

NCAA DIVISION II RECRUITING INFORMATION for High School Students

FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORE year of high school (and until Sept. 1 of JUNIOR year):

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- May send:
 1. Questionnaires
 2. Sports camp brochures
 3. NCAA Educational Information
- May respond to written requests from prospects by providing an explanation of the NCAA rules or referring prospect to the admissions department.
- May not send any other written recruiting materials, or initiate phone calls, e-mail, or fax to prospects.
- May accept phone calls placed by prospects at their own expense, accept collect calls from prospects placed to a departmental 800 number. Chat rooms and “instant messenger” sessions treated under same rules as phone calls.
- Coaches may evaluate prospects during specified time periods called evaluation periods, but may not have face to face contact with prospects except on the college campus.
- Prospects can make unofficial visits to campus, can receive up to three complimentary admissions to a sporting event on campus, and may talk in person with college coaches only on the college campus (except during a “dead period”). Prospects may receive game programs or student handbooks only on visits to campus.

JUNIOR year (after Sept. 1) of high school:

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- May send the materials listed above and, after September 1, may send many other recruiting materials which may include personalized letters, photocopies of newspaper clippings, media guides, schedule cards, and official university academic and admissions publications. Recruiting or highlight videotapes may NOT be sent to prospects at any time.
- After September 1, may send e-mail and fax transmissions, as these are considered by NCAA rules to be written correspondence rather than telephone calls.
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- Prospects should register to take the ACT or SAT test, and near the end of the junior year, register with the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net

June 15 following JUNIOR Year:

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- May initiate phone calls to prospects (once per week with certain exceptions—see below) and may accept collect calls from prospects, or calls placed by prospects to departmental 800 numbers. May also continue to accept calls placed at prospect’s own expense.
Football exception – Unlimited calls during football contact period
- Coaches may send written correspondence to prospects as listed under junior year.
- Coaches may evaluate prospects during specified time periods called evaluation periods, and may talk to prospects at home or at their high school during designated contact periods. If they want to talk to prospects on the day of a contest, which falls during a recruiting contact period,

they must wait until the contest is completed and the prospect is released by their high school coach.

- Prospects may make unofficial visits to campus as listed under Junior Year.
- Institutions may invite prospects to campus for an official visit, which can occur no earlier than the prospect's first day of classes for the senior year. Prospects may only make one official visit to a campus, with a maximum of five official visits. This visit may last only 48 hours from the prospect's arrival on campus to departure from campus.
- Institutions may not provide an official visit to a prospect until the prospect has provided a copy of his/her high school transcript and a copy of an ACT or SAT test score.
- After a prospect signs a National Letter of Intent with an institution, the coaches are no longer limited to one phone call per week. The coaches are still limited, however, on their contacts with prospects.

General Reminders:

- Financial Aid (one year at a time, may be full scholarship or partial scholarship, other factors)
- National Letter of Intent (commits you to that institution for one academic year, even if the coach resigns or is terminated)
- Permissible recruiters (only coaches employed by each institution, boosters not allowed)
- Agents (don't accept benefits from agents – violates rules and harms future agent choice options)

The regulations outlined above primarily concern the recruiting process and are general in nature. They reflect only a few of the NCAA regulations. Other areas would include financial aid, eligibility, extra benefits and additional topics. Please contact Coach Jeff Morgan, Harding University's NCAA Compliance Coordinator, if you have questions or concerns (jrmorgan@harding.edu or 501-279-4754).