

Recruiting Calendar

The current recommendations submitted to the NCAA in April 2012

- **As a result of discussions/straw votes taken at the 2011 NFCA National Convention and of subsequent surveys conducted following the convention, the Division 1 membership voted overwhelmingly in support of a structured recruiting calendar**
- **Proposed recruiting periods**
 - **Off Campus Contact & Evaluation Periods**
 - Thursday following the WCWS through August 15
 - October 1 through Sunday prior to Thanksgiving (Saturday's & Sunday's only)
 - **Contact Only Periods**
 - Aug 16 through September 30th
 - Monday prior to Thanksgiving through the end of WCWS
 - **Dead periods**
 - Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the fall signing of the NLI
 - The Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving through the Friday following Thanksgiving
 - The Day prior to the start of the NFCA convention through 12:01 am on the day following the convention
 - Dec 24-26
 - Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the spring signing of the NLI
 - First day of the NCAA Division 1 WCWS through 12:01 am on the day following the championship game
- **Additional proposals relating to the adoption of the recruiting calendar**
 - During a contact period only, Division 1 coaches are restricted to being employed at institutional camps & clinics when the camp or clinic includes prospective student athletes
 - Institutional camps held during a contact only period must be held within 100 mile radius of that institution's main campus
 - Non-scholastic softball competition that involves PSA's may not occur on an institutions campus

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Revisiting the current recommendations for future consideration by the NCAA

- **In anticipation that the NCAA is going to lift the moratorium on new legislation, now is the time to revisit/change the standing recommendations proposed to the NCAA in April of 2012**

- **What has changed**
 - 3 coaches can recruit
 - Technology

- **The membership voted overwhelmingly that we want a more structured calendar. The following talking points were established to facilitate the debate on finding a good balance between focusing on off-campus evaluations and focusing on all other aspects of running a Division 1 softball program**

Fall Recruiting Period

(possible structural options)

- Option 1

- **Contact period only:** Tuesday following labor day through the end of WCWS

- Option 2

- **Contact/evaluation period:** 3rd Friday in October through the Tuesday prior to Thanksgiving

Fall Recruiting Period – Option 1

(Contact period only: Tuesday following labor day through the end of the WCWS)

Pro

- **Allows for more time on campus**
 - Develop own team
 - Community service projects
 - On campus recruiting can increase
- **Requires a smaller budget**
- **Creates a clear system that states when D1 coaches are allowed to have off-campus evaluations**
- **Creates a more equitable system for quarter schools**
- **Creates a more equitable system for colder weather states**
- **Enforceable**
- **PSA welfare issues**
 - Reduces missed class time
 - Reduction in overuse injuries
 - Reduces personal spending
 - Gives PSA's an off season from off-campus evaluations

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- Coaches who have been newly hired might feel the need to use the fall to catch up

Fall Recruiting Period – Option 2

Contact/Evaluation Period: 3rd Friday in October through Tuesday prior to Thanksgiving

Pro

- **Creates a clear system that states when D1 coaches are allowed to have off-campus evaluations**
- **Enforceable**
- **Allows for more time on campus for semester schools**
 - Develop own team
 - Community service projects
 - On campus recruiting can increase

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- **PSA welfare issues**
 - Increases missed class time
 - Increase in overuse injuries
 - Increases personal spending
 - Doesn't Give PSA's an off-season from off-campus evaluations
- **Creates an unfair system for quarter schools**
- **Creates an unfair system for colder weather states**

Winter/Spring Recruiting Period

- Non-recruiting period beginning the Wednesday before Thanksgiving through the end of the WCWS

Summer Recruiting Period

(Contact/Evaluation period: The day following the WCWS through Labor day)

Pro

- Creates a clear system that states when Division 1 coaches are allowed to recruit
- Enforceable
- Flexible

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- Increases the number of evaluation days
- Requires a larger budget