



# THE RECRUITING PROCESS FOR DIVISION I MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

An overview for recruits and their families

## What's a recruit?

In these materials, the term "recruit" means a current high school student who is interested in playing men's basketball at an NCAA college after completing high school. These materials explain what's allowed each year of high school, and include the specific recruiting calendar for junior and senior years.

## Why does the NCAA have rules about recruiting?

Colleges that are part of the NCAA commit to responsible recruiting standards to help students make informed decisions. The goals are to minimize the role of harmful outside influences and prevent excessive contact or pressure from schools in the recruiting process.

## What's allowed year-by-year during high school?

### FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORE YEARS

#### Recruiting materials

As a recruit, NCAA schools only may provide you:

- Recruiting questionnaires.
- Educational materials from the NCAA.
- Brochures for camps.
- General information about the school not focused on athletics (e.g., admissions brochure, campus catalog).

#### Communicating with coaches and athletics staff\*

Recruits may call coaches or athletics staff at any time but may not communicate with coaches in any other way (such as text or email). Coaches may not call, return messages a recruit has left for them or make other types of contact with the recruit or his family members.

\*phone calls, text messages, emails, social media

#### Unofficial visits

*An unofficial visit is a campus visit the recruit (or his family) pays for and the visit includes involvement by a coach or athletics staff.*

**Freshmen may not** take unofficial visits.

**Sophomores may** take an unlimited number of unofficial visits (beginning Aug. 1 of their sophomore year). Unofficial visits are not allowed during a dead period, which is a required break from recruiting ([see recruiting calendar](#)).

#### Official visits

*An official visit is a campus visit paid in whole or in part by an NCAA school.*

NCAA colleges cannot host freshmen or sophomores for official visits.

#### Off-campus contact

Coaches may not have contact with freshman or sophomore recruits away from the college's campus.

## JUNIOR YEAR

### Recruiting materials

Starting June 15 after the recruit's sophomore year, colleges may provide recruiting materials.

### Communicating with coaches and athletics staff

Starting June 15 after the recruit's sophomore year:

- Coaches may call a recruit at any time.
- Recruits may call coaches or athletics staff as often as they want.
- Recruits may send and receive an unlimited number of text messages, emails and private/direct social media messages to/from coaches or athletics staff. Coaches cannot comment publicly on social media, but may follow a recruit's social media account or like his posts.

### Unofficial visits

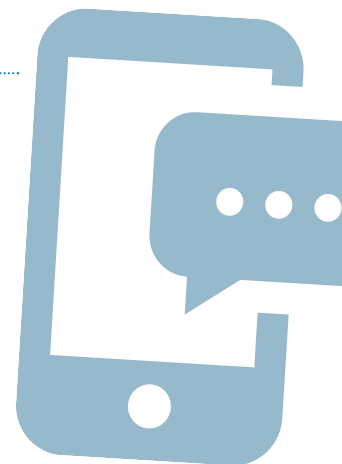
Juniors may take an unlimited number of unofficial visits. Unofficial visits are not allowed during a dead period ([see recruiting calendar](#)).

### Official visits

Juniors may take up to five official visits between Aug. 1 of their junior year and the completion of their junior year. A recruit may not take multiple official visits to the same school in the same school year.

### Off-campus contact

A coach may have off-campus recruiting contacts with juniors at their high school (outside school hours) during all recruiting periods throughout the school year. During the April recruiting period (including May 1-2, 2019), a coach may also have contact with a junior at his home on days when the recruit does not compete. Coaches are allowed seven off-campus, in-person contacts (contacts and evaluations combined) with each recruit during junior year.



## Spring/Summer 2019 Evaluation Periods – Types of Events

**NCAA-CERTIFIED EVENTS** | April 26-28

**NBPA TOP 100 CAMP** | June 13-14

**SCHOLASTIC EVENTS APPROVED BY NCAA OR NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS** | June 21-23 and June 28-30

Visit [naaa.org/governance/june-scholastic-boys-basketball-events](http://naaa.org/governance/june-scholastic-boys-basketball-events) for more information.

**NCAA-CERTIFIED NONSCHOLASTIC EVENTS** | July 11-14

**NCAA COLLEGE BASKETBALL ACADEMY** | July 22-25\* and July 25-28

\*The first session of the academy will start July 22, 2019; however, college coaches will not be allowed to attend the four regional sites of the academy until July 23, when the recruiting evaluation period starts.

Visit [naaa.com/collegebasketballacademy](http://naaa.com/collegebasketballacademy) for more information.



**At these events, college coaches may communicate with high school coaches, and also with a recruit's family members after June 15 of the recruit's sophomore year. No other contacts or communications by college coaches are permitted at these events.**

All recruits must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center to:

- Participate in nonscholastic or NCAA College Basketball Academy events (free Profile Page or Certification Account required).
- Take official visits (Certification Account required).
- Sign a national letter of intent (Certification Account required).

Visit [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org) to create a Certification Account or free Profile Page.

## SENIOR YEAR

### Recruiting materials

Colleges may provide recruiting materials to seniors.

### Phone calls

Seniors may call coaches or athletics staff as often as they want, and coaches may call a recruit at any time.

### Text messages

Seniors may send and receive an unlimited number of text messages to/from coaches or athletics staff.

### Emails

Seniors may send and receive an unlimited number of emails to/from coaches and athletics staff.

### Social media contacts

Seniors may send and receive an unlimited number of private or direct messages to/from coaches and athletics staff. Before a recruit signs a national letter of intent, coaches may not comment publicly on a recruit's social media. Coaches may follow a recruit's social media account or like his posts.

### Unofficial visits

Recruits may take an unlimited number of unofficial visits. Unofficial visits are not allowed during a dead period ([see recruiting calendar](#)).

### Official visits

Recruits may take up to five additional official visits between the day after their junior year ends and Oct. 15 following the recruit's completion of high school. A recruit may not take multiple official visits to the same school in the same school year but may, in his senior year, revisit a school where he took an official visit during his junior year.

### Off-campus contact

Seniors and their families are permitted to have off-campus, in-person contact with coaches or athletics staff during a recruiting period. However, contact may not occur during school hours nor on a day in which the recruit competes. Coaches are allowed seven off-campus, in-person contacts (contacts and evaluations combined) with a recruit during his senior year.



### What happens to recruiting restrictions if a senior signs a National Letter of Intent, committing himself to a specific school?

Once a recruit signs an NLI, NCAA rules related to contacts, evaluations and publicity no longer apply to him.



# What specific activities can take place for juniors and seniors during the 2018-19 recruiting calendar?

## QUIET PERIOD

Recruits may talk with college coaches and athletics staff in-person ONLY IF they are on that college's campus. If they are not on that college's campus, recruits cannot talk in-person with or be evaluated by anyone from a college.

## RECRUITING PERIOD

Junior and senior recruits may speak and have in-person contact with any college athletics staff based on the recruit's year in high school.

## EVALUATION PERIOD

Recruits are assessed by college coaches and athletics staff based on academic qualifications and playing ability. These evaluations typically take place at basketball camps, high school events or club-team events. Recruits cannot otherwise talk in-person with anyone from a college during this time.

### NEW FOR 2019:

- NBPA Top 100 Camp (June 13-14; ends 2 p.m. June 14).
- Scholastic events approved by NCAA or NFHS (June 21-23 and June 28-30).
- NCAA College Basketball Academy (July 23-28).

## DEAD PERIOD

Dead periods are designed to give recruits and college coaches a break from the recruiting process. During dead periods, recruits may not visit colleges, either officially or unofficially, and may not talk in-person with or be evaluated by college coaches or athletics staff.

## DEAD PERIOD ENDS/RECRUITING PERIOD BEGINS

At noon on April 11, a dead period ends and a recruiting period begins.

## SIGNING PERIODS

Dates with  in corner denote signing period.

During their senior year, recruits may sign a national letter of intent, which commits them to attend a particular school. There was an early signing period from Nov. 14-21, 2018, and the regular signing period is April 17-May 15, 2019.

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