

# NCAA Rule of the Month

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Scouting opponents

In basketball, football, and women's volleyball, off-campus, in-person scouting of opponents is **prohibited**. In all other sports at CU, off-campus scouting is permissible, but staff members cannot be paid or reimbursed for expenses related to that scouting. Staff members who are paid or reimbursed for travel costs related to recruiting or team travel cannot scout opponents while they are on those trips. There are some exceptions to the prohibition, including:

In basketball, football, and women's volleyball:

- An institution can pay the expenses of a coaching staff member to scout future opponents at a regular-season or postseason tournament, but only if the institution is a participant in that tournament. Once a team is eliminated, the coaching staff of that team may no longer scout tournament participants.
- In basketball, an institution can pay the expenses of a coaching staff member to scout opponents at a doubleheader in which the institution is a participant.
- It is permissible to scout future opponents in preseason tournaments that occur at the same site, if the institution is a participant in that tournament. Once a team is eliminated, the coaching staff of that team may no longer scout tournament participants.

In all other sports:

- An institution can pay the expenses of a coaching staff member to scout opponents at a regular-season or post-season tournament, if the institution is a participant in that tournament. Once a team is eliminated, the coaching staff of that team may no longer scout tournament participants.
- It is permissible to scout future opponents in preseason tournaments that occur at the same site, if the institution is a participant in that tournament. Once a team is eliminated, the coaching staff of that team may no longer scout tournament participants.
- It is permissible to receive press-box tickets or complimentary tickets from the opponent that is being scouted.

When exchanging or obtaining video for scouting, it is permissible for CU to pay the costs of retrieving the video (for example, driving to pick up video or paying for it to be sent.)

In basketball and women's volleyball, a team that has been selected for a postseason championship can purchase video for scouting from individuals or scouting services. Once the team is eliminated, it is **no longer permissible** for the team to purchase video from individuals or scouting services. **It is impermissible to purchase video from individuals or scouting services at any other time.**

Bylaws we are referencing: 11.6, 11.6.1.1, 11.6.1.2, 11.6.2, 11.6.2.1, 11.6.4, 11.6.4.1, 11.6.5