



NCAA REGULATIONS RELATED TO LOCAL SPORTS CLUB

Coaches' Involvement in Local Sports Clubs

General Rule Prohibiting Tryouts of Prospective Student-Athlete:

A member institution, on its campus or elsewhere, shall not conduct (or have conducted on its behalf) any physical activity (e.g., practice session or test/tryout) at which one or more prospects (as defined in Bylaw 13.12.1.1) reveal, demonstrate or display their athletics abilities in any sport except as provided in Bylaws 13.12.2 and 13.12.3.

Local Sports Club Exception to the Tryout Rule:

In sports other than basketball, an institution's coach may be involved as a participant or in instructional or coaching activities in the same sport for a local sports club or organization located in the institution's home community, provided all prospects participating in said activities are legal residents of the area (within a 50-mile radius of the institution). In all sports, an institution's coach may be involved as a participant or in instructional or coaching activities in a sport other than the coach's sport for a local sports club or organization located in the institution's home community, provided all prospects participating in said activities are legal residents of the area (within a 50-mile radius of the institution).

Club with Multiple Teams: If local club sponsors multiple teams or multiple sports, the 50-mile radius is applicable only to the team with which the institution's coach is involved; however, it is not permissible for the coach to assign a prospect who lives outside the 50-mile area to another coach of the club.

Below Ninth Grade: A coach also may be involved in activities with individuals who are not of prospect age (i.e., before the ninth grade), regardless of where such individuals reside.

Institutional Sponsorship: Neither an institution's athletics department nor an institution's athletics booster group may sponsor a local sports club that includes prospects. It is permissible for a department of the institution that operates independent of the athletics department (e.g., physical education department, recreation department) to sponsor a local sports club that includes prospects, provided no athletics department staff member is involved with the club team.

Coach Organizing Own Club: An institution's coaching staff member who is organizing his or her own local sports club may use his or her own funds, independent of the institution, to establish and/or operate the club. Further, the club must be an established, ongoing club that is engaged in competitive activities and is not formed only to provide instruction to prospects.

Private Instruction: An institution's coaching staff member who is employed by a local sports club (e.g., racquet club, golf club, swim club) may provide individual instruction to prospects or serve as a coach for the club's team that involves prospects, provided the club is an established, ongoing club, and all prospects participating in said activities are legal residents of the area (within a 50-mile radius of the institution).



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Amateur Status/Membership Dues: An individual loses amateur status for receiving expenses from an outside sponsor or organization to cover membership dues to a local sports club. A sports club may waive membership dues for participants in the club, provided the club has an established policy that includes selection criteria unrelated to athletics ability (e.g., need based).

Use of Institutional Facility: A local sports club that includes prospects may rent office space in a member institution's facility, provided the local sports club is charged the same rate others would be charged for the use of the facility.

Mixing Club Duties With Institutional Duties: An institution may not reimburse a coach to attend a contest in which the coach's local sports club is participating even if the coach also is involved with institutional business (e.g., recruiting), as the reimbursement of expenses constitutes financial support of the local sports club by the member institution, which is prohibited.

Use of Institution's Weight Room: Prospective student-athletes who are members of the club may use a member institution's facilities, provided the club rents such facilities at the normal rate and such facility usage is related to legitimate club activities (e.g., conditioning activities).

Evaluation Limits: An institution's coaching staff member who is involved with a local sports club (per Bylaw 13.12.2.3) during the academic year would not use one of the institution's seven recruiting opportunities for any prospect participating in any competition against the local team the individual coaches. Note: any other contest observed during the academic year by the coaching staff member involving prospective student-athletes (e.g., scouting future opponents for the club team) must count as an evaluation for each prospect participating in the contest.