

# NCAA Division I Educational Resource

## Recruiting Shutdown



A recruiting shutdown is a period of time when no form of recruiting is permissible. Recruiting shutdowns are intended to provide coaches and prospective student-athletes with a necessary break from all recruiting activities. This document outlines various activities that are prohibited and permitted during a recruiting shutdown.

### Prohibited Activities During a Recruiting Shutdown

Official and unofficial visits	✗
Off-campus contacts and evaluations	✗
Institutional camps or clinics	✗
Employment at noninstitutional camps or clinics	✗
Correspondence (e.g., recruiting material, email, direct message or text message with a prospect or their family members or coaches)	✗
Making or receiving telephone calls with a prospect and/or a prospect's family members	✗
Communication with a coach of a prospect	✗
Sending a written offer of aid to a prospect	✗
Sending materials that may be sent at any time to a prospect (e.g., logistical information on camps/clinics and visits)	✗
Taking actions of approval on a prospect's social media post (e.g., like, retweet, repost)	✗

### Permissible Activities During a Recruiting Shutdown

Contact with a prospect who has signed the institution's written offer of aid	✓
Exceptions to tryout legislation (e.g., involvement with local sports clubs, involvement with regional training programs and national teams) that do not occur during visits to campus or camps and clinics	✓

