

**NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL RECRUITING GUIDE**  
**Effective August 1, 2017**

Freshman/Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Two-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes (PSA)	Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes (PSA)	Evaluations and Contacts
<p><b>Recruiting Materials</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questionnaires, camp information, NCAA materials and nonathletics institutional publications only.</li> <li>• June 15 at conclusion of sophomore year: all permissible materials per NCAA Bylaw 13.4.1.</li> </ul> <p><b>Telephone Calls and Electronic Correspondence</b> (all forms of private communication permitted)</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>• Opening day of classes of junior year.</li> <li>• Other than during the April recruiting period, may have contact only at PSA's educational institution.</li> <li>• April recruiting period -- either at the PSA's educational institution or at the PSA's residence.</li> </ul> <p><b>Official Visit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum of five beginning January 1 of junior year.</li> <li>• Not permitted during dead periods.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Off-Campus Contact</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May occur at any location.</li> </ul> <p>After an individual has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or after the institution has received a financial deposit in response to its offer of admission, the individual is no longer subject to the restrictions of Bylaw 13.1.</p>	<p><b>Qualifier</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contacts permissible.</li> </ul> <p><b>Nonqualifier or Academic Redshirt</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 PSA's completion of high school. No official visits for nonqualifiers or academic redshirts until after completion of first academic year of enrollment at the two-year college.</li> </ul> <p><b>Telephone Calls and Electronic Correspondence</b> (all forms of private communication permitted).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unlimited.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Transfer from NCAA or NAIA Institution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact permitted only after written permission has been granted by the student-athlete's institution.</li> </ul> <p><b>Transfer from Other Four-Year Institution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written permission to contact not necessary.</li> </ul> <p><b>Official Visits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum of five beginning October 15 following PSA's completion of high school.</li> </ul> <p><b>Telephone Calls and Electronic Transmissions</b> (all forms of private communication permitted)</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 PSA. An evaluation made during an April evaluation period does not count as a recruiting opportunity.</li> <li>• Practice/competition site restrictions (see below).</li> <li>▪ An evaluation made during an April evaluation period <u>does not count</u> as one of the seven recruiting opportunities for a prospective student-athlete; and</li> <li>▪ A coach recruiting off campus during an April evaluation period <u>does count</u> toward the institution's 130-recruiting person days.</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 prospective student-athlete (PSA) or the PSA'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 PSA's educational institution or at the site of organized competition or practice involving the PSA or the PSA'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 PSA or the PSA'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 PSA, including any visit to a PSA's educational institution (during which no contact occurs) or the observation of a PSA 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 PSA, 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. Recruiting activity involving only a PSA who has signed a National Letter of Intent (or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid) shall not count as a recruiting-person day.

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#### **Recruited PSA**

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

- a. Providing the PSA with an official visit;
  - b. Having an arranged, in-person, off-campus encounter with the PSA or the PSA's parent(s), relatives or legal guardian(s); and
  - c. Issuing a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of athletically related financial aid to the PSA (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.

#### **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 an Institution's Athletics Contest**

Telephone calls to a PSA (or the PSA's relatives or legal guardians) may not be made during the conduct of any of the institution's intercollegiate athletics contests in that sport from the time the institution's team reports on call at the competition site at the direction of the coach 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 a PSA (or the PSA's 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 PSA's Educational Institution**

Institutional staff members may visit a PSA's educational institution on not more than one occasion during a particular week within a recruiting or evaluation period, regardless of the number of PSAs enrolled in the institution or whether any PSA 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 PSA's educational institution.

#### **Tournament Exception**

Visiting a PSA'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, except for during the April evaluation period, 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 PSA 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.

#### **PSA's Educational Institution**

Any staff member desiring to contact a PSA at the PSA'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. For two-year colleges that conduct classes throughout the day, contact may not be made until after 4 p.m. local time and the prospective student-athlete shall not miss class for such contact.

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

It is permissible to make phone calls or send electronic correspondence to a PSA (or a PSA's parents or legal guardians) while the PSA has reported on call for competition and competition-related activities, provided the PSA has completed his sophomore year. Other recruiting contact may not be made with a PSA prior to or during any athletics competition in which the PSA is a participant during the day or days of competition, even if the PSA is on an official or unofficial visit. Contact includes the passing of notes or orally relaying information to a PSA 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 PSA or the PSA's relatives or legal guardians during the day of the PSA's competition (e.g., before and after the competition).
- b. All communication with a PSA's coach (other than a high school coach) or any individual associated with the PSA as a result of the PSA's participation in basketball, directly or indirectly, is prohibited during the time period in which the PSA is participating in a certified event.
- c. Communication with the PSA's high school coach (or high school administrator) is permissible while the PSA is participating in a certified event.

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

In-person contact with a PSA 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 PSA participates outside the permissible contact periods. When a PSA 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 PSA until the calendar day following his or her release from the competition. Further, if a PSA is visiting an institution's campus immediately before or after participating in an athletics contest or event on the institution's campus, the PSA 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 PSAs enrolled only at the institution where the regular scholastic activities occur.

#### **April Evaluation Periods**

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

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**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.

**National Team Activities**

A coaching staff member may attend a live organized athletic activity (e.g., training camps, mini-camps, tryouts, competition) involving a national team, including junior level teams, outside an evaluation or recruiting period, provided the team is coached by a Division I institution's coach (head or assistant) and the activity is approved, sponsored or conducted by the applicable national governing body.

**Regional Championships Approved, Sponsored or Conducted by FIBA**

A coaching staff member may attend regional championships (e.g., FIBA U18 European Championship) that are approved, sponsored, or conducted by FIBA outside permissible recruiting and evaluation periods.