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## OFFICIAL & UNOFFICIAL VISITS

### Official Visits

Prior to making any travel arrangements for a prospective student-athlete's (PSA) Official Visit, a coach or administrator must complete the USD Official Visit Approval Form and submit it to the athletics compliance office as soon as he/she knows that a PSA will be making an official visit to South Dakota. All parties will benefit by submission of the completed form well in advance of the visit. **In any case, requests for prospect should be submitted no later than 5 days before the visit unless there are extenuating circumstances.** Coaches must request complimentary admissions on the USD PSA Ticket Request Form and submit it to the ticket office (for

**Official and Unofficial visits**). The athletic ticket office will forward this information on to the compliance office.

**Bylaw 13.6.7.2 Regarding Complimentary Admissions:** During the official visit, a maximum of three complimentary admissions to a home athletics event at any facility within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus in which the institution's intercollegiate team practices or competes may be provided to a prospective student-athlete. Such complimentary admissions are for the exclusive use of the prospective student-athlete and those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the visit and must be **issued only through a pass list** on an individual-game basis.

### Unofficial Visits

An **unofficial** visit to a member institution by a prospective student-athlete is a visit made at the prospective student-athlete's own expense.

**Bylaw 13.5.3 Transportation on Unofficial Visit:** During any unofficial recruiting visit, the institution may provide the prospective student-athlete (PSA) with transportation to view practice and competition sites in the PSA's sport and other institutional facilities and to attend a home athletics contest at any local facility. A institutional staff member must accompany the PSA during such a trip. Payment of any other transportation expenses, shall be considered a violation.

## Division I Recruiting Calendar for October, 2011

### Men's Basketball

Oct. 1-5 Contact Period  
 Oct. 6-31 Evaluation Period

### Women's Basketball

Oct. 1-6 Contact Period  
 Oct. 7-31 Evaluation Period

### Softball

Oct. 1-31 Contact period

### Football

Oct. 1-31 \*Evaluation - days not used for evaluation are considered quiet period days.

### Track/Cross Country

Oct. 1-31 Contact period

### Volleyball

Oct. 1-31 Contact period

### All other sports

Oct. 1-31 Contact period



## “Redshirts” and “Medical Redshirts”

What constitutes a “season of competition”? *Any competition*, regardless of time, during an intercollegiate athletics season counts as a season of competition in that sport. Even if a student-athlete participates for one second of competition, it shall count as one of their four seasons of competition. (Bylaw 14.2.3.1)

A S-A may engage in outside competition in either one alumni game, one fundraising activity or one celebrity sports activity during a season without count such competition as a season of competition, provided the event is exempted from the institutions maximum number of contests or dates of competition as permitted in the particular sport per Bylaw 17 (Bylaw 14.2.3.1.4)

**What is a Medical Hardship Waiver?** A student-athlete may be granted an additional year of eligibility if they suffer an inca-

pacitating injury or illness and the injury/illness occurs:

- ◆ During one of the four seasons of intercollegiate competition or subsequent to the first day of class during the student-athlete’s senior year of high school;
- ◆ Prior to the first competition of the second half of the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship and results in incapacity to compete for remainder of the season;
- ◆ *In team sports*, the student-athlete has not participated in more than three contests or dates of competition or 30% (whichever number is greater) of the scheduled or completed contests/dates of competition; and
- ◆ *In individual sports*, the student-athlete has not participated in more than three dates of competition or 30% (whichever number is greater) of the maximum per-

missible number of dates of competition + one date for a conference championship.

**What is a Medical Non-Counter?** A counter who becomes injured or ill to the point that he or she apparently never again will be able to participate in intercollegiate athletics shall not be considered a counter beginning with the academic year following the incapacitating injury or illness. (Bylaw 15.5.1.3). If the injury/illness occurs prior to any athletics practice or competition, the student-athlete’s scholarship will not count for the current and subsequent years.



## STUDENT-ATHLETE REMINDER

### Official Visit Hosts:

As a student host during an official visit, the money provided to you can be used only for food and/or entertainment of the prospect.

**That entertainment may not include alcohol or use of illegal drugs.** Examples include movies, bowling and mini-golf.

You may not purchase any tangible items for the recruit such as t-shirts, video games or hats. This is an NCAA violation and could jeopardize your eligibility.

**Student-athlete hosts may receive an institutional maximum of \$20.00 per day for hosting a prospect.** All host money must be signed out from the athletic business office, and all unused money must be returned directly to the athletic business office.



## Coyote Track & Field Star excels in the classroom and the community

University of South Dakota senior Alexa Duling is no stranger to hard work, determination and daring to dream. During the summer of 2011, Duling turned her dream of creating the first-ever Girls on the Run event for 13 preteen girls, their families and the community of the Rosebud Indian Reservation into a reality.

A 4.0 pre-med student-athlete at South Dakota, a national qualifier in the 400-meter hurdles last year, and a co-president for SAAC in

2011-12, **Duling was recently named Great West Conference Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year (2010-2011).** Duling's athletic expertise and strong work ethic fit nicely with the mission and vision of the Girls on the Run organization, which focuses on creating "self-respect and healthy lifestyles through running" among eight to thirteen year olds. The Girls on the Run program "addresses all aspects of girls' development, including their physical, emotional, mental, social and spiritual well-being"



The non-profit Girls on the Run organization was founded in 1996 by four-time Hawaii Ironman triathlete, Molly Barker. The organization headquarters in Charlotte, North Carolina, and is found today in over 150 cities across North America.

## NCAA may adopt new texting policy—but do athletes like it?



The NCAA is beginning to look at different proposals regarding how texting factors into recruiting rules. Divisions I, II, and III are independently reaching similar conclusions to deregulate texting.

"Division I is considering proposals to include all forms of electronic correspondence (such as email and texts) to be sent to recruits during specified

periods."

All divisions could see a change in the cyber rules as early as January.

One of the main arguments back in 2006-07 was the incurred financial burden on the athletes and institutions due to the cost of text messaging. However, "In many cases, our prospects are texting our coaches now," said Petrina Long, a senior associate AD at UCLA and former chair of the Divi-

sion I recruiting cabinet.

Division I SAAC vice chair Eugene Daniels said his primary concern is what's best for the prospective student-athlete.

"We're willing to listen and learn and figure out what we can do to make the recruiting process a little easier for coaches, but we want to make sure it stays ethical for the prospect," he said.



## NCAA Improving On-Field Conduct—By. Greg Johnson, NCAA.org

College football players caught taunting their opponents will pay a stiffer price this season. With the 2011 college football slate set to kick off in the coming days, a new rule is in place with penalties that could cost teams points. This is the first year that unsportsmanlike conduct penalties will be treated as either live-ball or dead-ball fouls. The rule change was recommended by the NCAA Football Rules Committee in February 2010 and approved by the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel last year. Under the new rule, if a player makes a taunting gesture to an opponent on the way to scoring a touchdown, for example, the flag would nullify the score and penalize the offending team 15 yards from the spot of the foul. Penalties for dead-ball misconduct fouls (for example, unsportsmanlike behavior after the player crosses the goal line) would continue to be assessed on the ensuing kickoff or the extra point/two-point conversion attempt. Previously, all fouls of this kind were treated as dead-ball fouls.

