

Division II Legislation Related to Community Engagement
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Prior to conducting a community engagement activity, please refer to the NCAA Division II manual for legislation specific to community engagement.

13.02.1 Community Engagement Activity. A community engagement activity is an activity in which a member institution participates for the primary purpose of enhancing the community, rather than benefiting the institution. The institution must be able to demonstrate how the engagement of the institution's resources (e.g., its student-athletes, its facilities) is meeting a specific identified community need or show how the use of its aforementioned resources links the institution to an overall school-wide community support strategy. The defining element of a community engagement activity is the clear intent of the member institution to provide value to the community. *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

Top 10 Things to Remember when Applying Bylaw 13.02.1

1. Student-athletes may participate with other campus groups that currently participate in community engagement activities.
2. The recruiting rules in NCAA Bylaw 13 do NOT apply if the activity meets the definition of community engagement.
3. Coaches may direct student-athletes to call prospective student-athletes if the conversation is part of a community engagement activity.
4. Institutions may advertise or promote its community engagement activities in ANY publication.
5. Student-athletes may have their expenses covered by a community organization.
6. Boosters may participate in community engagement activities with prospective student-athletes and student-athletes.
7. Student-athletes may not miss class time to participate in community engagement activities.
8. The president or chancellor, or his or her designee, must approve, in writing, all community engagement activities.
9. The activity must meet a specific community need or fit within the institution's overall school-wide community support strategy.
10. Community engagement does NOT mean community service!!!

Please contact your conference office or the NCAA Membership Services Staff if you have questions regarding Bylaw 13.02.1 and the community engagement legislation.