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### NCAA Rules and FAU Policies Regarding Camps and Clinics

**Definition:** An institution's sports camp or clinic shall be any camp or clinic that is owned or operated by a member institution or an employee of the member institution's athletics department, either on or off its campus, and in which prospective student-athletes participate.

*\*In men's basketball, softball, and volleyball, a PSA is defined as an individual who has started seventh grade for the purpose of camp/clinic legislation.*

- **Scheduling:** Camps may not occur during a NCAA-designated "dead period."
  - Basketball: May occur during the months of June, July and August, or any calendar week that includes days of those months (e.g., May 28 – June 3).
    - Camps must be conducted on campus or within a 100-mile radius of campus.
    - Each camp offered must adhere to the same registration procedures, fee structure, advertising methods and overall logistical experience.
  - Football: May only occur during two designated 10-day periods during the months of June and July, or any calendar week that includes days of those months (e.g., May 29 – June 3).
    - Must be conducted on campus or within the state where the institution is located.
  - Volleyball: Camp shall be conducted only during the period of Memorial Day through July 31.
  - Baseball: During a quiet period, may only conduct a camp/clinic on campus or at facility regularly used by the institution for practice or competition.
  - Softball: During periods when it is not permissible to evaluate non scholastic activities, may only have an on campus camp or work another institution's on campus camp or at a facility regularly used by the institution for practice or competition.
- **Attendance:** Camps or clinics must be open to any and all entrants (limited only by number, age, grade and/or gender).
  - All camp/clinic advertisements or promotions (e.g., brochure, website, and/or flyer) must include language that states the camp/clinic is **"open to any and all" entrants.**
  - Team camps must be open to any and all teams (within designated age/grade).
    - All team camps must include instructional component for campers in addition to games.
  - Camps or clinics may not be limited in any way based on skill level.
    - May advertise as an "elite camp" but must state that such a camp is **"open to any and all" entrants.**
    - Position camps may be offered provided no level of experience, skill or ability is required and the camp is open to any and all entrants.
  - Prospects may be invited to a camp, but we may not provide any priority registration (e.g., if camp is open to first 100 registrants, cannot reserve 25 spots for the top 25 prospects).



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- Camps must have a minimum number of participants or it will constitute an impermissible tryout. If camp has fewer than 10 participants or two teams, check with compliance to ensure it is permissible.
- **Discounts:** All discounts must be disclosed on the forms provided to Compliance.
  - Prospects (9<sup>th</sup> grade and above; MBB, SB, VB– 7<sup>th</sup> and above) may NOT receive free or reduced admission.
  - A discount may be provided based on objective criteria unrelated to athletic ability, as long as the discount is qualify (e.g. early registration, multiple siblings discount, group discount, etc.).
    - A child of a FAU Athletics Department employee or camp employee may be provided reduced admission, as long as the benefit is available to all employees.
- **Advertisements:** Each camp must be advertised at least 14 calendar days prior to the first day of camp. All camp advertisements (e.g., brochures, flyers, and websites) must be pre-approved by Compliance.
  - **Format:** All advertisements (flyer, brochure, and website) must include language that the camp or clinic is “open to any and all” participants (limited only by age, number, grade and/or gender).
    - Camp brochures are not restricted by consent or design, but are restricted to a single two-sided sheet, not to exceed 8 ½ by 11 inches when opened in full.
    - Photos of prospect-aged individuals at camps may not be posted through any medium at any time.
    - Student-athletes’ names and pictures may appear only in the camp counselor section in its camp brochure to identify the student-athlete as a staff member.
      - Any other pictures of student-athletes in a camp advertisement must be a former student-athlete or a current student-athlete who is not recognizable in any way (e.g., number, nickname).
  - **Placement and Disbursement:** Camp brochures may be provided to a prospect of any age.
    - Brochures and other camp advertisements cannot be placed or handed out in the facilities in which PSA’s are participating.
    - Camp advertisements are permissible if placed in a periodical and meet the following requirements:
      - The size (not to exceed ½ of a page) and format of all advertisements are identical; and
      - The camp directory must include multiple listings of summer camps on each page (at least two camps advertisements of the same size on each page).
    - Advertisements may not be placed in a high school, junior college, or non-scholastic game program.
- **Employment:** All employees, including student-athletes and prospects, must be disclosed on the camp employment forms.



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- **Prospects:** (Grades 9-12 & JC Students) (MBB, VB, SB: Grades 7-12) Prospects may be employed at camp, ***provided the prospect signed a NLI or written offer of admission and/or financial aid agreement.***
- **Student-Athletes:** Student-athletes may work camps provided:
  - The duties performed are of a general supervisory nature (may include coaching/officiating assignments);
  - Student-athletes are paid the going rate for the same or similar services;
  - Payment is not made to student-athletes that will only lecture or demonstrate at a camp.
- **High School/Junior College Coaches:** May be employed at camps, as long as they are paid the going rate for camp counselors of the same teaching ability and camp experience and they are not paid on the basis of the value they bring due to their reputation or contact(s) with prospects.
  - High school or junior college coaches may not be paid based on the number of campers he/she sends to camp.
- **Men's Basketball:** May employ as camp counselor (not limited as speaker only), a person who is associated with a prospect, but may **not** employ a person who is associated with a **recruited** prospect.
- **Athletic Department Staff Members:**
  - In sports other than basketball, football, and women's volleyball, athletic department staff may be employed by privately owned camps, provided the camp follows the same guidelines applicable to FAU camps.
  - Athletics department staff members may **not** be employed (including volunteer basis) in any capacity by a camp established, sponsored or conducted by an individual or organization that provides recruiting or scouting services concerning prospects.
- **Recruiting:** The interaction during sports camps and clinics between PSA's and those coaches employed by the camp or clinic is not subject to the recruiting calendar restrictions. However, an institutional staff member employed at camps is prohibited from recruiting any prospective student-athlete during the time period that the camp is conducted, and no written offer of financial aid may be extended to a PSA while attending camp. See exceptions below:
  - In sports other than baseball, basketball, football, softball, recruiting conversations during an institutional camp between the institution's coach and a participating PSA is not permitted before August 1 of the PSA's junior year in high school.
  - In baseball and softball, recruiting conversations during an institutional camp between the institution's coach and a participating PSA is not permitted before September 1 of the PSA's junior year in high school.
  - In men's basketball it is permissible for recruiting conversations to occur between the certifying institution's coach and a prospective student-athlete who is participating in the institution's camp or clinic.



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- In football, a coach who is permissibly employed at a camp/clinic may engage in recruiting conversations with a PSA during the time period the camp is conducted.
  - It is permissible in women's basketball for an institutional coaching staff member to engage in recruiting activities (e.g., campus tour, meeting with academic advisor) with PSA during an institutional camp.
  - It is permissible for an institution's coach to arrange and conduct a campus tour during the institution's camp or clinic, provided the format of the tour has been approved by an institutional authority outside of athletics (e.g., admissions office)
- **Awards:** The cost of awards and benefits (e.g., t-shirts, ball) must be included in the admission fee.
    - Awards given to campers that are provided to FAU for free or at a reduced rate must be assigned a normal-retail value and included in the camp admission fee.
    - The full cost of awards must be included collectively in the admissions fee for all camp participants.
      - For example, if the total cost of awards to be given at camp is \$100 and the camp attendance is capped at 100 participants, each individual admission fee must include \$1 used to cover the awards provided at the camp.

