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NCAA in the News: Hunter College Employee Falsified Entrance Exam Records

A Hunter College (Div. III) information systems employee, over a four-year period, accessed the school’s academic database to falsify exam records to help at least seven prospective student-athletes be admitted. The employee later attempted to destroy relevant information to the case and did not respond to interview request. Five of the seven student-athletes competed while ineligible after enrolling at the school.

Violation

• Unethical Conduct by tampering with testing records to assist in the admissions process

Penalties

• Public reprimand and censure
• Five-year show cause for the employee from being involved in the testing and admission of prospects and student-athletes at NCAA member schools
• Vacation of record in which five student-athletes competed while ineligible
• AD, chief compliance administrator, and admissions staff oversees student-athlete admission must attend NCAA Regional Rules Seminar at least once in next two years
• School self-imposed permanent disassociation of the employee

Key Points

• Never falsify an student-athlete or prospects record
• Be honest and forthcoming when approached about possible NCAA violations

Unofficial Visits 13.7

Definition

• A visit made to a school at the prospect’s own expense

Number Permitted

• There are no limits on the number of unofficial visits made to a campus

Time Frame

• Number Permitted- 13.7.1
  o A PSA may visit a campus before the start of his/her senior year
  o Unofficial visits may be made at any time outside of dead periods
• Exception - Men’s Basketball - 13.7.1.1
  o May not have unofficial visits during July unless PSA has signed NLI, aid agreement, or paid deposit
• Exception - Women’s Basketball - 13.7.1.2
  o May not have unofficial visits during July evaluations period unless PSA has signed NLI, aid agreement, or paid deposit

Expenses

• General Restrictions - Entertainment/ Tickets- 13.7.2.1
  o May not pay any expenses or provide any entertainment except for 3 complimentary admissions to home events within 30 miles of campus
  o May provide an additional 2 admissions for nontraditional families (divorce, separation)

Lodging

• Lodging in Dormitories - 13.7.2.1.3
  o PSA must pay the institutional rate to stay overnight in dorm

Meals

• Meals - 13.7.2.1.2
  o PSA must pay the actual cost of meals, but may eat with other PSA’s on official visits or enrolled SA’s

Transportation

• Transportation on Unofficial Visit - 13.5.3
  o May provide transportation to view practice and competition sites in PSA’s sport and other institutional facilities and to attend a home contest in any facility

Reporting

• Make sure to log your unofficial visits in FrontRush

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Blake Simon
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Recruiting Calendar

Men’s Basketball
June 1-30: Quiet Period

Women’s Basketball
June 1-30: Quiet Period

Cross Country/Track & Field
June 1-7: Contact Period
June 8-11: Dead Period
June 12-30: Contact Period

Field Hockey
June 1-30: Contact Period

Men’s Ice Hockey
June 1-30: Contact Period

Women’s Ice Hockey
June 1-30: Contact Period

Men’s Lacrosse
June 1-30: Contact Period

Women’s Lacrosse
June 1-30: Contact Period

Men’s Soccer
June 1-30: Contact Period

Women’s Soccer
June 1-30: Contact Period

Women’s Swimming/Diving
June 1-30: Contact Period

Skiing
June 1-30: Contact Period