

General Recruiting Information

For recruiting information pertaining to Division I men's basketball please go to the "Men's Basketball General Recruiting Information" link.

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 September 1 at the beginning of your junior year.

Telephone Calls

In all sports other than football and women's basketball, phone calls from faculty members and coaches (but not boosters) are not permitted until July 1 after completion of your junior year. After this, in sports other than football, 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.

In Divisions I-A and I-AA football, an institution's coaches may telephone you once during the month of May of your junior year in high school and then not again until September 1 of your senior year in high school. Also, an institution's football coaches can telephone you as often as they wish during the period 48 hours before and 48 hours after 7 a.m. on the initial signing date for the National Letter of Intent and during a contact period. Outside of a contact period, a football coach may only telephone you once per week.

In Division I women's basketball, an institution's coaches may telephone a prospect 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.

In Division I ice hockey, an institution's coaches may telephone a prospect who is a resident of a foreign country once during the month of July following the completion of the prospect's sophomore year in high school.

You (or your parents) may telephone a coach at your expense as often as you wish. Coaches also may accept collect calls from you and may use a toll-free (1-800) number to receive telephone calls from you on or after July 1 after completion of your junior year.

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

A college 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.

In all sports other than football and women's basketball, a coach has seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations) during the academic year, and not more than three of the seven opportunities may be in-person, off-campus contacts. In addition, a college coach may visit your high school only with the approval of your high-school principal.

Division I football coaches may contact you off the college campus six times. However, no more than one contact per week may occur during a contact period, regardless of where the contact

occurs. Also, a college football coach may visit your high school (with the approval of your high-school principal) only once a week during a contact period.

In Division I women'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 women's basketball 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.

Currently in all sports other than football and women's basketball, institutions have seven permissible recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations) during the academic year, and not more than three of the seven opportunities may be in-person, off-campus contacts. Women's basketball coaches have five "recruiting opportunities" to utilize on you during any year. In using those five opportunities, a women'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. Football coaches may not evaluate you more than three times each year (April 15 through April 14 of the following academic year). In football, only one evaluation may be used during the fall evaluation period and only two evaluations may be used during the spring evaluation period (April 15 through May 31). In all sports, 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 coach from the college with which you have signed.

In football and women's basketball only, 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. In all other sports, contacts and evaluations may occur anytime except during a dead period.

Official Visits

During your senior year, you can have one expense-paid (official) visit to a particular campus. You may receive no more than five such visits. 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 on or after September 1 of your junior year:

- 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.