



Recruiting: Quiet Period

There are various proposals that will be reviewed during the 2005 Legislative Cycle that will have a direct impact on recruiting activities in the sport of women's volleyball. The Big West Conference has proposed legislation as outlined by proposal 2004-87 that would modify NCAA Bylaw 30.11 (recruiting calendar) in the sport of women's volleyball. The Pac-10 Conference has proposed legislation as outlined in proposal 2004-49 that would modify NCAA Bylaw 13.12.2.3.2 in the sport of women's volleyball.

The intent of proposal 2004-87 is to eliminate the quiet periods designated in January through February (January 1 through February 18, 2005) and in May (May 1-27, 2005) without increasing the permissible number of evaluation days during the academic year. The American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) has reviewed this proposal as it's been submitted and the membership is opposed to this proposal.

The intent of proposal 2004-49 is to limit the advantages afforded to intercollegiate coaches who coach local sports clubs permitted in Bylaw 13.12.2.3.2. The AVCA membership feels that it should be permissible for intercollegiate coaches to coach local sports clubs; however, they need to be limited in the amount of contact and evaluation that occurs during quiet and dead periods at club competitions. The American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) has reviewed this proposal as it's been submitted (including the AEC amendment) and the membership supports this proposal.

There are specific challenges/advantages the AVCA would like to address regarding the quiet period within the recruiting calendar:

- **Evaluation Days-Women's Volleyball (Bylaw 13.12.2.3.2):** The AVCA membership would like to eliminate the ability of intercollegiate coaches to coach club teams during the quiet and dead periods during competitions. By adopting proposal 2004-49, the recruiting advantage is dramatically reduced when coaches are limited to only practice opportunities involving prospects. Currently, intercollegiate coaches who coach local sports clubs are able to contact and evaluate prospects on other club teams when they are attending club competitions as a club coach without it counting within the coaching limitations.
- **Quiet Period (Bylaw 30.11.6):** The AVCA membership appreciates the recruiting calendar as it is currently structured. By eliminating the quiet periods as is outlined in proposal 2004-87, the recruiting calendar is essentially eliminated. By adjusting what is permissible activities for intercollegiate coaches during the quiet and dead periods (e.g., proposal 2004-49), the current quiet periods are reinforced and will enhance the quality of life for all coaches as designed.
- **Camps & Clinics (Bylaw 13.13.1.3):** In addition to proposal 2004-49, the AVCA membership would like to eliminate the recruiting calendar exception as outlined in NCAA Bylaw 13.13.1.3 during quiet periods for the sport of women's volleyball. Currently, intercollegiate coaches are afforded a recruiting advantage if they are employed (or volunteer

to work) at camps and clinics during the quiet periods. These camps and clinics are attended by prospects during a time when intercollegiate coaches should not be contacting or evaluating prospects. As has been outlined previously, it's a recruiting advantage for coaches who attend these camps and clinics during the quiet period. By eliminating this exception, the current quiet periods are reinforced and will enhance the quality of life for all coaches as designed.

Based on our coaches' membership, the AVCA would like to maintain the current recruiting calendar but would like to modify recruiting legislation as outlined in proposal 2004-49. Therefore, the membership is opposed to proposal 2004-87. In addition, the membership requests that the revisions suggested regarding NCAA Bylaw 13.13.1.3 be reviewed and considered.