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Telephone Calls to Campers
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Telephone Calls Regarding Institutional Camp and Clinic Logistical Issues

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Important to Review If You Are Involved in Any CU Camp/Clinic



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- NCAA recently reviewed issues related to telephone calls regarding CU camp/clinic logistics. It was determined that a **telephone call to an individual (or his or her parents, guardians or coaches) that relates solely to CU camp/clinic logistical issues is not subject to the restrictions on telephone calls, **provided no recruiting conversation or solicitation of particular individuals to attend a camp/clinic occurs**. The following questions and answers and example scenario are designed to assist institutions regarding the application of this interpretation.**

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- Question 1: Which institutional staff members may make telephone calls regarding CU camp/logistical issues?
- Answer 1: Any institutional staff member (e.g., countable coach, volunteer coach, administrative assistant, noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities) **may make telephone calls** regarding CU camp/clinic logistical issues since these calls are not intended to be for recruiting purposes.
- Accordingly, these calls **may not** include any recruiting conversation or solicitation of particular individuals to attend the CU camp/clinic. If a call includes any recruiting conversation or solicitation of particular individuals to attend, then the legislated telephone call restrictions apply including the restrictions on who is permitted to make and receive telephone calls.

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- Question 2: Is there a limit on the number of calls that may be made to a PSA regarding CU camp/ clinic logistical issues?
- Answer 2: No. Since these calls are not intended to be for recruiting purposes, they are not subject to the time period limitations for telephone calls that may be made to prospective student-athletes. However, if a call includes any recruiting conversation or solicitation of particular individuals to attend, then the legislated telephone call restrictions apply including the time period limitations.



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- Question 3: What are some examples of logistical issues regarding camps/clinics?

- Answer 3: Camp **logistical issues** may include but are not limited to:
 - Incomplete, insufficient or illegible payment information;
 - Incomplete or unsigned paperwork or forms;
 - Questions regarding accommodations;
 - Questions regarding required vs. optional items to bring to camp;
 - Questions regarding transportation or meal options at camp; or
 - Medical questions.



What Else? Example Scenario:

- Tracy Tripp, CU's director of women's basketball operations returns a telephone call from a PSA's parent regarding rooming arrangements at the CU WBB's camp. May the director of operations also inquire about the PSA and her younger sister's last game and/or ask if the SA's younger sister will also be attending the camp?
- Answer: No, Tracy may not initiate any conversation that may be considered a recruiting conversation and/or solicitation of a particular individual to attend the camp. At the point that a recruiting conversation or solicitation begins, the call is subject to applicable telephone call restrictions, including limitations regarding permissible callers and permissible time periods.