



Legislative Issue Form

Date: 18 January 2008

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Proposed change: “Recruiting Calendar Adjustment - Plan A”

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)

Applicable NCAA Bylaw: 30.10.6 Women’s Volleyball

Rationale for change:

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 against change:

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.

Financial Implications: Minimal

Student Athlete Welfare Issues: Improved situation of coaching supervision in spring

How does this align with other sports (or other NCAA divisions)?

Men's and Women's Basketball have similar recruiting calendar restrictions

What other conferences support this proposed change? AVCA Recruiting Task Force

Operating Code Steps:



Step One: This form completed (Legislative Issue Form) and sent to HCC Chairperson. HCC Chairperson will pass along information to HCC reps.

Date completed and sent to HCC Chairperson: February 1

Date HCC Chair sent to HCC reps: February 6



Step Two: HCC reps send rationale (for or against) collected from conference coaches to the AVCA Office (todd.hamilton@avca.org)
This rationale will then be posted on the AVCA website and emailed to HCC Reps to be dispersed back to coaches for education and lobbying purposes.

This rationale should be sent by February 18th.



Step Three: HCC reps email PRELIMINARY votes (taken within their conference via email) to Todd at the AVCA office. A form will be provided to submit these votes. Remember, it is ONE VOTE PER SCHOOL for each Legislative Issues (majority is required to move forward)

Votes must be emailed to Todd by February 29th.



Step Five: 30 day comment period from Feb. 29th – March 28th. There can also be lobbying among coaches to help educate why schools voted the way they did.



Step Six: HCC reps email FINAL votes (taken within their conference via email) to Todd at the AVCA office. A form will be provided to submit these votes
Remember, it is ONE VOTE PER SCHOOL for each Legislative Issues (2/3 vote

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in favor is needed for any action to take place on behalf of AVCA membership).
Votes must be email to Todd by March 28th.

Date sent to Legislative Representative and Executive Director:

Date sent to appropriate individuals:

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