

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

Status: Management Council Initial Formal consideration

Intent: In sports other than basketball and football, to specify that in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made 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; further, to eliminate the telephone call to a prospective student-athlete during his or her junior year in high school.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.1.1, page 91 , as follows:

"13.1.1.1 High-School Prospects. In all sports other than football and basketball, *it is permissible to make one in-person, off-campus recruiting contact with a prospect or a prospect's relatives or legal guardians on the prospect's high-school campus during April of the prospect's junior year in high school (subject to applicable recruiting calendar restrictions). Thereafter*, in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made 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 (July 15 in women's gymnastics). U.S. service academy exceptions to this provision are set forth in Bylaw 13.17.1."

[13.1.1.1.1 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.1.1 , page 92 , as follows:

"13.1.3.1 Time Period for Telephone Calls -- General Rule. *In all sports other than football and women's basketball, one telephone call to a prospect or a prospect's relatives or legal guardians may be made during March of the prospect's junior year in high school.* In sports other than football and basketball, *subsequent* telephone calls to a prospect [or the prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s)] may not be made before July 1 following the completion of the prospect's junior year in high school (subject to the exceptions below); thereafter, staff members shall not make such telephone calls more than once per week."

[13.1.3.1.1 through 13.1.3.1.4 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.6.1, page 96 , as follows:

"13.1.6.1 Sports Other Than Football and Basketball. In sports other than football and basketball, each institution is limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospect (See Bylaw 13.1.6.6.). *During April of the junior year in high school, one of the seven recruiting opportunities may include a contact with a prospect (or the prospect's relatives or legal guardians) on the prospect's high school campus subject to the applicable recruiting calendar.* During the senior year of high school, not more than three of the seven opportunities may be off-campus contacts at any site and shall include contacts with the prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s), but shall not include contacts made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6."

D. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.8.3, page 99 , as follows:

"13.1.8.3 Limitations on Number of Evaluations -- Sports Other Than Football and Basketball. In sports other than football and basketball, during the academic year, each institution shall be limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospect, *which may include not more than one contact on the high-school campus during the April contact period of the prospect's junior year in high school (subject to applicable recruiting calendar restrictions)* and not more than three of the seven opportunities may be contacts. (See Bylaws 13.1.6.1 and 13.1.6.5.)"

E. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.8.6, page 99 , as follows:

"13.1.8.6 Limitations on Number of Evaluations -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, during the academic year, each institution shall be limited to five recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospect, *which may include not more than one contact on the high-school campus during the April contact period of the prospect's junior year in high school (subject to applicable recruiting calendar restrictions)* and not more than three of the five opportunities may be contacts. (See Bylaws 13.1.6.4 and 13.1.6.5.) Women's basketball staff members shall not exceed 85 person days during the academic year."

Source: NCAA Division I Academics/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet (Subcommittee on Recruiting).

Effective Date: August 1, 2006 **PROPOSED CHANGE TO EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATE PENDING**

Rationale: The junior-year contact was originally adopted only in men's basketball and was intended to minimize the nonscholastic influences in the basketball recruiting process. The rule was then adopted in all other sports (other than football). Recently, men's and women's basketball rescinded the junior year contact. 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. Further, eliminating the contact relieves the pressure on prospective student-athletes to commit early, is less intrusive, and will bring consistency in the application of the contact rules for all sports. Finally, the original intent of the March telephone call in the prospective student-athlete's junior year was to arrange the April contact. If the April junior-year contact is eliminated, the March telephone call is no longer necessary.

Estimated Budget Impact: Cost savings as a result of reduced travel.

Impact on Student Athlete's Time: None.