

# RALPHIE'S HOT TOPIC



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Contact with Prospects  
During Campus Visits

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- ⦿ When a prospect is on campus for an official or unofficial visit, there are specific limitations as to who can have contact with the prospect and his/her guests.
- ⦿ Please be aware that there is a difference between **INSTITUTIONAL** staff members and **ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT** staff members.

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Institutional Staff Members	Athletic Department Staff Members
Faculty Athletics Representative	HAC Coordinators
On-Campus Academic Advisors	Compliance Office
Faculty/Professors	Coaches
Foundation Staff Members	Marketing Staff Members
Buffalo Sports Properties	Administrators

\*\*It is not permissible for boosters or the CU Board of Regents to have any recruiting contact with prospects.\*\*

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- ⦿ *Athletic Department* Staff Members are allowed to have contact with prospects during their official and unofficial visits to campus.
- ⦿ *They may also have a meal with a prospect during their official visit within a 30-mile radius of campus.*
- ⦿ The spouse and dependent children of an athletic department staff member may join for this meal.

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- ⦿ The spouse and dependent children of an institutional staff member may only join for this meal if it is held **ON CAMPUS**.

# Contact with Prospects

- ⊙ No other family members may be involved in the recruiting process.
- ⊙ This includes parents and siblings of CU coaches.
- ⊙ The NCAA recognizes spouses as only husband and wife. The definition does not include fiancées, partners, companions or boyfriend/ girlfriends.

# References:

- **Bylaw:13.1.2.1 - General Rule.** All in-person, on- and off-campus recruiting contacts with a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians shall be made only by authorized institutional staff members. Such contact, as well as correspondence and telephone calls, by representatives of an institution's athletics interests is prohibited except as otherwise permitted in this section. Violations of this bylaw involving individuals other than a representative 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: 8/5/04)*
  
- **Bylaw:13.1.2.2 - General Exceptions.** This regulation is not applicable to:
  - (e) Spouse of Staff Member**
    - (1) **On Campus.** A spouse of an institutional staff member on campus.
    - (2) **Off Campus during Official Visit.** A spouse of an athletics department staff member during a prospective student-athlete's official visit and within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus during the prospective student-athlete's official visit.

# References:

- **Bylaw:13.1.2.3 - General Restrictions -- Staff Members and Governing Board.** The following are additional restrictions that apply to an institution's staff members and governing board. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. *(Revised: 4/27/00)*
- **(a) Institutional Staff Members -- Off-Campus Contacts.** Only those coaches permitted to recruit off campus as specified in Bylaw 11.7 may contact prospective student-athletes off campus. Institutional staff members (e.g., faculty members) may contact prospective student-athletes for recruiting purposes in all sports, on campus, or within 30 miles of campus during the prospective student-athlete's official visit. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/28/05, 5/26/06)*
- **(c) Board of Governors/Regents.** Recruiting contacts on or off campus between a member of the institution's board of governors (or regents) and a prospective student-athlete are not permissible.
  
- **Staff Interpretation: Contact by Dependent Children of Institutional Staff Members with Prospective Student-Athletes (I/II)**
- **Date Published: August 25, 2004**
- The membership services staff determined that the regulations regarding contact by the spouse of an institutional staff member with prospective student-athletes also apply to the dependent children of institutional staff members. Therefore, dependent children of athletics department staff members are permitted to have off-campus contact with prospective student-athletes during an official visit within a 30-mile radius of the institution's campus.