come, first-serve basis and may not accept participants on an invitation-only basis.

**August 19, 1988 Staff Interpretation:** An institution is not precluded from inviting particular prospective student-athletes to its camp provided the institution legitimately advertises the camp, making it open to all entrants limited only by number and age.
Secondary Violation Reported by a Division I Institution (NOT W&M): During an elite all-star camp held from June 30 to July 2, 2000, the women's basketball coaching staff restricted attendance by inviting PSAs and not publicizing the camp in the same manner as its other basketball camps. The head women's basketball coach initially printed 250 brochures for the camp, which were mailed to 120 PSAs who were recommended by high school and Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) coaches. Brochures also were sent to the 30-40 PSAs who called and inquired about the camp. Additional copies of the brochure were subsequently printed and mailed; however, the amount was still lower than the 20,000 to 30,000 brochures mailed for the team and individual camps in 2000. Further, the elite camp was neither publicized on the university's Web site, nor were elite camp brochures sent to individuals who called for general information about all of the institution's women's basketball camps. Additionally, some PSAs received the brochure via Federal Express as part of the general recruiting materials sent on a weekly basis by the coaching staff. It should be noted that the head women's basketball coach and the assistant women's basketball coach reported that while they wanted to limit the number of campers to thirty, no individual was denied an opportunity to participate in the all-star camp because of her skill level. However, the institution determined, and the enforcement staff agreed, that the full target age group did not have adequate information about the availability of the camp as compared to other summer camps offered in 2000.

Secondary Violation Reported by a Division I Institution (NOT W&M): During 1999, 2000, 2001 and part of 2002, the women's basketball program produced and distributed women's basketball summer camp and clinic brochures that had attendance restrictions based on varsity playing experience.

Football Exception (13.12.1.3.1) In football, a "senior prospective student-athlete" shall not be permitted to enroll, participate or be employed at any such sports camp or clinic.

No Free or Reduced Admissions Privileges (13.12.1.6.1) An institution, members of its staff or representatives of its athletics interests shall not give free or reduced admission privileges to a high school, preparatory school, or two-year college athletics award winner or any individual being recruited by the institution per Bylaw 13.02.12.1 (Definition of Recruited Student-Athlete). For purposes of this rule, a high school includes the ninth-grade level, regardless of whether the ninth grade is part of a junior high school system.

Payment of Expenses (13.12.1.6.2) A representative of an institution's athletics interests may not pay a prospective student-athlete's expenses to attend a member institution's sports camp or clinic. Additionally, per Bylaw 13.02.11 (Definition of Prospective Student-Athlete), a student who has not started classes for the ninth grade becomes a prospective student-athlete if the institution provides such an individual (or the individuals relatives or friends) any financial assistance or other benefits that the institution does not provide to prospective students generally.

April 6, 1994 Staff Interpretation: It is permissible for an institution to provide free or reduced admission to attend the institution's camp/clinic to individuals who are NOT high-school, prep-school or two-year college athletics awards winners AND WHO ARE NOT BEING RECRUITED by the institution to participate in its intercollegiate athletics program. The staff noted that the provision of reduced-admission privileges to selected individuals who are not athletics award winners is not considered an offer or inducement; however, such individuals, even those below the ninth grade, who receive such privileges would be considered prospective student-athletes.

October 29, 2003 Staff Interpretation, Children of Institutional Employees: It is permissible for an institution to have an institutional policy or athletics department policy that permits the children of institutional staff members or athletics department staff members to be employed or receive free
or reduced admission to the institution’s camps or clinics regardless of whether the staff member’s child is a high-school, preparatory-school or two-year college athletics award winner.

October 29, 2003 Staff Interpretation, Children of Camp or Clinic Coach Employee: It is permissible for an institution to provide free or reduced admission to its camp or clinic to the child of a coach who is an instructor in the camp or clinic (who is not an athletics department staff member at the institution hosting the camp or clinic), provided the opportunity is available to children of all coaches instructing in the camp or clinic.

Awards (13.12.1.6.4) Prospects may receive awards from a membership institution’s sports camp or clinic with the understanding that the cost of such awards is included in the admissions fees charged for participants in the camp or clinic.

III. EMPLOYMENT OF ATHLETES & COACHES AT INSTITUTIONAL CAMPS AND CLINICS

Employment of Prospective Student-Athletes at Sports Camp or Clinic (13.12.1.6) An institution, members of its staff or representatives of its athletics interests shall not employ a high school, preparatory school or two-year college athletics award winner or any individual being recruited by the institution per Bylaw 13.02.12.1. For purposes of this rule, a high school includes the ninth-grade level, regardless of whether the ninth grade is part of a junior high school system.

June 4, 1997 Staff Interpretation: A prospective student-athlete who was a high-school, preparatory-school or two-year college award winner or who is being recruited by that institution may not be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) at that institution’s sports camp/clinic.

Concessions Arrangement Prospective Student-Athletes (13.12.1.5.3) An institution may not permit or arrange for a prospective student-athlete, at the prospective student-athlete’s own expense, to operate a concession to sell items related to or associated with the institution’s camp.

Employment of Current Student-Athletes at Sports Camp or Clinic (13.12.2.1) Any current W&M student-athlete or a current student-athlete from another institution employed at an institutional sports camp or clinic must meet the following requirements:

(a) The student-athlete must perform duties that are of a general supervisory character in addition to any coaching or officiating assignments.
(b) Compensation provided to the student-athlete shall be commensurate with the going rate for camp or clinic counselors of like teaching ability and camp or clinic experience and may not be paid on the basis of the value that the student-athlete may have for the employer because of the athletics reputation or fame the student-athlete has achieved. It is not permissible to establish varying levels of compensation for a student-athlete employed in a sports camp or clinic based on the level of athletics skills of the student-athlete.
(c) A student-athlete who only lectures or demonstrates at a camp/clinic may not receive compensation for his or her appearance at the camp/clinic.
(d) Student-athletes may not participate in organized practice activities other than during the institution’s playing season the sport. (13.12.2.1.5)

June 4, 1997 Staff Interpretation Employment Four Year College Transfers: A four-year college student who has received written permission per NCAA Bylaw 13.1.1.3 to discuss transferring with another NCAA institution is considered a senior prospect pursuant to NCAA recruiting regulations. Thus, he or she may not be employed at any Division I institution’s summer camp (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) if he or she is being recruited by that institution or if he or she was a high-school, preparatory-school or two-year college athletics award winner.
Secondary Violation Reported by a Division I Institution (NOT W&M): Student-athlete (SA) was paid $125 to institution's men's rowing camp. Specifically, in June 2005, institution's strength and conditioning coach asked basketball SA to demonstrate weight-lifting techniques for rowing campers. On July 21, 2005, SA was paid $125. Strength coach did not consult with basketball or compliance staff before asking SA to demonstrate or authorizing his compensation. Institution learned of violation during business office's audit of summer camp invoices.

Provision of Travel Expenses for All Employees (13.12.2.1.2) A student-athlete may receive actual travel expenses (including lodging and meals in transit and prepaid plane tickets or cash advances) only if such travel expenses are paid and procedures for reimbursement of expenses are used for all employees of the camp/clinic. Credit cards may not be provided to a student-athlete to pay such expenses. (Adopted: 1/10/92)

Concession Arrangement Enrolled Student-Athletes (13.12.1.6.3.2) A student-athlete, at the student-athlete's own expense, may not operate a concession to sell items related to or associated with his or her institution's camp to campers or others in attendance because such an arrangement would be considered an extra benefit. However, the institution may employ the student-athlete at a reasonable rate to perform such services for the camp.

Employment of High School, Preparatory-School or Two-Year College Coaches (13.12.2.2) A member institution (or employees of its athletics department) may employ a high school, preparatory school or two-year-college coach at its camp or clinic, provided:

(a) The coach receives compensation that is commensurate with the going rate for camp counselors of like teaching ability and camp experience; and

(b) The coach is not paid on the basis of the value the coach may have for the employer because of the coach's reputation or contact with prospective student-athletes.

Prohibited Compensation (13.12.2.2.1) A member institution may not compensate or reimburse a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach based on the number of campers the coach sends to the camp.

Secondary Violation Reported by a Division I Institution (NOT W&M): The men's basketball coaching staff conducted a summer camp in which coaches were paid to coach at the camp based upon the number of participants that were sent to the camp by the coach. The camp director mistakenly thought if a coach was coaching several teams that he had sent to the camp, he was able to be compensated for coaching each team. No prospective student-athletes received a reduction of tuition.

IV. COLLEGE COACHES EMPLOYMENT AT NON-INSTITUTIONAL CAMP AND CLINICS

Prohibited Employment (13.12.2.3.1) No athletics department staff member may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) in any capacity by a camp or clinic established, sponsored or conducted by an individual or organization that provides recruiting or scouting services concerning prospective student-athletes. This provision does not prohibit an athletics department staff member from participating in an officiating camp where participants officiate for, but are not otherwise involved in, a scouting services camp.

Employment at Institutional/Non-institutional Privately Owned Camps and Clinics—Basketball (13.12.2.3.2) In basketball, an institution's basketball coach and noncoaching staff members with responsibilities specific to basketball may be employed only at their own camps/clinics. Participation in such camps or clinics is limited to the months of June, July and August or any calendar week (Sunday through...
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Saturday) that includes days of those months, unless such activities meet the provisions regarding
developmental clinics set forth in Bylaw 13.11.3.1.

It is not permissible for a basketball coach or non-coaching staff member with responsibilities only in
basketball to be employed at other institutional camps or clinics or at non-institutional privately owned
camps or clinics.

Permissible Employment at Non-institutional Camps/Clinics – Championship Subdivision Football
(13.12.2.3.4) In championship subdivision football, an institution’s coach or non-coaching staff member with
responsibilities specific to football may be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) in any capacity
(e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) in a non-institutional, privately owned camp or clinic at any
location, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to an institutional
camp or clinic (e.g., open to any and all entrants, no free or reduced admission to or employment of athletics
award winners). However, employment in such a camp or clinic may occur only during the months of June,
July and August or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days of those months.

Permissible Employment at Non-institutional Camps/Clinics—Sports Other Than Basketball and
Football (13.12.2.3.5) In sports other than men’s and women’s basketball, an institution’s athletics
department personnel may serve in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) in a
noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with
restrictions applicable to institutional camps (e.g., open to any and all entrants, no free or reduced
admission to or employment of athletics award winners).

V. MISCELLANEOUS

Camp Brochures [13.4.1.1(c)] Camp brochures may be provided to a prospect. Brochures are not
restricted by content or design, except that they must indicate that the camp or clinic is open to any and all
entrants (limited only by number, age, grade level and/or gender). Brochures are restricted to a single two-
sided sheet, may be no larger in size than not to exceed 17" X 22" when opened in full and may contain not
more than the equivalent of 8 1/2" X 11" pages. (Note: These brochures may be provided to a prospect
prior to September 1 at the beginning of the prospect’s junior year in high school.)

Promotional Activities, Permissible, Camps. (12.5.1.6) An institutional or privately owned camp may use
a student-athlete's name, picture and institutional affiliation only in the camp counselor section in its camp
brochure to identify the student-athlete as a staff member. A student-athlete's name or picture may not be
used in any other way to directly advertise or promote the camp.

Secondary Violation Reported by a Division I Institution (NOT W&M): The names and photographs of
several student-athletes (SAs) on five of the institution’s sports teams impermissibly appeared in
institutional brochures, private camp brochure and Web site. Specifically, the soccer brochure
contained photographs of two SAs, who were not identified by name. In addition, the men’s basketball,
women’s basketball and volleyball brochures each contained a photograph of an SA on the cover
identified as a camp counselor. The involved programs stated they were unaware of NCAA legislation
regarding the use of SA's photograph and name in camp brochures. The men's basketball coach,
women's basketball coach and volleyball coach believed if an SA was employed in the camp and
identified as a counselor, they were allowed to put them on the cover of the brochure. The institution
discovered these violations when the compliance officer saw the printed camp brochures for these
sports. In addition, the photos and/or names of three men's basketball SAs appeared in both the camp
brochure and the Web site of a private basketball camp. All three men's basketball SAs had previously
attended the camp.
Transportation—General Restrictions (13.5.1) An institution may not provide transportation to a prospect other than on the official paid visit, or on an unofficial visit, to view a practice or competition site and other institutional facilities (located within a 30-mile radius of the institution’s campus) when accompanied by an institutional staff member.

February 10, 1999 Staff Interpretation: It is not permissible for an institution to reimburse a high-school, preparatory school, or two-year college coach who is employed at the institution's camp/clinic for mileage or other automobile expenses incurred in transporting a prospect to campus to attend the camp/clinic.

August 24, 1990 Staff Interpretation: A corporate sponsor underwriting an institution's sports camp/clinic would be precluded from providing transportation to prospective student-athletes to attend a clinic.

June 29, 2006 Staff Interpretation for W&M per Jay Jones’ e-mail: It is permissible to provide shuttle transportation that is available to all campers provided it is included in the cost of the camp tuition and is clearly advertised in the camp brochure as being available from the train station, bus station and/or airport at particular times of the camp.

"If you charge for the transportation and that charge is included in camp costs and noted as an included item, then there is not an issue. Legislatively, we felt comfortable to extend the concept of transportation for employees under 13.12.2.1.4 to the prospects, in the sense that there is not a benefit if everyone gets it. We also used the thought patterns of Bylaw 13.12.1.5.4, which allows awards - a clear benefit - to be given to campers so long as they are included in the fee. We felt that to charge a transportation fee, put that in the brochure, and make it available to everyone does not give any attendee a clear benefit."