

**Division:** I

**Proposal Number:** 2017-1

**Title:** RECRUITING -- OFF-CAMPUS CONTACTS, TELEPHONE CALLS AND UNOFFICIAL VISITS -- SEPTEMBER 1 OF JUNIOR YEAR -- LACROSSE

**Status:** Adopted Final

**Intent:** In lacrosse, to specify that: (1) off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school and that contacts that occur during a prospective student-athlete's junior year may occur only at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or residence; (2) telephone calls may not be received from an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school; and (3) an unofficial visit with athletics department involvement shall not occur with an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 13.1.1.1, as follows:

13.1.1.1 Time Period for Off-Campus Contacts -- General Rule. Off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) before July 1 following the completion of his or her junior year in high school (July 7 after the junior year in high school in women's ice hockey and July 15 after the junior year in high school in women's gymnastics), or the opening day of classes of his or her senior year in high school (as designated by the high school), whichever is earlier. U.S. service academy exceptions to this provision are set forth in Bylaw 13.16.1. [D]

[13.1.1.1.1 unchanged.]

13.1.1.1.2 Exception -- Women's Basketball **and Lacrosse**. In women's basketball **and lacrosse**, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or **his or** her relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of **his or** her junior year in high school. Contacts that occur during a prospective student-athlete's junior year may occur only at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or residence. [D]

[13.1.1.1.3 unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 13.1.3, as follows:

13.1.3 Telephone Calls.

[13.1.3.1 unchanged.]

13.1.3.2 Additional Restrictions.

[13.1.3.2.1 unchanged.]

13.1.3.2.2 Telephone Calls Initiated by Prospective Student-Athlete at His or Her Expense -- **Sports Other Than Lacrosse**. *Institutional* **In sports other than lacrosse, institutional** staff members may receive telephone calls placed by a prospective student-athlete at the prospective student-athlete's own expense at any time, including before September 1 at the beginning of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school.

**13.1.3.2.2.1 Telephone Calls From a Prospective Student-Athlete -- Lacrosse. In lacrosse, institutional staff members may not receive telephone calls from an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school.**

[13.1.3.3 through 13.1.3.7 unchanged.]

**C. Bylaws:** Amend 13.7, as follows:

13.7 Unofficial (Nonpaid) Visit.

13.7.1 Number Permitted. A prospective student-athlete may visit a member institution's campus at his or her own expense an unlimited number of times. A prospective student-athlete may make unofficial visits before his or her senior year in high school.

[13.7.1.1 through 13.7.1.2 unchanged.]

**13.7.1.3 Exception -- Lacrosse. In lacrosse, an unofficial visit with athletics department involvement (e.g., contact with athletics department staff, athletics-specific tour, complimentary admission) shall not occur with an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school.**

[13.7.2 through 13.7.3 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Council (Student-Athlete Experience Committee)

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** This proposal is intended to simplify the legislation by making September 1 of a prospective student-athlete's junior year the starting date for all communications and contacts. Without a restriction on the receipt of telephone calls, the other recruiting restrictions fall short of curtailing early recruiting. Currently, an institution's coach may ask a club coach to have the prospective student-athlete contact him or her. This proposal will simplify the application of recruiting communication legislation and address the issue of early recruiting. Currently there is no initial date for unofficial visits with athletics department involvement to begin. This proposal is being recommended as noncontroversial legislation, inasmuch as broader consultation and debate are unlikely to improve the proposal in any substantial way, significant disagreement or alternative points of view will not be generated and there does not appear to be a significant impact on existing or proposed legislation.

**Budget Impact:** None.

**Time Impact:** None.

**History:**

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**Legislative References**

<b>Legislative Cite</b>	<b>Title</b>
13.1.1.1	Time Period for Off-Campus Contacts -- General Rule.
13.1.1.1.2	Exception -- Women's Basketball.
13.1.3	Telephone Calls.
13.1.3.2	Additional Restrictions.
13.1.3.2.2	Telephone Calls Initiated by Prospective Student-Athlete at His or Her Expense.
13.1.3.2.2.1	<b>Telephone Calls From a Prospective Student-Athlete -- Lacrosse.</b>
13.7	Unofficial (Nonpaid) Visit.
13.7.1	Number Permitted.
13.7.1.3	Exception -- Lacrosse.

