

**NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL OFF-CAMPUS RECRUITING GUIDE**  
**Effective August 1, 2012**

Freshman/Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Two-Year College Prospects	Four-Year College Prospects	Evaluations and Contacts
<p><b>Recruiting Materials</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 15 following sophomore year.</li> </ul> <p><b>Telephone Calls and Electronic Transmissions</b> (including text messaging)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unlimited beginning June 15 following sophomore year.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Off-Campus Contact</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During junior year, at the prospect's educational institution (other than April recruiting period).</li> <li>• April recruiting period -- either the prospect's educational institution or at the prospect's residence.</li> </ul> <p><b>Official Visit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• January 1 of junior year.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Off-Campus Contact</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• September 9.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Qualifier</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contacts permissible.</li> </ul> <p><b>Nonqualifier</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No contacts until after completion of first year of enrollment at the two-year college.</li> </ul> <p><b>Official Visits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum of five beginning October 15 following prospect's completion of high school. No official visits for nonqualifiers until after completion of first year of enrollment at the two-year college.</li> </ul> <p><b>Telephone Calls and Electronic Transmissions</b> (including text messaging).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unlimited.</li> </ul>	<p><b>NCAA or NAIA Institution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only after written permission has been granted by the student-athlete's institution.</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Four-Year Institution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written permission not necessary.</li> </ul> <p><b>Official Visits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum of five beginning October 15 following prospect's completion of high school.</li> </ul> <p><b>Telephone Calls and Electronic Transmissions</b> (including text messaging)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unlimited.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 130 recruiting-person days during academic year recruiting and evaluation periods.</li> <li>• Not more than seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) during the academic year per prospect.</li> <li>• Practice/competition site restrictions (see below).</li> </ul>

\*Please note that this document should not be used as a substitute for the NCAA manual. Coaches are encouraged to contact their athletics compliance administrators for additional information.

**DEFINITIONS**

**Contact**

A contact is any face-to-face encounter between a prospect or the prospect's parents, relatives or legal guardians and an institutional staff member or athletics representative during which any dialogue occurs in excess of an exchange of a greeting. Any such face-to-face encounter that is prearranged (e.g., staff member positions himself/herself in a location where contact is possible) or that takes place on the grounds of the prospect's educational institution or at the site of organized competition or practice involving the prospect or the prospect's high school, preparatory school, two-year college or all-star team shall be considered a contact, regardless of whether any conversation occurs. However, an institutional staff member or athletics representative who is approached by a prospect or the prospect's parents, relatives or legal guardian(s) at any location shall not use a contact, provided the encounter was not prearranged and the staff member or athletics representative does not engage in any dialogue in excess of a greeting and takes appropriate steps to immediately terminate the encounter.

**Evaluation**

Evaluation is any off-campus activity designed to assess the academic qualifications or athletics ability of a prospect, including any visit to a prospect's educational institution (during which no contact occurs) or the observation of a prospect participating in any practice or competition at any site.

**Recruiting-Person Days**

A recruiting-person day is defined as one coach engaged in an off-campus recruiting activity of a prospect, including a prospect who has signed a National Letter of Intent (or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid), on one day (12:01 a.m. to midnight); two coaches engaged in recruiting activities on the same day shall use two recruiting person days.

**Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete**

Actions by staff members or athletics representatives that cause a prospect to become a recruited prospect at that institution are:

- a. Providing the prospect with an official visit;
- b. Having an arranged, in-person, off-campus encounter with the prospect or the prospect's parent(s), relatives or legal guardian(s);
- c. Initiating or arranging a telephone contact with the prospect, the prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s) on more than one occasion for the purpose of recruitment; and
- d. Issuing a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of athletically related financial aid to the prospect (excluding summer term awards prior to initial full-time enrollment).

For purposes of Bylaw 13.12, the phrase "prospective student-athlete" shall include any individual who has started classes for the seventh grade.

**Telephone Calls**

All electronically transmitted human voice exchange (including videoconferencing and videophones) shall be considered telephone calls.

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#### **CONTACTS, EVALUATIONS and TELEPHONE CALLS**

##### **Off-Campus Recruiters**

An institutional staff member is not permitted to recruit off campus until he or she has been certified on an annual basis as to knowledge of applicable recruiting rules.

##### **Telephone Calls During Conduct of Athletics Contest**

Telephone calls to a prospect (or the prospect's relatives or legal guardians) may not be made during the conduct of any of the institution's intercollegiate athletics contests in that sport until the competition has concluded and the team has been dismissed by the coach.

##### **Telephone Calls - Institutional Staff Members -- General Rule**

All telephone calls to prospects (or the prospects' relatives, legal guardians or coaches) must be made by the head coach or one or more of the assistant coaches who count toward the numerical limitations in men's basketball.

##### **Visits to a Prospect's Educational Institution**

Institutional staff members may visit a prospect's educational institution on not more than one occasion during a particular week within a recruiting or evaluation period, regardless of the number of prospects enrolled in the institution or whether any prospect is contacted on that occasion. During the July evaluation period, there are no limitations on the number of times an institutional staff member may visit a prospect's educational institution.

##### **Tournament Exception**

Visiting a prospect's educational institution on consecutive days during a particular week to observe a tournament or tier of a tournament shall count as a single visit.

##### **Counting Contacts and Evaluations**

Evaluations that occur during the academic year count against the permissible number of recruiting opportunities. Outside of the academic year, evaluations do not count against the annual number of recruiting opportunities. Contacts that occur with a prospect count against the permissible number of total recruiting opportunities regardless of the time period (e.g., academic year or outside the academic year). All contacts and evaluations are subject to recruiting calendar restrictions.

##### **Prospective Student-Athlete's Educational Institution**

Any staff member desiring to contact a prospect at the prospect's educational institution first shall obtain permission for such contact from that institution's executive officer (or the executive officer's authorized representative). Contact may not be made during the time of the day when classes are in session.

##### **Practice or Competition Site**

Recruiting contact may not be made with a prospect prior to any athletics competition in which the prospect is a participant during the day or days of competition, even if the prospect is on an official or unofficial visit. Contact includes the passing of notes to a prospective by a third party on behalf of an institutional staff member. Contact and communication restrictions are as follows:

- a. No in-person contact with a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians during the day of the prospective student-athlete's competition (e.g., before and after the competition). (See Bylaw 13.1.3.2.1.1 for exceptions after a prospect has signed an NLI or submitted a financial deposit in response to an offer of admission);
- b. Coaching staff members may not send electronic correspondence to a prospect while he is on call for competition at the competition site (e.g., arena, stadium).
- c. Coaching staff members may send general correspondence to a prospect while the prospect is participating in an athletics event, provided the general correspondence is sent directly to a prospect (e.g., the front desk of the hotel, the prospective student-athlete's personal fax machine) and there is no additional party (e.g., camp employee, coach) involved in disseminating the correspondence.
- d. All communication with a prospect's coach (other than a high school coach who is not attending the certified event) or any individual associated with the prospect as a result of the prospect's participation in basketball, directly or indirectly, is prohibited during the time period in which the prospect is participating in a certified event.

##### **Athletics Events Outside Contact Period**

In-person contact with a prospect shall not be made on or off the member institution's campus at the site of practice or competition or for any athletics event in which the prospect participates outside the permissible contact periods. When a prospect participates in an athletics contest or event (including a noninstitutional, private camp or clinic) on a member institution's campus outside of a contact period, it is not permissible for an authorized institutional staff member to have contact with the prospect until the calendar day following his or her release from the competition. Further, if a prospect is visiting an institution's campus immediately before or after participating in an athletics contest or event on the institution's campus, the prospect must depart the locale of the institution the calendar day before or after the contest or event.

#### **EVALUATIONS**

##### **Academic Year Recruiting Periods**

All evaluations during the academic year evaluation period shall be limited to regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year college contests/tournaments, practices and regular scholastic activities involving prospects enrolled only at the institution at which the regular scholastic activities occur.

##### **April Evaluation Periods**

Evaluations of live athletics activities during these periods shall be limited to nonscholastic events that are certified.

##### **Summer Evaluation Periods**

During the summer evaluation periods, a member of an institution's basketball coaching staff may attend institutional basketball camps and noninstitutional organized events (e.g., camps, leagues, tournaments and festivals) that are certified.

##### **NBA Draft Combine**

Evaluations conducted at the NBA draft combine are not included in the 130 evaluation days.