

**AVCA Legislative Operating Code**  
**Step Three: Post Rationale For and Against on AVCA Website and Email HCC**

**2006-41 (Limiting Text Messaging to Recruits to specified times)**

**For 2006-41**

I don't like the idea of limiting text times to a recruit. Too much to think about as what time zone they're in, etc. I don't think this is abused. We don't do it much at all but it's nice to know it's there in case needed at any time.

Have no major thoughts on this except I will always opt for the side which limits intrusion into the athlete's life.

NO (but in favor of 2006-40, elimination of text messaging)

In favor of eliminating text messaging, but would also support 2006-41 allowing text messaging during restricted times.

Should have time restrictions so PSA are not affected all day long.

Not all cell services provide unlimited texting – we may be placing additional expenses on PSA.

Computer Mediated Communication: Let's just stick with e-mails and stop badgering the student-athletes and wasting our time as well. As you said it's hard to regulate and I don't need more paperwork to do.

Yes, because there is too much pressure on the kids anyway and at least this would limit it a bit.

Eliminate "IM"ing, chat rooms, etc. completely. Allow 1 text per week (although I do not see texting in this legislation)

A set time to text during the day would (4-8pm) provide some structure to the madness we are currently in. We do not use any other technology right now in recruiting so I have no comment on other issues.

Agree we need to have specific time periods as this is already out of control

## **Against 2006-41**

I think that there should be more restrictions than what it is now, but I do not think that what is proposed is the right answer. The recruits are going to be bombarded with text during this time which will cause problems. Some kids will not be reachable at all at this time which will make it hard to communicate unless the kid is able to respond back at anytime.

PSA's are likely to get an overflow of communication during those 4 hours. Some of these hours likely cross when the PSA & their families may be spending time together during dinner and thus would severely restrict communication opportunities.

The time table (4-8) is too limiting because of players schedules such as practices after school. Time preferred would be 6-10pm

I like electronic communication and do not want to change it.

We are strongly opposed because is it not possible to document or track in any way and unreasonable to put time restrictions in place.

We use text messaging so much to get information, especially from committed recruits, and I have a big concern over the time limits to text. 4-8 greatly restricts our time, especially since we are often at practices/matches much of that time.

**DO AWAY WITH TEXT MESSAGING.** It is disruptive to the recruits and gets out of control quickly. Time limitations will not solve the problem.

I think the hours presented are a little restrictive. I also like the recent interpretation that you cannot text prospects during competitions.

Not in support of the time restrictions...prohibit coaches' flexibility in scheduling...what if your practice block falls between 4-8...you lose valuable time to connect with PSA's under the proposed restrictions

For text messaging and other forms of social software. It is more efficient way of communicating with recruits. Less time waiting for them to return a questionnaire and it frees coaches up to pursue other prospects faster.

Kids have the option of turning off their cell phone or not giving coaches the number, just as they don't have to turn on their IM program or can have two separate on-line IDs (one for friends, one for recruiting).

I feel that we should not have a time limit on our text messaging or IM. First it can't be monitored and second the timing difference hurts coaches if they are not in the same time zone.

AGAINST - too difficult to monitor.

The idea of limiting communication is never a good idea.

Not in favor of 2006-41 to set specific times for text and IM. Just eliminate it with 2006-40. I am in favor of 2006-40 to eliminate the use of text messaging and IM'ing all together. I think it only speeds up the process and is only adding to the already full plate that many of these kids have.

Eliminate all contact with athletes via text messaging and IM until junior year.

I am opposed (although not adamantly) to this because the time restrictions don't seem realistic to me. Many times they are not even home from school by 8pm. Furthermore, they can always ignore the "IM", just like not answering a phone call.

The Text messaging should not be stopped. I don't have a problem with limiting the times that one can be sent. I don't think I would vote for the current restriction. Therefore no on both (refers to 40 & 41).

Needs to be better defined – use the words texting. Texting is placed from a telephone, not a computer.

NCAA is already restrictive enough – the student-athlete should have the right to receive and respond according to their own schedule.

Kids communicate via text msg and its the times we live in.

Not in favor of time limits on text messaging, we have a slight majority that do not want any changes to the current rule. Most do not agree with the proposal as they currently read it, the feeling is this is hard to enforce and document.

The common thread was that it would be too hard to monitor from an ethical standpoint

I am not in support of this proposal due to the difficulty in the monitoring of contacts and the actual impact it will have on prospects. After speaking recruits and current players, they felt that this would make circumstances more stressful for them if all coaches were trying to contact them at the same time. They also mentioned that the 4pm-8pm time slot was when they normally have practice, eat dinner, and do homework. It would be a greater distraction for them if they had to communicate with coaches during that block of time. I think this legislation we would actually intensify the impact that coaches have on these recruits' lives.

We are NOT for regulating times for correspondence with PSA's

I disagree with the proposal. I have issues with the time constraint. I think that it is a good idea but I think that the window of time is no where close to where it needs to be.

SplitNo, because there's too much regulation to begin with. Also, the particular times when we could IM or Text is right during dinner time with family so both the recruit and the coach would be inconvenienced. All the times when we could communicate would be pretty much when we're off of work. Work all the time!

**2006-43 (To allow an institution to produce a computer recruiting presentation to show a PSA during an in-home visit or official and unofficial visits)**

**For 2006-43**

I support this proposal. It is very difficult to showcase your program to international recruit in particular if you have nothing to show them regarding your team and program.

Rationale is reasonable that the technology exists for all schools to present such a presentation

I'm in favor, and since we rarely do in homes anymore, I would assume that this would also apply to unofficial visits?

I definitely support this. There are too many loopholes around this right now and as long as you cannot hire an outside group to put something together, I don't see any competitive disadvantages.

Agree as long as it can't be reproduced for mail outs or be left at the prospects home

In favor of

Yes

Yes

Coaching needs to get in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and embrace technology. This is an easy way for coaches to make informative, easy to understand presentations to recruits and their families. As long as there are no video or audio clips it will be easy for just about everyone to do.

In favor of 2006-43 and the use of PP presentations. Since PP is part of most software bundles I would be in favor of everyone being able to use it.

In favor of use of PP Presentations

I agree with allowing the Power Point Presentation on Campus

In favor of allowing power point presentations and the like.

Financial impact is small so not a big deal.

Across the board our conference sees no real opposition to this one, except one school

Computer Presentations on Official Visits: I think we should be allowed to do this. We are trying to sell the school in a professional manner and we all have this technology. It wouldn't be disadvantage to anyone.

Majority in favor of computer usage in home visits.

Allow technology changes

I believe that this in theory is a good idea, but how do we police it? I would be in favor of the rule because I think kids are getting overwhelmed with the amount of info from college coaches.

Yes, because it would be nice to be able to give a presentation to the recruits when they are on campus. Evens the playing field between programs. Keeps vball updated with technology.

With technology today, everyone has access to good software. No longer is it an issue of haves vs. have nots

In line with other organizations, will enhance PSA experience and not a sig. recruiting advantage

??? I am in favor of the recruiting presentation, however I think the prohibition of "outsourcing" this ruins the legislation. How is outsourcing defined? Also outsourcing actually creates opportunities for better quality in programs with smaller staffs. The larger departments with more money and bigger staffs have an advantage here. If this language is left in it will complicate this legislation.

I am for a computer presentation for recruiting. We are so limited on what we can send out that this would provide us a great avenue to communicate.

For the ability to present a computer generated presentation on in home visits, unofficial and official visits under the parameters set fourth in the by-laws. It is a cost effective means for sharing information about our campus and volleyball program with recruits.

### **Against 2006-43**

Home visits are rare anymore and it will provide an unfair advantage to the top tier Division I schools

Because the people that have more staff and resources to create this will have a better product. If you can hire someone with skills to do it you then have an advantage over programs that can not hire someone. So to me if you have a bigger budget and the people to make it a top notch presentation, it is unfair.

Since the majority of the volleyball world still has very limited resources I would wonder about financial advantages.

Can provide an advantage/disadvantage if your institution does not have the funding for the 'hardware' needed for such presentations.

I think that the ability to make a presentation to a recruit is a good idea in theory, but I am concerned about the application. I would be concerned that departments with greater resources to purchase software programs, display hardware, and technology would be at a distinct advantage to those without those means. I also would be concerned about departments that already outsource areas such as media guide, publications, and graphic design, not being able to produce a quality product as well as schools who provide those services in-house.

I am not in favor of this due to the fact that some schools have whole departments that can work on computer presentations. Small schools do not have the same equipment or capabilities.

No, because they have no money to do this. And, one coach didn't understand the need or want for this when you aren't able to put audio or video. Thought no audio was particularly bad.

I'm on the fence right now with this one. I can't imagine the majority of young ladies being recruiting for volleyball are THAT swamped with text messages or IM prompts. I'm not seeing the obvious and overwhelming good to be had.

**2006-82 (To specify that no class time or final examinations shall be missed for competition conducted during the non-championship season)**

**For 2006-82**

Student-athlete's should not be missing class during the non-championship season. They miss enough during the championship season.

I hope this will be left up to the coaches discretion. We like to take one "big" trip each spring and that usually means we have to leave half a day on Friday to make it for Saturday am play. I also feel that it's important to be able to measure your team vs. top teams in the country and sometimes you have to travel to make this happen

I am strongly in favor of the first proposal. We are not allowed to miss any class for spring ball!

Should not be able to miss class

Schools without the necessary budgets for spring travel are not placed at a disadvantage.

Student-athlete welfare – enough missed class in the championship segment

Recruiting advantage for schools with large budgets to travel out of their area to be seen by PSA.

I am in favor. We already do this.

I'm not sure how I would vote as we already don't miss any class time during our non-championship season so I don't need another rule to follow. However, if there are enough schools missing class time that someone thought there should be a rule preventing it, maybe we need one.

All in favor. Mostly because they didn't see the need to miss class in off-season. Felt like the spring season is a chance for players to concentrate more on academics.

We never miss a class during a non traditional season. I think this should be the standard across the board for all schools.

For missing class time during the non-traditional season. The four competition dates are important to our program's development. To facilitate that development we need to travel to find the best possible competition available – this often means traveling on a Friday before competition

## **Against 2006-82**

Right now, we have not had to travel very far to play in the spring which has been nice. Missing Friday classes has never been an issue for us. We are done with spring every year before our finals week. I make sure we are done a week before the last day of class so the girls have time to focus on school that last week before finals week. Academics should be considered first during this part of the season. I am sure that in a few years we will be able to afford to travel farther for at least one tournament, missing one Friday is not going to be a big deal.

If it is for a certain player, then I won't take her. Maybe restricting it no more than 2 fridays missed. And for sure never during finals week.

I am opposed to 2006.82 with the rationale that the locations of some institutions make it very difficult to travel on Friday's without missing class to get to a competition site to compete on Saturday morning. Our coaching body should be able to use good judgment on this matter without taking advantage of the situation.

A quarter of my team is a science major. It would be impossible for me to ever travel with a full squad outside of 2 hours if class time is not permitted to be missed.

We would like to see the modification that traveling during the non-competition segment is acceptable, however, not during the designated final exam time for each institution.

I do feel many spring trips have an educational component to them.

It would really restrict the tournaments that we could play in during the spring, to our detriment. Teams need to travel to find really good competition, and it would be difficult to do this if we had to leave after class on Fri.

Most schools have a missed class day policy in place already. It should be an institutional issue.

Leave this to the individual institutions discrepancy.

I don't support this. I don't think that coaches are abusing this anyways and I don't see a reason to have it. Further, it allows for a competitive advantage to 1) those that are located near other competitive programs (i.e. California) (I guess Hawaii would have no spring competition?) and 2) teams that can afford to fly/charter (you can only get so far if you drive and can't leave until Friday afternoon).

This proposal would severely limit schools who are in isolated geographic areas or schools that wish to play strong competition but do not have it in their area.

Volleyball players are typically good students. If we need two kids to miss their 2:00 PM Friday class once in a semester I'm sure they'll be just fine.

This proposal could limit the freedom of student-athletes to sign up for classes they want to take or need for a certain degree. Coaches might limit what players can take even more if they are not allowed to miss class even once for competition.

We cannot miss any time during dead week or finals already so limiting things won't be new but will be good for the athletes. However there are problems related to semester or quarters.

I feel that we should be able to miss classes in the non-championship season but we should all have the same amount of days we can miss. I think 2 or 3 days is reasonable

Always in favor of limiting missing class days, but I am not sure that this needs to be applied to volleyball in non-championship season.

I am adamantly opposed to this one, since it will radically change our spring training concept. They are imposing restrictions on programs/sports that are not experiencing the difficulty (missed class time resulting in lower grades) they think they are "curing".

Consideration for schools that must travel distance to get quality competition. Suggest 1 day missed so that at least one of the tournaments can be a tournament that is far.

Coaches have the ability to restrict travel if academics are an issue. It should remain their prerogative.

Area & adequate competition may not be available in all regions. Travel including missed class time is a necessity. Restrict the number of days.

As long as eligibility standards are met it is the institutions choice to all travel in non-championship segment.

Missing Class Time: Although the idea is good, I am not in favor of this. Women's volleyball student-athletes aren't at risk academically. Each school has its own scheduling problems and if the problem can be rectified so as not to disadvantage the student-athlete I think the volleyball program should have flexibility in this area.

I don't know that this is a big enough problem in our sport to warrant legislation. Being only allowed 4 competition makes the impact of missed classes minimal. I think this is something to be addressed on an institutional level.

Majority in favor. Our coaches feel there is no need to miss classes, however all of our 8 schools are in major city's and have access to plenty of competition in a days drive. We do however feel this is a disadvantage to schools in remote locations with few other D-I schools near for competitive spring matches. We also felt that some programs with late afternoon/evening classes would be at a disadvantage (nursing, pharmacy, etc). We need our athletes to take lab classes in the non-traditional season.

I am against because I am in a location where I have to travel to find good competition and I would be more than willing to not travel during study or final exam time. Why fix what isn't broken

We are NOT for this legislation. Because travel out of the region may be limited.

I don't understand the reason and don't have a problem with missing a day or two in the non-champ. segment.

I disagree with this proposal. I feel that there is not a problem and if the administration says it is ok to miss a half a day on Friday for a weekend tournament then so be it.

I do not think this is a problem. We do not miss any but I would like to fly to a competition once in spring and I know several teams already do this. Athletes know that they sacrifice being able to be a normal student who can opt any time to miss a class.

I'm ok with missing class in the spring. It's such a short period of time, we're not really missing much, if any, class as it is.

Agree with the concept, but don't believe that missed class time in the spring is a major issue with only 4 dates. has the ability to work against psa's. may limit class selection on mwf or sat classes so as not to interfere with spring travel?? may also work against budgets if a team has to fly out Friday pm due to Friday afternoon classes.

