

NCAA Rule of the Month

February 2012 Evaluations on Campus

Generally speaking, it is not permissible for coaching staff members to participate in arranged on-campus evaluations with prospective student-athletes. However, there are a few exceptions to this rule. Please read below for more detailed information.

Competition or Practice on Campus: If a prospect is participating in approved competition or practice on campus, it is permissible for coaching staff members to attend, provided it is during a permissible recruiting period (contact period, evaluation period).

Nonscholastic Competition or Practice: In football and basketball, it is not permissible for coaching staff members to observe nonscholastic events that take place on campus. In fact, CU should not be hosting nonscholastic events on campus in these sports!

Noncoaching staff member with sport specific responsibilities: For those who are considered a noncoaching staff member with sport specific responsibilities (operations, recruiting, etc.) it is not permissible for them to attend on- or off-campus events in their sport. The only exception is if the noncoaching staff member is an *immediate* family member of a participant in the event. In that case, the person may only observe and may not evaluate or contact prospects or their parents.

A few more notes:

- It is permissible for the coaching staff to evaluate prospects participating in on-campus contests (e.g., state high school game) during evaluation and contact periods. These must be scholastic events in football and basketball.
- CU would use one of its recruiting opportunities for each prospect participating in the contests watched by the coach(es).
- CU would use one if its evaluation days (if applicable) for each coach engaged in recruiting activities if the contest were to take place during the academic year evaluation period.
- All coaching staff members are permitted to evaluate prospects during on-campus events. For example, if four coaches evaluated on-campus contests that took place on one day, the institution would use four of its evaluation days in addition to using a recruiting opportunity for each prospect that participated in the contests. **Except in women's basketball as a coach will be considered an off-campus recruiter and the limit is three off-campus recruiters at one time.**

Starting March 7th-10th, CU Boulder will be hosting the CHSAA boys and girls state basketball championships. During this time, CU must use a 'skeleton crew' to run these events as we cannot promote prospects. Also, your all-access pass will not get you into these events so you must purchase tickets just as the general public would. **Remember, basketball operation staff members cannot attend these events.**

If you have any questions regarding evaluations on campus, please feel free to contact compliance.