



NCAA RECRUITING RULES

After sophomore year in high school, **JUNE 15** is the first day **DI** women's coaches can call, email and text - but no official or unofficial visits can occur until **August 1**. For summer camps / clinics, recruiting conversations during an institutional camp or clinic (including a camp or clinic that involves only individuals who are not yet prospective student-athletes) are **NOT** permitted between an institution's coach and a participating individual **before August 1** at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school.

Examples:

Question No. 1: What is a coach permitted to say if a prospective student-athlete initiates a call or contact with the college coach prior to June 15 of the prospective student-athlete's junior year?

Answer: The coach may not engage in any recruiting conversations. However, the coach may confirm the prospective student-athlete's age, explain the recruiting rules and then must end the call or contact.

Question No. 2: During a college camp or clinic, may a coach have recruiting conversations with a prospective student-athlete prior to August 1 of her junior year?

Answer: No.

Question No. 3: During a college camp or clinic, may a coach provide a campus tour to a prospective student-athlete prior to August 1 of her junior year?

Answer: Yes. A campus tour would be permissible; however, no recruiting conversations may occur.

Question No. 4: During a college camp or clinic, may a coach provide an informational session about the recruiting process and the student-athlete experience to a prospective student-athlete prior to August 1 of her junior year?

Answer: Yes. A general informational session would be permissible; however, no institution-specific information may occur at these informational sessions. Recruiting conversations are not permissible.

Question No. 5: Are college coaches still permitted to make calls related to camps and clinics logistics prior to September 1 of the prospective student-athlete's junior year?

Answer: Yes. The content of the calls must be limited to camp logistics and may not include recruiting content.

Question No. 6: May a college coach send recruiting messages through a prospective student-athlete's high school and or club coach or another third party?

Answer: No. If a coach cannot contact a prospective student-athlete directly, then he or she cannot send recruiting messages indirectly through a high school and or club coach or another third party.

Question No. 7: May a college coach have evaluative conversations (e.g., regarding athletics ability) with a prospective student-athlete's high school and or club coach before August 1 of the prospective student-athlete's junior year?

Answer: Yes. However, these conversations should not be used to indirectly send recruiting messages (e.g., verbal offer of aid) to a prospective student-athlete.

Question No. 8: May a college coach have an evaluative conversation with a high school and or club coach with the prospective student-athlete listening to the conversation?

Answer: No. This would be using a high school and or club coach to circumvent the recruiting rule prohibiting contact with a prospective student athlete until June 15 before Junior year.

Question No. 9: May a college coach ask a high school and or club coach to inform his or her team of the recruiting legislation?

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 10: May a younger sibling (a prospective student-athlete who is not yet a junior) accompany an older sibling on an unofficial or official visit?

Answer: Yes, provided no recruiting conversation occurs with the younger sibling.

Examples of permissible evaluative conversation topics with a high school and or club coach:

- High school and or club coach's evaluation of the prospective student-athletes academics, athletic skills, speed, agility, personality, character, work ethic, coachability, etc.
- College coach expression of general interest in the prospective student-athlete (e.g., *we are interested in [name]*).

Examples of impermissible evaluative conversation topics with a high school and or club coach:

- Confirming if the prospective student-athlete is on college coaches recruiting list, including her ranking on that list (e.g., *"prospective student-athlete is on our A-list/B-List"*, *"prospective student-athlete is a top [#] prospective student-athlete for us"*, *"prospective student-athlete is our top goalie prospective student-athlete"*, etc.).
- College coach providing an evaluation of the prospective student-athlete to the high school and or club coach.
- Requesting the high school and or club coach tell the prospective student-athlete to:
 - send transcripts, report cards and or scores to the college coach and or staff
 - attend a camp where their college coach and or staff will be present
 - asking if the prospective student-athlete is interested in the school, including the level of interest
 - any discussion with high school and or club coach of potential financial aid or athletic scholarship offers
 - setting up future phone calls or visits for the prospective student-athlete

Do you have a child in high school who shows the potential to play collegiate soccer? As a parent, it is important to understand NCAA recruitment requirements to ensure that you and your child are taking the right steps towards the next level of soccer.

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