

NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN’S BASKETBALL RECRUITING GUIDE
Effective August 1, 2018

Freshman/Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Two-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes (PSA)	Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes (PSA)	Evaluations and Contacts
<p>Recruiting Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questionnaires, camp information, NCAA materials and nonathletic institutional publications only. 	<p>Recruiting Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning September 1. <p>Off-Campus Contact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning March 1 through the day before the official start of the WBCA Convention, permissible at PSA’s educational institution or residence subject to the recruiting calendar. <p>Telephone Calls and Electronic Correspondence (all forms of private communication permitted)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unlimited beginning September 1, except prohibited during July evaluation period. <p>Official Visits</p> <p>Maximum of five during high school enrollment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permissible starting Thursday following the NCAA women’s basketball championship game. 	<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 NCAA Bylaw 13.1.</p>	<p>Qualifier</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contacts permissible. <p>Nonqualifier or Academic Redshirt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No contacts until after completion of first year of enrollment at the two-year college. <p>Official Visits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>Telephone Calls and Electronic Correspondence (all forms of private communication permitted).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unlimited. 	<p>Transfer from NCAA or NAIA Institution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact permitted when listed on the national transfer database. <p>Transfer from Other Four-Year Institution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written permission not necessary. <p>Official Visits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum of five beginning October 15 following PSA’s completion of high school. <p>Telephone Calls and Electronic Transmissions (all forms of private communication permitted)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unlimited provided institution has permission to contact. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 112 recruiting-person days from August 1 through July 31. Off-campus recruiting activities during the July evaluation periods do not count toward the 112 limit. Not more than seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) during the academic year. Practice/competition site restrictions (see below). 10 of the 112 recruiting-person days may be used for national team activities and regional championships (see below).

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

DEFINITIONS

Contact.

A contact is any face-to-face encounter between a prospective student-athlete (PSA) or the PSA’s family members 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 or 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 family members 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 women’s basketball 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 or for whom the institution has received a financial deposit shall not be counted as a recruiting person day.

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 family members; or
- 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).

Telephone Calls.

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

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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 Institution's Athletics Contest.

Telephone calls to a PSA (or the PSA's family members) 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 a PSA (or the PSA's family members) must be made by the head coach or one or more of the assistant coaches who count toward the numerical limitations in women'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 contact 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 September 1 through May 31 count against the permissible number of recruiting opportunities, except for evaluations that occur on the same day as a permissible contact. From June 1 through August 31, evaluations do not count against the annual number of recruiting opportunities. Contacts count against the permissible number of total recruiting opportunities regardless of the time period. 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 family members during the day of the PSA's competition (e.g., before and after the competition).
- b. During the July evaluation periods, all communication with a PSA, the PSA's family members, the PSA's coach or any individual associated with the PSA as a result of the PSA's participation in basketball, directly or indirectly, is prohibited unless the PSA has signed a National Letter of Intent or institutional written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.

Athletics Events Outside Contact Period.

In-person contact with a PSA shall not be made on or off the 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 non-institutional, private camp or clinic) on an 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.

Academic Year Evaluation Period.

Evaluations during the academic year may occur at regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year college contests/tournaments and practices; regular scholastic activities involving PSAs enrolled at the institution where the regular scholastic activities occur; and evaluations at nonscholastic events during the PSA's academic year during the third weekend of April (Friday, Saturday and Sunday). Evaluations at nonscholastic events and non-institutional camps or clinics that occur on a Division I campus are prohibited.

July Evaluation Periods.

During the July evaluation periods, 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. Evaluations at nonscholastic events and non-institutional camps or clinics that occur on a Division I campus are prohibited.

Events Not Subject to Certification Program.

During any contact or evaluation period, an institutional coaching staff member may attend non-institutional organized events that are approved, sponsored or conducted by an applicable state, national or international governing body and are not organized and conducted primarily for a recruiting purpose (e.g., intrastate and interstate high school basketball games, state high school all-star games, international competitions and practices associated with such contests). A coaching staff member shall not attend events that are approved, sponsored or conducted by an applicable state, national or international governing body but are organized and conducted primarily for a recruiting purpose, unless such events are certified per Bylaw 13.18.

National Team Activities and Regional Championships.

During quiet and dead periods, 10 of the 112 permissible recruiting-person days may be used at live organized national team activities, including junior level teams; and regional championships that are approved, sponsored or conducted by FIBA (refer to Bylaw 13.1.7.6.6 for additional details).