

Recruiting: Coaching Local Club Teams

There is a proposal that will be reviewed during the 2005 NCAA Division I Legislative Cycle that would prohibit collegiate coaches from coaching local sports club at off-campus competitions where prospects are present during a quiet period.

Rationale In Support of this Proposal:

- By eliminating the opportunity for intercollegiate coaches to have any contact with recruits, other than coaching their own teams in the club's practice facility will level the recruiting playing field.
- This proposal would reinforce the rationale for having quiet periods which is to enhance the quality of life for women's volleyball coaches.
- Currently, coaches are violating the recruiting legislation when they have the ability to have contact with prospects during these quiet periods.
- This proposal would create more opportunity for non-college coaches to gain experience.
- Under the current legislation, the ability of collegiate coaches to coach prospects at tournaments violates the spirit of the quiet period rules and allows for additional selective recruiting opportunities that are not available to coaches who do not coach a club team.

Rational Opposed to this Proposal:

- Assistant coaches could possibly lose opportunities to earn outside income.
- Prospects on club teams will not have their head coach at tournaments if they continue to compete at tournaments during the Division I quiet period.
- In the long run, this may reduce the number of club tournaments during the times of the year when there are Division I quiet periods.
- Lack of qualified coaches in these areas will hurt the development of the game.

NOTE: There have been numerous requests to include a limitation on collegiate coaches employed by camps and clinics during the quiet period. The current legislative cycle does not include a proposal that addresses this. A collegiate conference would have to propose this legislation for future legislative cycles.