

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Dear Bo:

The American Volleyball Coaches Association is grateful for the opportunity to work with the AEC Cabinet Subcommittee on Recruiting to provide additional information regarding our membership's concern about specific recruiting issues. We are appreciative of your attention and consideration.

There were three specific issues that the NCAA Subcommittee on Recruiting requested additional information about which was as follows:

- a. Eliminate Bylaw 13.13.1.3 as a recruiting calendar exception as it pertains to camps and clinics in the sport of women's volleyball;
- b. Eliminate Bylaw 13.1.8.12 which allows intercollegiate coaches to coach club teams outside of the contact/evaluation period during competitions; and
- c. Make adjustments to the recruiting calendar as opposed to the total elimination of the January and May quiet periods.

The AVCA membership will be able to address (a) over the course of the next couple of months. We would like to provide more detailed and accurate information to the subcommittee and therefore will be conducting additional research and exploring other options prior to submitting it to the Subcommittee on Recruiting.

The AVCA membership has supported Proposal No. 2004-49 which we feel addresses the issue outlined in (b). The Pac-10 Conference has sponsored legislation to prohibit coaching of a local sports club at off-campus competition where prospects are present during the quiet and dead periods. The AVCA membership feels this eliminates the recruiting advantage that occurs at these types of competitions.

Finally, the AVCA membership is appreciative that the AEC Cabinet withdrew their support of Proposal No. 2004-87 however the Management Council approved the proposal at their April meeting. Considering this decision, we request that the AEC Cabinet sponsor legislation that would reinstate the quiet periods as follows:

January 1 to 12:01am Friday prior to Martin Luther King Day: Quiet Period

12:01am Friday prior to Martin Luther King Day through July 31: Contact/Evaluation Period
[except for (1) and (2) below]:

(1) April 11-14 (NLI signing period): Dead Period

(2) May 1 to 12:01am Friday prior to Memorial Day Weekend: Quiet Period

The recruiting calendar that includes these quiet periods is beneficial and critical as it establishes a time period when coaches cannot be recruiting and maintains a quality of life the Division I women's volleyball coaches appreciate. In addition, the prospective student-athletes do not benefit from such a lengthy quiet period. When the quiet period is extended into February, the contact/evaluation period becomes intrusive and coaches become too persistent because of the shortened contact/evaluation period. An adjustment to the length of the early quiet period (January-February) thereby spreading out the contact/evaluation period is essential as it is most beneficial for the coaches and the prospective student-athletes. The adjustment, as outlined above, would provide benefits to the coaches without harming the prospective student-athletes. The AVCA membership wants to maintain two significant quiet periods (January and May) as we appreciate the benefits and timing of these quiet periods. We simply want to adjust the length of the quiet period that occurs in January.

The AVCA will consider on its next teleconference in May the issue requested by the California Community Colleges Commission on Athletics. Due to schedules and other agenda items, the membership was not able to address this issue in April.

Thank you for affording us the opportunity to provide feedback and research regarding these recruiting issues. We appreciate your attention to the issue regarding the recruiting calendar and will continue to research and evaluate the other two outstanding issues which are as follows:

1. Eliminate Bylaw 13.13.1.3 as a recruiting calendar exception as it pertains to camps and clinics in the sport of women's volleyball;
2. Permit coaches to attend the Commission on Athletics Fall 2005 State Championship Festival which currently occurs during a dead period.

Thank you for your attention to these matters and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely

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