

**13.02.10 Representative of Athletics Interests.** A “representative of the institution’s athletics interests” is an individual who is known (or who should have been known) by a member of the institution’s executive or athletics administration to:

- (a) Have participated in or to be a member of an agency or organization, including corporate entities (e.g., apparel and equipment companies), promoting the institution’s intercollegiate athletics program; (*Revised: 1/14/02*)
- (b) Have made financial contributions to the athletics department or to an athletics booster organization of that institution;
- (c) Be assisting or to have been requested (by the athletics department staff) to assist in the recruitment of prospects;
- (d) Be assisting or to have assisted in providing benefits to enrolled student-athletes or their families; or
- (e) Have been involved otherwise in promoting the institution’s athletics program.

**13.02.10.1 Representative of Athletics Interest.** Once an individual is identified as such a representative, the person retains that identity indefinitely.

### **Recruiting Contact**

**13.1.2.1 Authorized Staff Members.** All in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts with a prospect or the prospect’s relatives or legal guardian(s) shall be made only by authorized athletics department staff members. **Such off-campus contact by representatives of an institution’s athletics interests is prohibited.** Violations of this bylaw involving individuals other than representatives of an institution’s athletics interests shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete’s eligibility. (*Revised: 1/10/05*)

### **Telephone Calls to Prospective Student-Athletes**

**13.1.3.5.2 Representatives of Athletics Interests.** It is not permissible for a representative of athletics (as defined in Bylaw 13.02.10) to make telephone calls to a prospect. (*Revised: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00, 10/20/03*)

### **13.6.5 Entertainment/Tickets on Official Visit**

**13.6.5.1 General Restrictions.** An institution may provide entertainment, which may not be excessive, on the official visit only for a prospect and the prospect’s parents [or legal guardian(s)] or spouse and only within a 30-mile radius of the institution’s main campus. Entertainment and contact by representatives of the institution’s athletics interests during the official visit are confined to campus. It is not permissible to entertain other relatives or friends (including dates) of a prospect at any time at any site. For violations of this bylaw in which the value of the entertainment is \$100 or less, the eligibility of the individual (i.e., prospective or enrolled student-athlete) shall not be affected conditioned on the individual repaying the value of the benefit to a charity of his or her choice. The individual, however, shall remain ineligible from the time the institution has knowledge of the receipt of the impermissible benefit until the individual repays the benefit. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the individual’s repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement staff. (*Revised: 1/13/98, 1/10/05, 4/28/05*)

**Occasional Meals.**

**16.11.1.4 (b) Representative of Athletics Interests.** A student-athlete or the entire team in a sport may receive an occasional family home meal from a representative of athletics interests provided the meal is in the individual's home (as opposed to a restaurant) and may be catered. The representative of athletics interests or an institutional staff member may provide reasonable local transportation to student-athletes to attend such meals.

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