

Men's Basketball General Recruiting Information

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General

You become a "prospective student-athlete" when you start ninth-grade classes. Before the ninth grade, you become a prospective student-athlete if a college gives you (or your relatives or friends) any financial aid or other benefits that the college does not provide to prospective students generally.

You become a "recruited prospective student-athlete" at a particular college if any coach or representative of the college's athletics interests (booster or representative) approaches you (or any member of your family) about enrolling and participating in athletics at that college. Activities by coaches or boosters that cause you to become a recruited prospective student-athlete are:

- Providing you with an official visit;
- Placing more than one telephone call to you or any other member of your family; or
- Visiting you or any other member of your family anywhere other than the college campus.

In addition to general recruiting regulations, no alumni, boosters or representatives of a college's athletics interests can be involved in your recruiting. There can be no phone calls or letters from boosters.

The restriction doesn't apply to recruiting by alumni or representatives as part of a college's regular admissions program for all prospective students, including nonathletes.

You (or your family) may not receive any benefit, inducement or arrangement such as cash, clothing, cars, improper expenses, transportation, gifts or loans to encourage you to sign a National Letter of Intent or attend an NCAA college.

Letters from coaches, faculty members and students (but not boosters) aren't permitted until the conclusion of your sophomore year in high school.

Telephone Calls

In Division I men's basketball, an institution's coaches may telephone a prospect once during the month of March of the prospect's junior year in high school. Coaching staff may then telephone a prospect once on or after June 21 of the prospect's junior year in high school. In addition, only three telephone calls may be made to a prospect during the month of July after the prospect's junior year in high school, with no more than one telephone call per week.

After this a college coach or faculty member is limited to one telephone call per week to you (or your parents or legal guardians), except that unlimited calls to you (or your parents or legal guardians) may be made under the following circumstances:

- During the five days immediately before your official visit by the college you will be visiting;
- On the day of a coach's off-campus contact with you by that coach; and
- On the initial date for signing the National Letter of Intent in your sport through two days after the initial signing date.

You (or your parents) may telephone a coach at your expense as often as you wish. Division I men's basketball coaches also may accept collect and use a toll-free (1-800) number to receive telephone calls from you after the conclusion of your junior year in high school.

Enrolled student-athletes may not make recruiting telephone calls to you. Enrolled students (nonathletes) may telephone you as part of a college's regular admissions program directed at all prospective students. Enrolled students (including student-athletes) may receive telephone calls at your expense on or after July 1 after completion of your junior year.

Contacts

The general rule for contacts states that a men's basketball coach may contact you in person off the college campus only on or after July 1 after completion of your junior year. Any face-to-face meeting between a college coach and you or your parents, during which any of you say more than "hello" is a contact. Also, any face-to-face meeting that is prearranged or that occurs at your high school or competition or practice site is a contact, regardless of the conversation.

However, a Division I men's basketball coach may contact you during the April contact period during your junior year in high school. This contact **MUST** take place on your high school campus.

During your senior year in high school Division I men's basketball coaches have five recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations) during the academic year and not more than three of the five opportunities may be in-person, off-campus contacts. In addition, a college coach may visit your high school (with the approval of your high-school principal) only once a week during a contact period.

Evaluations

An evaluation is any off-campus activity used to assess your academic qualifications or athletics ability, including a visit to your high school (during which no contact occurs) or watching you practice or compete at any site.

Division I men's basketball coaches have five "recruiting opportunities" to utilize on you during any year. In using those five opportunities, a men's basketball coach may use any combination of

contacts and/or evaluations that equal five; however, not more than three of the opportunities may be contacts.

Competition on consecutive days within a tournament (and normally at the same site) or that involves a tier of a tournament (e.g., regional) counts as a single evaluation. In addition, once you sign a National Letter of Intent, you may be evaluated an unlimited number of times by a college men's basketball coach from the college with which you have signed.

Similar to football and women's basketball, there are certain periods when a coach may contact you off the college campus and/or attend your practices and games to evaluate your athletics ability.

Below are some key points to remember for each of the "contact/evaluation" periods as they relate to Division I men's basketball coaches contacting you and/or your parents or legal guardians:

1. Summer Evaluation Period

- NO CONTACT is permitted between a coach and you, your parents/legal guardians, your coach or any other individual associated with you while you are participating in a certified event
- This NO CONTACT rule applies to EVERY type of communication.
- This NO CONTACT rule applies to ALL sites (e.g., event, hotel).
- You and your parents/legal guardians ARE NOT permitted to visit a college campus to meet with the coaching staff during the month of July.

2. Fall Contact Period

- Evaluations by college coaches may only occur at your educational institution, in conjunction with a contact.
- Evaluation activities may not be organized and are limited to practices, pick-up games, and open gyms conducted under the supervision of the high-school or two-year college coach.

3. Academic Year Evaluation Period

- Evaluation activities are limited to regularly scheduled high-school and two-year college contests/tournaments, practices, pick-up games, and open gyms conducted under the supervision of the high-school or two-year college coach. All other events (e.g., nonscholastic events) must be approved, sanctioned, sponsored, or conducted by the applicable high school or two-year college association.

4. During April Contact Period

- Evaluation of nonscholastic events are limited to events that are approved, sanctioned, sponsored, or conducted by the applicable high-school or two-year college association.
- Nonscholastic events are limited to weekends (defined as Friday evening through Sunday).
- Evaluations at your educational institution that occur in conjunction with a contact are limited to practices, pick-up games, and open gyms conducted under the supervision of the high school or two-year college coach.
- Evaluations at your educational institution MUST occur in conjunction with a contact

Official Visits

Beginning January 1st of your junior year in high school you can have one expense-paid (official) visit to a particular campus. You may receive no more than five such visits from January 1st of your junior year through the conclusion of your senior year in high school. This restriction applies even if you are being recruited in more than one sport. You can't have an official visit unless you have given the college your high-school (or college) academic transcript and a score from a PSAT, an SAT, a PACT Plus or an ACT taken on a national test date under national testing conditions. Your academic transcript may be a photocopy of your official high-school (or college) transcript. [Note: In this instance, the Division I school may use the services of the Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse to validate your credentials.]

During your official visit (which may not exceed 48 hours), you may receive round-trip transportation between your home (or high school) and the campus, and you (and your parents) may receive meals, lodging and complimentary admissions to campus athletics events. A coach may only accompany you on your official visit when the transportation occurs by automobile and all transportation occurs within the 48-hour period. Meals provided to you (and/or your parents) on an official visit may be provided either on or off the institution's campus. The complimentary admissions you receive may provide you seating only in the facility's general seating area. You may not be given special seating (e.g., press box, bench area). In addition, a student host may help you (and your family) become acquainted with campus life. The host may spend \$30 per day to cover all costs of entertaining you (and your parents, legal guardians or spouse); however, the money can't be used to purchase souvenirs such as T-shirts or other college mementos.

Printed Materials

A Division I college that is recruiting you may provide to you only the following printed materials after the conclusion of your sophomore year in high school:

- Official academic, admissions and student services publications and videotapes published by the college;
- General correspondence, including letters and college note cards (attachments to correspondence may include materials printed on plain white paper with black ink);
- Game programs (a college may only give you a program on an official or unofficial visit; colleges may not mail you a program);
- A media guide or recruiting brochure (but not both) in each sport;
- Any necessary pre-enrollment information about orientation, conditioning, academics, practice activities, as long as you have signed a National Letter of Intent or have been accepted for enrollment;
- One student-athlete handbook. (A college may only give you a handbook on an official or unofficial visit, however a college may mail you a handbook once you've signed a National Letter of Intent or been accepted for enrollment.)
- One wallet-size playing schedule card in each sport.

In addition, a Division I college may show you a highlight film/videotape, but may not send it to or leave it with you or your coach.

Finally, a Division I college also may provide you a questionnaire, camp brochure and educational information published by the NCAA (such as this guide) at any time.