



Syracuse University Department of Athletics

Official Campus Visit Policy

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Policy Introduction

Syracuse University has established the Official Campus Visit Policy to state the University's expectations for official recruiting visits, to provide a meaningful framework for prospects and the University to make informed decisions about attendance and participation in the Syracuse University athletics program, and to generally guide coaches, staff, student hosts, and visiting recruits. Through this policy the University seeks to promote positive recruiting practices and prevent recruiting abuses.

Policy Principle - Recruiting

The recruiting process offers student athletes an avenue to extend their athletic participation beyond high school and introduces Syracuse University to prospective student athletes who can contribute constructively to its academic mission. Prospective student-athletes (PSAs), or prospects, and their families should be afforded the opportunity to fairly and equitably assess their opportunities for academic and athletic integration into the Syracuse University experience through campus visits. Similarly, Syracuse University should also be afforded the opportunity to fairly and reasonably evaluate a prospect's academic and athletic potential to ensure successful integration into the Syracuse University experience.

Syracuse University is committed to, and each coaching staff member is expected to, operate their program with the highest standards of behavior and practices in all areas, including recruiting.

All Syracuse University personnel will conduct all recruiting activities in accordance with this commitment and in compliance with NCAA regulations.

Responsibilities

- Head coaches are responsible for recruiting individuals whose character and commitment to academics are consistent with Syracuse University's values and standards. Head coaches are also required to communicate to prospects their expectations regarding athletics, academic behavior, and attitude prior to an official visit.

- All coaches are responsible for informing the Athletic Director when a coach receives information that a prospect has had any incidents in their background that would indicate a lack of character, so that a joint decision may be made as to whether to continue recruitment.
- All coaches are responsible for submitting official visit forms that must be preapproved by the Office of Athletic Compliance in Teamworks 72 hours before the start of the visit, to ensure that all criteria are met for the official visit to occur.
- All PSAs are responsible for complying with NCAA Bylaw **13.6.3 Requirements for Official Visit**¹ before an official visit: (a) A prospective student-athlete must present the institution with a high school (or college) academic transcript; (b) A high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Official Visit Activities

All official visit activities must adhere to the NCAA **13.6.7.1 General Restrictions** for recruiting².

Head coaches are responsible for instructing their assistant coaches and student hosts about what types of behavior and activities are appropriate and inappropriate. Head coaches are also responsible for selecting hosts who will adhere to the Official Campus Visit Policy and avoid inappropriate behavior. Student athletes are expected to exercise good judgment.

Appropriate activities examples:

- Accompany and stay with the prospect while eating a snack
- Accompany and stay with the prospect at the movies
- Accompany and stay with the prospect at an on-campus athletic or student event
- Accompany and stay with the prospect at an on-or-off campus social gathering
- Accompany and stay with the prospect while engaging in recreation activities (e.g., bowling)

Inappropriate activities examples (non-exhaustive):

- Attendance at adult entertainment facilities
- Excessive meals
- Provision of excessive transportation, such as limousines
- Provision of alcohol and marijuana to under-aged prospective student-athletes
- Use of escort services, exotic dancers, or any other similar services

¹ Bylaw 13.6.3 requires that, prior to an official visit, a prospect must provide an academic transcript, be registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center, and be placed on the institution's IRL.

² Bylaw 13.6.7.1 allows entertainment during an official visit for a prospective student-athlete and up to four family members within a 30-mile radius of campus. Entertainment of friends or by boosters is not permitted.

- Participation in any unethical or illegal activity that violate criminal law or NCAA rules such as provision of drugs or participation in gambling activities
- Activities at any location that may cause a perception of impropriety

Education and Training

To support compliance with NCAA Bylaw 13 and institutional policies, the University provides multiple training opportunities for coaches, staff, and student-athletes involved in recruiting activities. These include:

- Annual compliance education sessions covering NCAA recruiting rules and ethical conduct expectations.
- Monthly compliance briefings to reinforce key policies and address emerging issues.
- Online NCAA training modules offering accessible, self-paced education on official visit protocols and permissible activities.

These resources are designed to ensure all participants understand their responsibilities and uphold the integrity of the recruiting process during official campus visits.

Reporting Concerns

Reports may be made confidentially to the Office of Compliance through designated reporting channels. All concerns will be reviewed and addressed in accordance with university procedures.

Policy Oversight

The Office of Athletic Compliance is responsible for oversight of the Official Campus Visit Policy. In alignment with NCAA Bylaw 13, the Official Campus Visit Policy must be reviewed by an outside entity every four years and revisions to the Policy must be approved by the Chancellor. The Office of Athletic Compliance serves as the liaison to the Chancellor’s Office to assure approval.

Revision History

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