

**WBCA Division I Conference Captains
Recruiting Model Survey Results
Conducted April – June 2016**

29 Division I Conference participated in survey. Mid-Eastern, SWAC & WAC did not submit feedback.

Q1. Suggestions for core principals to shape the recruiting model discussion?

- Health, Wealth, Happiness (of coaches and student-athletes)
- Packet prices / Total overall costs
- WBCA to perhaps sanction events
- Longer time to recruit student-athletes to determine if they are a good fit and hopefully reduce transfers / consistency
- Protect the S/A's time and life balance
- stricter benchmarks for NCAA certified events

Q2. What are the top three (3) priorities that the recruiting model must allow for?

- Health, Wealth, Happiness (coaches and student-athletes)
- Sufficient time to evaluate prospects
- Cost / Finances
- Purposeful evaluation of event/value of the event
- Flexibility in days/ work/life balance;
- Exposure (technology is advancing with film)
- Networking/interaction and collaboration with other coaches
- Opportunities to establish and build relationships with recruits and their families.
- Accurate packet and team information
- more time for coaches on campus with their teams
- Recruiting calendar: protect dead periods (major holidays, signing dates, etc.); keep both contact periods in September and March for juniors and seniors

Q3. Three (3) areas of sacrifice in order to accomplish recruiting model priorities?

- AAU programs/event organizers need to sacrifice their income for the betterment of the event
- Eliminate a spring evaluation
- Condensed evaluation periods during July / Fewer opportunities to evaluate PSAs with non-scholastic teams
- Less recruiting opportunities/tournaments to evaluate in the summer.
- Possibly eliminate all-star teams and return to scholastic viewing only.
- Reduce or eliminate September.
- Time with your current players during the July recruiting periods, September contact period, and spring contact & evaluation periods.

Q4. Do you support a FALL weekend?

Yes – 13

No – 15 (Big 5 Conferences & American – All voted NO)

No Vote Submitted - 1

Q5. Do you support it being for evaluation of scholastic teams ONLY?

Yes – 9

No – 14

No Vote Submitted - 1

Q6. Provide feedback and rank the following July options in order of preference.

1. Two Thursday-Sunday time periods with the rest of July Quiet (8 days)
2. 7 or 10 consecutive days with the rest of July Quiet or Dead
3. 10 Recruiting Days TOTAL rest of the time is Quiet (40 recruiting person opportunities on those 10 days) between July 6-31

Five conferences reported they believe July should not change and are fine with the current 7-10-7 Recruiting Model.

Q7. If this is your preference do you want rest of July quiet or dead? (e.g. July 1-5 Quiet then the rest Dead)

Votes were evenly split between dead and quiet.

Dead – 11

Quiet – 10

No Vote Submitted – 8

Q8. If this is your preference for July how many consecutive days do you prefer?

Seven (7) consecutive days – 6 conferences

Ten (10) consecutive days – 5 conferences

Four (4) consecutive days – 3 conferences

Q9. Do you want the time between the two periods to be DEAD or QUIET?

Dead – 17

Quiet – 6

No Vote Submitted - 6

Q10. Do you feel differently if that time period is LONGER than back-to-back weeks? (e.g. 3 days or 10 days)

Majority reported that they would not feel differently if that time period is longer.

Q 11. Is there a time you believe events should be able to start on Thursdays? (e.g. 9 a.m. NOON or 5 p.m.)

9 A.M. – 10 votes

Noon – 7 votes

5 P.M. – 5 votes

No Vote Submitted /No preference - 7

Q12. If this is your preference, is 10 days the right amount?

Yes – 10

No – 5

No Vote Submitted / Not sure – 14

Of those that voted No (ten days is not right): 7, 12, & 14 days were recommended as total number of recruiting days.

Q13. Keep May and August QUIET?

Yes – 27

No – 0

No Vote Submitted - 2

Q14. Support a complete shutdown for two weeks? (similar to football)

Yes – 16

No – 10

No Vote Submitted – 3

The was some concern among the conferences that with the variance of school's academic calendar and the recruiting calendar, finding a set 2-weeks that works for everyone was difficult.

Options suggested for shutdown:

- Beginning of May
- End of May (May 15- 31)
- June 1-8
- Last week of August, first week of September

Q15. Do you support more international evaluation opportunities and if so what?

Yes – 14

No – 10

No Vote Submitted – 5

Events suggested:

- World Championship qualifying events
- European Championship events
- Nordic Cup

Q16. Do you support evaluation of fall leagues?

Yes – 18

No – 8

No Vote Submitted – 3

Four conferences are only support fall leagues if they are restricted to scholastic teams only.

Q17. Do you support evaluation of scholastic all-star games?

Yes – 22

No – 6

No Vote Submitted - 1

Q18. Should all events (domestic and international) count in the 112, except during the July period?

Yes – 27

No – 0

No Vote Submitted – 2

Additional Comments:**Atlantic 10**

Eliminate contact with juniors in September but allow during the spring.

Big East

Discussion occurred about having an open calendar to use May, June, and July as you wanted and to have August be Quiet. Coaches were in favor of this because there was a sentiment that almost all evaluation of players was done during Non-Scholastic events rather than Scholastic events. This would allow for more opportunities to do this during those months.

Big Sky

We wanted to also offer that if you remove both fall and spring events, you would improve both health, wealth, happiness areas. It would allow athletes to do multiple sports again (less chronic injuries), provide more opportunities for campus visits in the spring, and decrease opportunities for event directors to financially take advantage of the system. The sacrifice would be less opportunities for athletes to get exposure. However, with our technology, athletes can get film in hands of colleges immediately and still be viewed during the scholastic year and July.

Conference USA

September needs to change. Maybe get rid of the contact period. September should be devoted to working with and developing our current team.

MAAC

Our overall consensus and the majority of our coaches favored an open calendar to do with as we choose from September 1st thru April 30th. (we had some coaches that would like it open thru June 30th) We did not come up with a set number of days.

We felt it gave us the flexibility to control and be accountable for our days and staff and choose events, games, practice, etc. that we wanted to attend.

Mountain West

The MWC has a strong interest in exploring the 112 total person days, with fewer restrictions, occurring during the dates of September 1-May 31 (NOT June 30). June would then be a quiet period. Also support was shown for dates of September 1-April 30.

Northeast Conference

We propose a more flexible NCAA Certified Evaluation Period. May 20th through July 31 (56 days to use at coaching staff discretion). We took the 14 days in July x 4 coaches to come up with our 56 days.)

SEC

Reduce number of April evaluation weekends to one; and if September contact period remains in place, coaches propose flexibility in recruiting calendar by going to 20/40 model (e.g., select 20 days out of 40 to recruit).