



Division I Educational Document: Proposal 2005-75

Proposal 2005-75: RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS -- SPORTS OTHER THAN BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL

- Eliminate the ability of institutions to make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts with a prospect or the prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s) before July 1 following the prospect's completion of the junior year in high school;
- Eliminate the telephone call to a prospective student-athlete during his or her junior year in high school.

Rationale In Support of Proposal 2005-75:

- Permitting a junior-year contact causes coaches to feel pressured to use the additional contact and secure early commitments at a time when their focus should be on enrolled student-athletes.
- Prospective student-athletes are still allowed to make unofficial visits to campus.
- Because of the use of email and instant messaging, phone calls are becoming obsolete anyway.
- May slow down the pace of early offers and commitments.
- May even the playing field between those institutions that can afford to travel greater distances to evaluate on-campus during the spring.

Rationale Opposed to Proposal 2005-75:

- Changes the recruiting process once again.
- Legislation was in place for one year.
- Allows coaches to see and visit with those prospective student-athletes who cannot afford to get to campus for an unofficial visit (prior to their senior year).
- The early phone call and contact allows for coaches to expose and market their program without conducting camps and clinics.

Current Men's Basketball Legislation Regarding Early Recruiting:

Bylaw 13.1.3.1.2

-1 phone call per month after June 15th following sophomore year and before July 31st following junior year

-2 phone calls per week after August 1st of senior year

-1 phone call to two year college prospects

Bylaw 13.1.6.3

-7 opportunities (both contacts and evaluations) per prospect but not more than 3 in-person, off-campus during senior year (no early contacts)

Current Women's Basketball Legislation Regarding Early Recruiting:

Bylaw 13.1.3.1.3

- 1 phone call to prospect in April & May of junior year
- 1 phone call between June 1-June 20 following junior year
- 1 phone call between June 21-June 30 following junior year
- 3 phone calls to prospect during July, no more than one per week (prohibited during evaluation period)
- thereafter, 1 phone call per week (senior year)

Bylaw 13.1.6.4

- 5 opportunities (both contacts and evaluations) per prospect but not more than 3 in-person, off-campus during senior year (no early contacts)