Men's Basketball Evaluations/Contact Period Recruiting Summary→ over the course of the year

Recruiting Period	Rules to keep in mind
Fall Contact Period (usually around Sept. 9th – Oct. 5th each year)	• Contacts with senior prospects are permissible. • One visit per week to a prospect's school. • Evaluations are permissible at prospect's school but only in conjunction with a contact with a senior prospect from that institution. • Evaluations are not included in 40 evaluation days. • Evaluation activity must be supervised by HS or 2 year college coach and is limited to (i) practices, (ii) pick up games, and (iii) open gyms. • Observation of prospect participating in a nonscholastic organized event is prohibited.
Academic Year Evaluation Period (usually around Nov. 20th – March 15th each year)	• Contacts are prohibited. • Permissible evaluation activities: 1. Regularly scheduled HS/2 year college contests/tournaments/practices/pick up games/open gyms that are conducted under the supervision of a HS/2 year college coach, or 2. Nonscholastic events that are approved, sanctioned, sponsored or conducted by applicable national or state HS/2 year college association. • 40 evaluation days. • One visit per week to prospect's school [observation of tournament on consecutive days (and normally at the same site) counts as single visit].
March Contact Period (usually around March 16th – 22nd each year)	• Contacts with senior prospects are permissible. • Evaluations are permissible at any site. (*Still must fall under 1 or the 2 permissible evaluation activities listed in the "Academic Year Evaluation Period" above – but not limited to a prospect's educational institution like you are in #2 below) • Evaluations are not included in 40 evaluations days.
April Contact Period [usually around April 7th – 30th (except NLI signing dates) each year]	• Contacts with junior (one – at HS) and senior prospects are permissible. • One visit per week to a prospect's school. • Evaluations are permissible as follows: 1. Nonscholastic events that are approved, sanctioned, sponsored or conducted by applicable national or state HS/2 year college association (Sat. or Sun. only, excluding SAT/ACT testing weekends) – see http://monstermac.princeton.edu/basketball/ ., or 2. Practices/pick up games/open gyms at a prospect's educational institution that are conducted under the supervision of a HS/2 year college coach but only in conjunction with a contact with a junior or senior prospect from that institution. • Evaluations are not included in 40 evaluations days.
Summer Evaluation Period (usually July 8th – 31st with a dead period break of a few days in between)	• Evaluation activities limited to the following: 1. Noninstitutional, non-organized events (i.e., pick up games), 2. Institutional basketball camps, and 3. Noninstitutional NCAA certified organized events (i.e., camps, leagues, tournaments and/or festivals) – see http://www1.ncaa.org/membership/enforcement/bkb_certification/event-league_lists/summer04_mens_event

Additional Men's Basketball Recruiting Reminders

Telephone Calls:

One telephone call to a prospect is permitted during the month of March during the prospect's junior year in high school.

Question: Are the exceptions to the telephone-call rule set forth in NCAA Bylaws 13.1.3.3.2 (official visit exception) and 13.1.3.3.5 (off-campus contact exception) applicable to off-campus contacts and/or scheduled official visits that may occur during a prospect's junior in high school?

Answer: Yes. Institutional staff members may make unlimited telephone calls during the five days immediately preceding a prospect's official visit to that institution. Further, institutional staff members are permitted to make unlimited telephone calls to a prospect who is a junior in high school on the day that a permissible, in-person, off-campus contact with that prospect during the April contact period.

Question: Is it permissible for coaching staff members to use the official-visit exception for the purpose of scheduling or discussing the scheduling of an official visit with a prospect during his or her junior year in high school?

Answer: Yes. It is permissible for an institution's coaching staff member to make unlimited telephone calls to a men's basketball prospect during the five days prior to the prospect's official visit that occurs during the prospect's junior year in high school. [12-19-01 official interpretation]

Official Visits:

Institutions are permitted to provide official visits to prospects beginning January 1 of the prospect's junior year in high school, with the understanding that each prospect is limited to a total of five official visits during the junior and senior years in high school.

Question: If an institution provides a prospect with an official visit during his junior year in high school, does such a visit count in the total number of official visits (12) that an institution may provide during that academic year?

Answer: The total number of official visits an institution may provide prospects is determined on an annual basis (August 1 through July 31); thus, if an institution provides a prospect with an official visit during the prospect's junior year, the visit shall count against the institution's total limit for that year. It is not permissible to defer the counting of such a visit until the following year.

More on Contacts/Evaluations at a Prospect's School:

Question: If a high school does not have a gym, but has a regular practice/competition facility, can such a facility be considered "at a prospect's educational institution" for purposes of applying the recruiting regulations?

Answer: Yes. Note that this standard cannot be extended if the high school has a facility that is simply not available on a particular day (e.g., renovations, facility conflicts). The same will apply to a junior college or a prep school.

Question: Does "occurring in the gymnasium under the supervision of the high school or 2-year college coach," mean it has to be the coach from the high school or 2-year college that the prospect attends in order for a college coach to evaluate at the open gym?

Answer: In order for the coach to evaluate at an open gym at a prospect's education institution, the coach must have had contact with a prospect that institution that day. If prospects from other institutions also participate in the open gym, that is ok. For example, coach makes contact at high school A and stays at high school A to evaluate during an open gym. Prospects from high school B participate in the open gym at high school A – this is ok. The open gym at high school A must be under the supervision of a coach from high school A. The prospect with which the coach had contact does not necessarily have to be participating in the open gym – the fact the contact occurred is enough to allow the coach to then evaluate at the open gym.

(SAT/ACT weekends – not an issue in April 2004 as there are no standardized testing dates in April)

Even though a prospect may not be taking the SAT/ACT on the weekend in question (e.g., 2-year college prospect), the prohibition against evaluating at nonscholastic events on national test-date weekends is applicable to all prospects. Therefore, no evaluation activities are permitted at nonscholastic events on national-test date weekends during the month of April regardless of whether or not the prospect(s) in question are taking the test.

Evaluations on national test-date weekends are permissible in conjunction with an off-campus contact and are limited to practices, pick-up games and open gyms conducted under the supervision of the high school or 2-year college coach.

(Visit to a School)
Question: If a coach visits a high school just to speak with the high school coach and does not talk about any prospects (i.e., doesn't engage in evaluation activities), would this count as an evaluation for all prospects in basketball at that high school per 13.1.8.1?

Answer: Yes.

> *Question:* Would it count as the one visit to that high school that week per 13.1.5.1?
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> *Answer:* Yes.
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> *Question:* As the coach is not engaging in any evaluation activities, the visit does still have to be in conjunction with a contact?
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> *Answer:* Yes.

Permissible Recruiting Activities During High School – Division I Men's Basketball

1. Freshman Year

- Coaching staff members are limited to evaluating prospects in accordance with NCAA recruiting regulations.
- No in-person, off-campus contact, no telephone calls and no correspondence to prospects (or the prospects' parents or legal guardians).
- Permissible printed materials are limited to camp or clinic brochures, NCAA educational materials and questionnaires.

2. Sophomore Year

- Coaching staff members are limited to evaluating prospects in accordance with NCAA recruiting regulations.
- Recruiting materials per 13.4.1 (including general correspondence) permitted at the conclusion of the prospect's sophomore year in high school.
- Collect or toll-free calls permitted at the conclusion of the prospect's sophomore year in high school.
- No in-person, off-campus contacts and no telephone calls initiated by the institutional coaching staff members.

3. Junior Year

- Coaching staff members are limited to evaluating prospects in accordance with NCAA recruiting regulations.
- Recruiting materials per 13.4.1 (including general correspondence) permitted.
- Collect/toll-free calls permissible.
- Official visits permitted beginning January 1 of prospect's junior year in high school.
- One telephone call permitted during the month of March during prospect's junior year in high school. One telephone call to a prospect permitted on or after June 21 of the prospect's junior year in high school. Three telephone calls permitted during the month of July following the prospect's junior year in high school, with not more than one telephone call per week. Thereafter, telephone calls permitted provided not more than once per week.
- One contact permitted with prospect during his junior year in high school during the April contact period (Wednesday 8:00 a.m. following the Division I men's basketball championship through the month of April), with the exception of the dead periods surrounding the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship game and the spring signing of the NLI. [Note: Contact must be on the campus of the high school that the prospect attends and must be included in the five permissible recruiting opportunities.]

4. Senior Year

- Coaching staff members are limited to evaluating prospects in accordance with NCAA recruiting regulations.
- All other recruiting activities (contacts, telephone calls, official visits) permissible, subject to applicable NCAA regulations.