

Division: I

Proposal Number: 2018-2

Title: RECRUITING -- OFF-CAMPUS CONTACTS AND TELEPHONE CALLS -- SEPTEMBER 1 OF JUNIOR YEAR -- SOFTBALL

Status: Adopted Final

Intent: In softball, to specify that: (a) Off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or her relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of her junior year in high school; and (b) Telephone calls may not be received from an individual (or her relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of her junior year in high school.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.1.1, as follows:

13.1.1.1 Time Period for Off-Campus Contacts -- General Rule. Off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) before July 1 following the completion of his or her junior year in high school (July 7 after the junior year in high school in women's ice hockey and July 15 after the junior year in high school in women's gymnastics), or the opening day of classes of his or her senior year in high school (as designated by the high school), whichever is earlier. U.S. service academy exceptions to this provision are set forth in Bylaw 13.16.1. [D]

[13.1.1.1.1 through 13.1.1.1.5 unchanged.]

13.1.1.1.6 Exception -- Softball. In softball, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or her relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of her junior year in high school. [D]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.3, as follows:

13.1.3 Telephone Calls.

[13.1.3.1 unchanged.]

13.1.3.2 Additional Restrictions.

[13.1.3.2.1 unchanged.]

13.1.3.2.2 Telephone Calls Initiated by Prospective Student-Athlete at His or Her Expense -- Sports Other Than Lacrosse **and Softball**. In sports other than lacrosse **and softball**, institutional staff members may receive telephone calls placed by a prospective student-athlete at the prospective student-athlete's own expense at any time, including before September 1 at the beginning of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school.

13.1.3.2.3 Telephone Calls From a Prospective Student-Athlete -- Lacrosse **and Softball**. In lacrosse **and softball**, an institutional staff member may not receive telephone calls from an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school.

[13.1.3.3 through 13.1.3.7 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council

Effective Date: April 25, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: This proposal is intended to simplify recruiting legislation by making September 1 of a prospective student-athlete's junior year the starting date for all communications and contacts. Without a restriction on the receipt of telephone calls, other recruiting restrictions fall short of curtailing early recruiting. This proposal will simplify the application of recruiting communication legislation and address the issue of early recruiting. The National Fastpitch Coaches Association indicates the proposal is supported by 95% of Division I coaches who responded to its request for feedback. This proposal is being recommended as noncontroversial legislation, inasmuch as broader consultation and debate are unlikely to improve the proposal in any substantial way, significant disagreement or alternative points of view will not be generated and there does not appear to be a significant impact on existing or proposed legislation.

Budget Impact: None.

Time Impact: None.

History:

Apr 18, 2018	Adopted by Council	Adopted as noncontroversial legislation.
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Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
13.1.1.1	Time Period for Off-Campus Contacts -- General Rule.
13.1.3	Telephone Calls.
13.1.3.2	Additional Restrictions.
13.1.3.2.2	Telephone Calls Initiated by Prospective Student-Athlete at His or Her Expense -- Sports Other Than Lacrosse.
13.1.3.2.3	Telephone Calls From a Prospective Student-Athlete -- Lacrosse.
