

**Division:** I

**Proposal Number:** 2017-23

**Title:** RECRUITING -- EVALUATIONS AND RECRUITING CALENDARS -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

**Status:** Adopted Final

**Intent:** In women's basketball, to (a) Create two recruiting shutdown periods that occur in August and May; (b) Move the fall nonscholastic evaluation period to the third full weekend (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) in May; (c) Permit coaches to use 10 of the permissible 112 recruiting-person days evaluating prospective student-athletes at live organized national team activities, including junior level teams; and regional championships that are approved, sponsored or conducted by FIBA during quiet and dead periods; and (d) Amend the July evaluation period, as specified.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 13.02, as follows: *(Immediate)*

13.02 Definitions and Applications.

[13.02.1 through 13.02.4 unchanged.]

13.02.5 Periods of Recruiting Activities.

[13.02.5.1 through 13.02.5.5 unchanged.]

**13.02.5.6 Recruiting Shutdown. A recruiting shutdown is a period of time when no form of recruiting (e.g., contacts, evaluations, official or unofficial visits, correspondence or making or receiving telephone calls) is permissible.**

[13.02.6 through 13.02.19 unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 13.1.7.6, as follows: *(August 1, 2018 for nonscholastic evaluations; Immediate for national team and regional championship evaluations; August 1, 2018 for counting recruiting person days.)*

13.1.7.6 Evaluations -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, each institution shall be limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) during the academic year per prospective student-athlete (see Bylaws 13.1.5.4 and 13.1.5.6). Women's basketball staff members shall not exceed 112 recruiting-person days each year (measured August 1 through July 31). A coach's involvement in off-campus recruiting activities during the July evaluation periods does not count toward the limitation. [D]

[13.1.7.6 unchanged.]

13.1.7.6.1 ~~Academic Year Evaluation Period~~ **Periods Other Than July.** Evaluations of live athletics activities during the academic year shall be limited to: [D]

[13.1.7.6.1-(a) through 13.1.7.6.1-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Evaluations at certified nonscholastic events (per Bylaw 13.18) during ~~the last weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of the fall contact period and~~ the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the third weekend in April **and the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the third weekend of May.**

13.1.7.6.1.1 National Standardized Testing Weekends. Evaluations at nonscholastic events during ~~the academic year evaluation period~~ **periods other than July** shall not occur during any weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) during which the PSAT, SAT or ACT national standardized tests are administered. ~~If the PSAT, SAT or ACT is administered on a date that conflicts with the fall nonscholastic evaluation weekend, evaluations at nonscholastic events shall be permissible during the first weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of the fall/winter evaluation period.~~ If the PSAT, SAT or ACT is administered during the third weekend in April, the *spring* nonscholastic evaluation weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) shall occur during the fourth weekend in April.

13.1.7.6.2 ~~Summer~~ **July** Evaluation Period. During the ~~summer~~ **July** evaluation period, an institutional coaching staff member may attend institutional basketball camps per Bylaw 13.12.1.1 and noninstitutional organized events (e.g., camps, leagues, tournaments and festivals) that are certified per Bylaw 13.18. [D]

[13.1.7.6.3 through 13.1.7.6.5 unchanged.]

13.1.7.6.6 National Team ~~Training and Tryouts~~ **Activities and Regional Championships. During quiet and dead periods, a total of 10 of the 112 permissible recruiting-person days may be used at the following:** ~~Up to two coaching staff members per institution per calendar day may attend national team and junior national team (e.g., U18 national team) training and tryout events (e.g., training camps, mini-camps, tryouts, competition) conducted outside the permissible contact and evaluation periods.~~ [D]

**(a) National Team Activities. Up to two coaching staff members per institution per calendar day may attend any live organized athletic activity (e.g., training camps, mini-camps, tryouts, intra-squad competition) involving a national team, including junior level teams (e.g., U18 national team) provided the team is coached by a Division I institution's coach (head or assistant) or has a Division I coach involved (e.g., floor coach, selection committee member, evaluator) and the activity is approved, sponsored or conducted by the applicable national governing body (e.g., USA Basketball); and**

**(b) Regional Championships. Up to two coaching staff members per institution per calendar day may attend any regional championship [e.g., International Basketball Federation (FIBA) U18 European Championship, FIBA Americas U18 Championship, etc.] that is approved, sponsored or conducted by FIBA.**

**C. Bylaws:** Amend 13.12.1.5, as follows: *(Immediate)*

13.12.1.5 Recruiting Calendar Exceptions. The interaction during sports camps and clinics between prospective student-athletes and those coaches employed by the camp or clinic is not subject to the recruiting calendar restrictions. However, an institutional staff member employed at any camp or clinic (e.g., counselor, director) is prohibited from recruiting any prospective student-athlete during the time period that the camp or clinic is conducted (from the time the prospective student-athlete reports to the camp or clinic until the conclusion of all camp activities). The prohibition against recruiting includes extending written offers of financial aid to any prospective student-athlete during his or her attendance at the camp or clinic (see Bylaw 13.9.2.2). Other coaches who attend the camp or clinic as observers must comply with appropriate recruiting contact and evaluation periods. In addition, institutional camps or clinics may not be conducted during a dead period **or a recruiting shutdown**.

[13.12.1.5.1 through 13.12.1.5.5 unchanged.]

**D. Bylaws:** Amend 13.17.3, as follows: *(Immediate for recruiting shutdown periods; July 30, 2018 for the final July quiet period.)*

13.17.3 Women's Basketball. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to women's basketball:

(a) August 1 through September 8 **[except for (1) below]**: Quiet Period

**(1) Monday through Friday of the week immediately following the second Saturday in August: Recruiting Shutdown**

(b) September 9-29 ~~except for (1) and (2) below~~: Contact Period

~~(1) Evaluations at nonscholastic events shall not occur during any weekend (Saturday and Sunday) during which the PSAT, SAT or ACT national standardized tests are administered.~~

~~(2) If the PSAT, SAT or ACT is administered on a date that conflicts with the fall nonscholastic evaluation weekend, evaluations at nonscholastic events shall be permissible during the first weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of the fall/winter evaluation period.~~

[13.17.3-(c) through 13.17.3-(f) unchanged.]

(g) Wednesday of the week following the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent through July 5 [except when Bylaw 13.17.3-(f)-(1) or (2) applies **and (1) and (2) below**]: Quiet Period

**(1) Monday immediately after the first Sunday in May through the second Sunday in May: Recruiting Shutdown**

**(2) The third weekend (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) of May: Evaluation Period (including evaluations at nonscholastic events)**

[13.17.3-(h) unchanged.]

(i) July 13 through July ~~22~~ **20**: Dead Period

(j) July ~~23~~ **21** through July ~~29~~ **25**: Evaluation Period

(k) July ~~30~~ **26** through July 31: ~~Dead~~ **Quiet** Period

[13.17.3-(l) through 13.17.3-(m) unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Council (Women's Basketball Oversight Committee)

**Effective Date:**

Sections A, C: Immediate

Section B: August 1, 2018 for nonscholastic evaluations; Immediate for national team and regional championship evaluations; August 1, 2018 for counting recruiting person days.

Section D: Immediate for recruiting shutdown periods; July 30, 2018 for the final July quiet period.

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** This proposal is based on recommendations from the NCAA Division I Council Women's Basketball Oversight Committee Ad Hoc Working Group on Recruiting. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee Ad Hoc Working Group on Recruiting was established in April 2016 by the Council and included coaches, student-athletes, athletics department administrators, faculty and conference office administrators. This proposal includes the "Phase 2" legislation for membership consideration. "Phase 1" concepts were adopted by the Council in April 2017. The proposal was developed based on guiding principles that include the academics, health, safety and well-being of student-athletes and prospective student-athletes. A complete recruiting shutdown provides coaches a timely break from recruiting and allows coaches to balance their personal and professional lives. Moving the fall nonscholastic weekend to May reduces the emphasis on nonscholastic competition during the fall, allowing prospective student-athletes to focus on the start of a new school year and allowing coaches to spend more time on campus with student-athletes at the beginning of the academic year. This proposal reduces the amount of time used for evaluating at nonscholastic events, which provides additional balance for coaches and prospective student-athletes. Maintaining opportunities for coaches to evaluate at nonscholastic events recognizes the fact that a large majority of Division I programs have limited recruiting resources and need opportunities to evaluate multiple prospective student-athletes before and after the collegiate and high school seasons. Limiting attendance at events involving national teams to two coaches per institution per calendar day will provide all institutions the opportunity to evaluate the prospective student-athletes who are participating in the events, minimizing the advantage for collegiate coaches selected by USA Basketball. In addition, coaches will have additional opportunities to evaluate international prospective student-athletes in a cost-efficient manner, while also considering work/life balance with the 10-day limitation. The proposal takes into account the uncertainty of when the covered events will occur; thus, providing some flexibility for coaches to account for these events.

**Budget Impact:** None.

**Time Impact:** None.

**Position Statements:**

**History:**

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### Legislative References

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13.02	Definitions and Applications.
13.02.5	Periods of Recruiting Activities.
13.02.5.6	Recruiting Shutdown.
13.1.7.6	Evaluations -- Women's Basketball.
13.1.7.6.1	Academic Year Evaluations.
13.1.7.6.1.1	National Standardized Testing Weekends.
13.1.7.6.2	Summer Evaluation Periods.
13.1.7.6.6	National Team Training and Tryouts.
13.12.1.5	Recruiting Calendar Exceptions.
13.17.3	Women's Basketball.

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