



## **GEORGIA TECH COMPLIANCE OFFICE**

Unofficial (Nonpaid) Visit Guidelines and Process

A prospect may visit an institution's campus an unlimited number of times at their own expense.

### **First Opportunity to Visit**

In sports other than football, basketball, softball, and baseball; a prospect may not take unofficial visits before August 1<sup>st</sup>, at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school.

- Men's Basketball – May not make unofficial visits prior to August 1 going into his sophomore year of high school and during July.
- Baseball and Softball – May not make unofficial visits prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> of their Junior year of high school.
- Women's basketball - May occur at any time except during the July evaluation period (unless committed).
- Football – An unofficial visit can occur at any time other than a dead period.

***If a prospect pops up on campus, who is not permitted to be on an unofficial visit, a coach may confirm the prospect's graduation year, explain the recruiting rules and cease contact.***

### **Telephone Calls & Electronic Correspondence**

Athletics department staff members (including non-coaching staff members) may make unlimited telephone calls and send electronic correspondence (e.g. text, email, etc.) to a prospect (or those individuals accompanying him or her) beginning the day before the prospect's unofficial visit until the conclusion of the visit. We may not provide recruiting materials as part of the electronic correspondence (e.g., attachments to e-mail) if the prospect may not otherwise receive such materials.

### **Student Host**

A student host used during an unofficial visit must be a current student-athlete or a student who is designated in a manner consistent with institutional policy for providing campus visits and tours to prospects students in general. We may not provide complimentary admissions to a home athletics event or an entertainment allowance to a current student-athlete acting as a student-host for a prospect on an unofficial visit.

### **Meals and Lodging**

A prospect must pay the actual cost of their meals and may eat with other prospects on official visits or with enrolled student-athletes on campus. A prospect may attend a meal that takes place on-campus or within one-mile of campus and no boosters are in attendance. A prospect may stay overnight in a current student-athlete's dorm for free up to 3 nights since GT Housing does not charge for guests. A prospect may not stay with a current student-athlete who lives off-campus.

### **Activities and Accommodations**

An institution may not arrange any miscellaneous, personalized recruiting aids or permit a prospect to engage in any game-day simulations during an unofficial visit. However, decorating common areas in athletics facilities is permissible provided the decorations are not personalized and the common areas are not accessible or visible to the general public. We may not arrange any special additions to an event area as entertainment (e.g. carnival games, gaming recreational vehicles), even if the prospect pays for the cost of the entertainment. A prospect is permitted to engage in entertainment that is restricted to student-athletes (e.g. video games or pool table in the team's locker room/lounge) or entertainment that is open to the public (e.g. Tech Rec) provided the prospect pays the cost for the entertainment. We may arrange an academic meeting for a prospect and provide an on-campus tour during an unofficial visit.



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The institution may not pay any expenses or provide entertainment except a maximum of three (3) complimentary admissions in the general seating area at a home athletics event through a pass list on an individual-game basis. If the prospect is a member of a non-traditional family (e.g. divorce, separation), we may provide up to two (2) additional complimentary admissions in order to accommodate the parents accompanying the prospect. We may not provide complimentary admission to prospects for any post-season contests or NCAA championships. Institutional staff members and current student-athletes are permitted to have contact with a prospect on an unofficial visit within a one-mile radius of campus. Please refer to the entertainment within one-mile campus chart for a list of approved locations.

### **Transportation and Parking**

No special parking may be arranged for prospects to use while on campus during an unofficial visit. An institutional staff member may provide transportation to view the practice/competition site in the prospect's sport, other campus facilities and to attend a home athletics event at a local facility. It is not permissible to pick-up a prospect at the airport or bus station, however we are permitted to pick-up a prospect from the North Ave Marta station since it's within one-mile of campus.

### **Publicity and Interaction with Former Student-Athletes**

Prior to a PSA signing an NLI or paying a financial deposit in response to an offer of admission, institutions may only publicly comment or confirm whether it is recruiting the PSA. We are not permitted to publicize (or arrange for publicity of) a prospect's visit to campus. We may retweet/like/favorite a prospect's social media post as long as generated by the prospect. We may not arrange any media interviews with the prospect during an unofficial visit. We may provide a prospect a photograph that was taken during their campus visit as long as it is consistent with recruiting materials legislation. It is permissible for a former student-athlete to have contact with a prospect or those individuals accompanying him or her while on campus. Athletics department staff members may arrange the contact between the prospect and former student-athlete.

### **Process/Form**

Per NCAA legislation, the compliance office must keep a record of all unofficial visits made by prospects to our institution's campus. If a prospect "pops up" in your office during a contact or quiet period and only a recruiting conversation, campus tour or academic advisor meeting takes place, please log an unofficial visit in Front Rush for that prospect. Complimentary admissions for prospects and their guests to attend a home athletics event should be requested via Front Rush prior to that sport's ticket request deadline. We only request a paper copy of the unofficial visit form be submitted to the compliance office no more than 3 business days after the prospect's visit if one of the following occurs:

- If the prospect will be staying overnight on campus;
- Engaging in any activity with coaching staff (re: meals, entertainment, etc.) at their own expense;
- Traveling to campus from outside the Atlanta metro area.

**If a prospect on an unofficial visit meets with the coaching staff anywhere outside of the one-mile campus limit, all recruiting calendar and contact legislation applies.**