



Division I Educational Document: Recruiting Calendar Adjustment – Plan A

Proposal:

To adjust the women's volleyball recruiting calendar as specified
(*Dates are relative to 2008 calendar*)

Jan 1-18 (Quiet)	2 weekends
ML King Day - President's Day (Evaluation)	5 weekends
Feb 19-March 13 (Quiet)	3 weekends
March 14-April 21 (Evaluation)	6 weekends
April 22-May 31 (Quiet)	6 weekends
June 1-August (Evaluation)	9 weekends

82 total quiet period days,
131 evaluation days (not counting fall evaluation days)

Rationale In Support of Proposal:

- The proposed change will improve the quality of life for women's volleyball coaches. The current spring calendar for recruiting opportunities is a relentlessly demanding schedule with repeated weekends of travel have challenged veteran coaches while driving younger coaches away from the profession. Eliminating recruiting opportunities may also enable coaches to coach their teams at spring events as well

Rationale Opposed to Proposal:

- The change eliminates coaches' control of determining the amount of recruitment in which they wish to engage. Furthermore, the consequences of impacting the recruiting calendar in this manner have significant effects in ways not fully understood. This type of legislation places emerging coaches at a potential disadvantage as they no longer have the latitude to outwork their competition. There is a reasonable possibility the recruiting culture may change as well, which already places unneeded control in the hands of juniors' coaches, where they will now be in a more powerful position of directing prospects.
- Mid-February to mid-March are when teams are training and not competing. Those weekends are good recruiting opportunities since teams are not competing. During the March 14 – April 21 timeframe

teams are competing, with this proposal recruiting must fit into that time period as well.