



NCAA Division II Coaches Off-Campus Recruiting Guide

With the adoption of Division II Proposal No. NC-2025-14 (recruiting -- modernization and deregulation), the following document has been updated to reflect those changes effective Aug. 1, 2024. Please note this document should not be used as a substitute for the NCAA Manual. Coaches are encouraged to contact the athletics compliance office for additional information.

Freshman/ Sophomore	After June 15, Immediately Preceding Junior Year	Two-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes
<p>Recruiting Materials: Athletically related recruiting materials may be sent at anytime.</p>	<p>Official Visits: After June 15, immediately preceding prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. There are no limits on the following recruiting functions for prospective student-athletes entering their junior year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In-person, off-campus recruiting contacts.	<p>Official Visits: At any time outside of the National Letter of Intent (NLI) recruiting dead period. If prospective student-athlete has previously visited the institution, a second visit may not occur until Sept. 1 following prospective student-athlete's completion of high school. An institution may finance one additional official visit for a prospective student-athlete after a new head coach is hired when the prospective student-athlete previously received an official visit to the institution. There are no limits on the number or frequency of the following recruiting functions for two-year college transfers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Athletically related recruiting materials.2. Communication (e.g., email, text messaging, instant messages, telephone calls).3. In-person, off-campus recruiting contacts.



<p>Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes</p>	<p>Evaluations and Contacts</p>	<p>After National Letter of Intent Signing or Other Written Commitment</p>
<p>Official Visits: At any time outside of the National Letter of Intent (NLI) recruiting dead period. If prospective student-athlete has previously visited the institution, a second visit may not occur until Sept. 1 following prospective student-athlete's completion of high school. An institution may finance one additional official visit for a prospective student-athlete after a new head coach is hired when the prospective student-athlete previously received an official visit to the institution. If the prospective student-athlete's institution is an NCAA Division II institution, a visit may occur only after a student-athlete completes the transfer educational module, provides written notification of transfer to their current institution and the student-athlete's information is entered into the NCAA Transfer Portal. Before making contact, directly or indirectly, with a student-athlete from an NCAA Division I institution, Division III institution, or from another association (e.g., USCAA or NAIA), an athletics staff member or booster shall comply with the rule of the applicable division for making contact with a student-athlete.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communication (e.g., email, text messaging, instant messages, telephone calls). 2. In-person, off-campus recruiting contacts. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On- and off-campus contacts with prospective student-athletes are subject to the NLI dead period restrictions. 2. Contacts are restricted at the prospective student-athlete's practice/competition site until the competition has concluded for the day and the prospective student-athlete has been released by the appropriate authority. 3. An institutional staff member is permitted to have on-campus contact prior to competition with a prospective student-athlete and/or their relatives or legal guardians, provided the competition is taking place on the institutional staff member's campus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact restrictions with the prospective student-athlete and/or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians at the prospective student-athlete's practice/competition site are no longer applicable.

DEFINITIONS:

Contact.

A contact is any face-to-face encounter between a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardian(s) and an institutional staff member or athletics representative during which any dialogue occurs in excess of an exchange of a greeting. Any such face-to-face encounter that is prearranged (e.g., positions themselves in a location where contact is possible) or that takes place on the grounds of the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or at the site of organized competition or practice involving the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's high school, preparatory school, two-year college or all-star team shall be considered a contact, regardless of whether any conversation occurs. However, an institutional staff member or athletics representative who is approached by a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardian(s) at any location shall not use a contact, provided the encounter was not prearranged and the staff member or athletics representative does not engage in any dialogue in excess of a greeting and takes appropriate steps to immediately terminate the encounter.

Evaluation.

Evaluation is any off-campus activity designed to assess the academic qualifications or athletics ability of a prospective student-athlete, including any visit to a prospective student-athlete's educational institution (during which no contact occurs) or the observation of a prospective student-athlete participating in any practice or competition at any site.

Prospective Student-Athlete.

A prospective student-athlete is a student who has started classes for the ninth grade. In addition, a student who has not started classes for the ninth grade becomes a prospective student-athlete if the institution provides such an individual (or the individual's relatives or friends) any financial assistance or other benefits that the institution does not provide to prospective students generally. An individual remains a prospective student-athlete until one of the following occurs (whichever occurs earlier):

1. The individual officially registers and enrolls in a minimum full-time program of studies and attends classes in any term of a four-year collegiate institution's regular academic year (excluding summer); or
2. The individual participates in a regular-squad practice or competition at a four-year collegiate institution.

CONTACTS, EVALUATIONS AND COMMUNICATION.

Communication.

Communication with a prospective student-athlete or their relatives or legal guardian(s) shall be made at anytime. Communication may include multiple institutional student members and/or prospective student-athletes or their relatives or legal guardian(s) at any time.

Off-Campus Recruiters.

An institutional staff member is not permitted to recruit off campus until he or she has been certified on an annual basis as to knowledge of applicable recruiting rules per Bylaw 11.6.1.1. However, institutional staff members (e.g., faculty members) may contact prospective student-athletes for recruiting purposes on campus or within the locale of the institution's main campus during the prospective student-athlete's official visit.

PRACTICE OR COMPETITION SITE.

Recruiting contact may not be made with a prospective student-athlete at any site, except if the prospective student-athlete's athletics competition is taking place on the institution's campus, prior to any athletics competition in which the prospective student-athlete is a participant on a day of competition, even if the prospective student-athlete is on an official or unofficial visit. Contact includes the passing of notes or orally relaying information to a prospective student-athlete by a third party on behalf of an institutional staff member. Contact may occur after the prospective student-athlete's competition concludes for the day and the prospective student-athlete has been released by the appropriate authority. Recruiting contact may be made with the prospective student-athlete and/or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians at a prospective student-athlete's athletics competition as follows:

1. An institutional staff member is permitted to have on-campus contact prior to competition with a prospective student-athlete and/or their relatives or legal guardians, provided the competition is taking place on the institution's campus.
2. With a prospective student-athlete and/or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians at any site on a day of competition, provided a prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or written offer of admission and/or athletically related financial aid with the coach's institution.

