

**NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL RECRUITING GUIDE**  
**Effective August 1, 2016**

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> </ul>	<p><b>Recruiting Materials</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beginning September 1.</li> </ul> <p><b>Off-Campus Contact</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beginning September 1, permissible at PSA's educational institution or residence subject to the recruiting calendar.</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 September 1.</li> </ul> <p><b>Official Visits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum of five beginning Thursday following the NCAA women's basketball championship game.</li> <li>No official visits during dead periods or the July evaluation periods.</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 NCAA Bylaw 13.1.</p>	<p><b>Telephone Calls</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the institution's discretion.</li> </ul> <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.</li> <li>No official visits for nonqualifiers or academic redshirts until after completion of first year of enrollment at the two-year college.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Telephone Calls</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the institution's discretion following permission to contact.</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 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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>112 recruiting-person days during academic year contact and evaluation periods.</li> <li>Not more than seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) during the academic year per PSA.</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 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 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 guardians 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, including a PSA 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 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 parents, relatives or legal guardians;
- c. Initiating or arranging a telephone contact with the PSA, the PSA's relatives or legal guardians 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 PSA (excluding summer term awards prior to initial full-time enrollment).

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#### **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 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 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 parents, 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 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 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 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**

Recruiting contact may not be made with a PSA prior to 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. During the July evaluation periods, all communication with a PSA, the PSA's relatives or legal guardians, 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 noninstitutional, 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 last full weekend (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) of the fall contact period and the weekends (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) of the spring evaluation periods. Evaluations at nonscholastic events and noninstitutional 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 noninstitutional 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 noninstitutional 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.