



VIRGINIA TECH
ATHLETICS

Coaches Recruiting Rules Education

July 2022

Annual Rules Education Requirement

Effective August 1, 2022

- Replaces the Coaches Recruiting Exam
- A coach may not recruit off-campus until completed
- Topics covered
 - Recruiting
 - Institutional Financial Aid
 - Freshman Academic Requirements

Definitions

Prospective Student-Athlete

- Begun classes for 9th grade
 - Softball, Volleyball, Men's Basketball – 7th grade for tryout rule
- Regardless of grade, received financial assistance or other benefit from the institution (e.g., reduced camp admission)
- They remain a PSA until:
 - The individual signs a NLI or written offer of admission or financial aid or the institution receives the individual's financial deposit in response to its offer of admission; and
 - The individual completes all high school graduation requirements or all transfer academic eligibility requirements.

Definitions

“Committed” = Signed

After Commitment – After PSA signs an NLI/GIA or submits deposit, no longer subject to the restrictions of Bylaw 13.1 (Contacts & Evaluations).

- Remains PSA for purposes of all other bylaws, including all other recruiting rules.
- Signees are no longer subject to application of a dead period.

Triggers of “recruited” status:

- Official Visit
- In-Person Off-Campus Encounter (Contact)
 - Evaluations do not trigger recruitment – ONLY contacts
- Issuing NLI or Grant-In-Aid

Definitions

Recruiting Person Day

Defined as one coach engaged in an off-campus recruiting activity of a prospect on one day (12:01 a.m. to midnight); two coaches engaged in recruiting activities on the same day shall use two recruiting-person days.

Limits

MBB – 100 RPD between September 1 – May 31

WBB – 65 RPD between Aug. 1 – July 31

- April, May, June, July do not count
- No limit on how many of the 65 can be used internationally

Definitions

Boosters (Representative of Athletics Interest)

An individual, independent agency, corporate entity (e.g., apparel or equipment manufacturer, NIL Collective) or other organization who is known to:

- Ever held season tickets for any sport
- Made financial contributions to the athletics department, or booster organization
- Assist in the recruitment of PSAs
- Assisted in providing benefits to current student-athletes or their families.
- Provide allowable benefits (e.g., summer jobs) to current student-athletes; **or**
- Promote the school's athletics in any way

Boosters may not:

- Telephone PSA, unless PSA calls them.
 - Questions regarding the athletics program must be referred to coaches
- Contact PSAs (and their relatives), their coach, principal, or academic advisors.
- Visit PSA's school to pick-up evaluation material.

Boosters may:

- Observe PSA's athletic contest on own initiative.

Definitions

Family Member

An individual with any of the following relationships with the PSA:

- Spouse
- Parent/Legal Guardian
- Child
- Sibling
- Grandparent
- Domestic partner
- Any individual whose close association with the PSA is the practical equivalent of a family relationship

Contacts and Evaluations

Contact – Face-to-face encounter with PSA or their family members in excess of a greeting or is prearranged.

Evaluation – Off-campus activity assess academic qualification or athletic ability of PSA.

- Visit to PSA's high school (even with no contact)
- Observation at practice/competition
- Any number of evaluations in one day counts as one evaluation for the PSA

Evaluation Days – MFB, MGO, WVB, WBV

- One coach engaged in evaluation of a PSA
- Ex: Two coaches making evaluations on the same day = 2 evaluation days
 - **MFB** – 42 in Sept. – Nov. 168 April 15 – May 31
 - **WVB** – 80 between Aug. 1 – July 31
 - **MGF** – 45 between Aug. 1 – July 31

Contacts

General Rule: Off-campus contact permitted starting August 1 at start of PSA's junior yr. in HS

No contact while PSA is on call for competition until they are released by authority

- **WBB** – September 1 of senior yr. in HS
- **FB & BASE** – July 1 at end of PSA's junior yr. in HS
- **LAX, WSB**– Sept 1 of junior yr. in HS
- **MBB** – First day of junior yr. in HS
 - Tournaments or extended road trips – may have contact on off days

Recruiting calendar restrictions still apply!

Contacts and Evaluations

Limitations

- **General Rule** – 7 per prospect per year (No more than 3 contacts)
- **FB** – 6 contacts during senior year
- **MBB & WBB** – 7 per prospect per year (any combination)

Contacts and Evaluations

Multiple-Day Events

- Evaluations of multiple contests in a multiple-day event (e.g., round robin, showcase) that take place on consecutive days shall count as a single evaluation
- Evaluations of multiple contests in a single tier of a multiple-day event shall count as a single observation

At PSA's School

- Must receive permission from school authority if visit occurs while class is in session

Men's Basketball Only

- No contact with PSA, family, coach, etc. when PSA is participating in a certified event, June scholastic event, NBAPA Top 100 camp, USA Basketball Junior National Team Minicamp or NCAA Basketball Academy

Men's Basketball Only

Communication Prohibited

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Academic Year Recruiting Periods

- Regularly scheduled HS, PS, and 2-year contests, tournaments and practices
- Regular scholastic activities involving only PSAs at the location they occur

April Eval Periods

- Limited to nonscholastic events that are certified

Men's Basketball Only

June Evaluation Periods

- Scholastic and intercollegiate events that:
 - Events must be approved by the applicable governing body

July Evaluation Periods

- VT Camps and non-institutional events approved by the applicable governing body

Not Subject to Recruiting Calendar Restrictions

- June, July, August – Summer USA Junior National Team Minicamp
- Regional Championships approved, sponsored or conducted by FIBA
 - May attend practices designated by organizer as part of the event
- Elite and Junior Level International Events
 - Qualifying events are subject to calendar restrictions

Women's Basketball Only

Evaluations

Outside of July

- Regularly scheduled HS, PS, and 2-year contests, tournaments and practices
- Regular scholastic activities involving only PSAs at the location they occur
- Certified nonscholastic events during Friday, Saturday, Sunday of third weekends in both April and May
- International scholastic and nonscholastic practice and competition

July

- VT camps, International scholastic and nonscholastic practice and competition, and noninstitutional events that are certified

Contacts and Evaluations

2-Year College Prospects

Nonqualifier in First Year at Two-Year College

During their first year of enrollment at the 2yr college, coaches may have contact with PSA who is non-qualifier out of HS only on the 2yr college campus.

No Contact When Classes are in Session - Basketball

Coaches may contact PSA at 2yr college that conducts class throughout day AFTER 4pm local time. PSA may not miss class.

Contacts and Evaluations

Student-Athlete Interaction with Prospects

- SA may have off-campus, in-person contact with PSA provided it does not occur at the direction of institutional staff member.
- May also have written correspondence with PSA provided it is not at direction/expense of institution.
- Institution may not provide SA transportation or expenses to recruit PSA.
- SA may receive calls from PSA prior to the date that coaches may begin placing calls to the PSA, provided there is no direct or indirect involvement by athletics department staff.
- SAs may comment on social media about a PSA provided such comments are not made at the direction of institutional staff member.

Telephone Calls

General Rule: May call PSA June 15th at the end of sophomore year in HS
Calls may not be received from PSA (or their family) before June 15th at the end of their soph. yr. in HS

SPORT SPECIFIC:

- **MFB** – one call per week beginning September 1 of PSA's senior yr. in HS, thereafter, calls are unlimited during a contact period
 - One call to PSA during April 15-May 31 of junior yr.
- **MBB** – unlimited calls beginning June 15 at conclusion of soph. yr. in HS
- **WBB**- June 1st at the conclusion of Sophomore year
- **BASE** – Sept 1st at the beginning of their junior yr. in HS
- **LAX & WSB** – May not make or receive calls before Sept 1st at the beginning of their junior yr. in HS

Telephone Calls

Exceptions to Telephone Rules

- NLI Signing Date – Football – Sunday before & 2 days after initial NLI signing date
- Unlimited calls on date of permissible off-campus contact
- Coach who is Parent of PSA – permitted to call at any time
- Official Visit – Unlimited 5 days before visit starts and during visit
- Unofficial Visit – Day before unofficial visit through the conclusion of visit

Printed and Electronic Correspondence

Timeline

- May begin June 15th at end of PSA's sophomore year in HS
- **MBB** – unlimited beginning June 15th at the conclusion of his sophomore year
- **WBB** – June 1st at the conclusion of Sophomore year
- **MFB, BASE, LAX & WSB** – Sept. 1 at the beginning of junior year in HS

Printed Materials Guidelines

- No design or content restrictions but may not exceed 8 ½ x 11 inches
- Envelope has no design or content restrictions but may not exceed 9 x 12 inches
- May send camp/clinic information, questionnaires, NCAA documents and academic info at any time.

Video/Audio Material

- May produce video/audio to show, play or provide to PSAs provided it is sent to the prospect privately and may be personalized

Campus Visits

Official Visits

First Opportunity to Visit

- **MBB** – beginning Aug 1st of PSA's junior yr. in high school
- **WBB** – January 1 of the PSA's Junior Year in High School
- **MFB** – beginning April 1 of junior year thru Sunday before the last Wednesday in June; may not occur in conjunction w/ PSA's attendance in camp
- **BASE, LAX, WSB** – beginning Sept 1 of junior yr. in HS
- **Other Sports** – beginning August 1 of junior yr. in HS

Visiting Two or More Institutions

- No duplication of expenses, only actual and necessary expenses are provided and the 48hr period is observed at each school.

Campus Visits

Number of Official Visits – PSA Limitations

PSA may take a maximum of five (5) expense-paid visits and one (1) per institution

Men's Basketball

- Five visits – August 1 thru July 31 of junior year
- Five visits – August 1 thru Oct. 14th following completion of HS
- Five visits – Oct. 15th following their completion of HS

Women's Basketball

- Four visits – January 1 of Junior year thru Oct. 14th following completion of HS
- Three Visits – Oct. 15th following their completion of HS

One-Visit Limitation

- **Post-High School Visits** – PSA is allowed another five (5) expense-paid visits after Oct. 15th following completion of HS.
- **Head Coach Change** – After a new head coach is hired, may provide one additional visit for PSA who previously received an official visit.

Campus Visits

Official Visits

Nonqualifier in First Year at Two-Year College

May not provide expense-paid visit to a NQ until they've completed at least 1 academic year (2 semesters or 3 quarters)

Number of Official Visits – Institutional Limitations

- **MFB** – 56
- **MBA** – 25
- **MBB** – Up to 28 PSAs in a rolling 2yr. period
- **WBB** – Up to 24 PSAs in a rolling 2yr. period

Requirements for Official Visit

- Academic Transcript (high school or college)
- Registered with NCAA Eligibility Center
- Placed on institution's IRL

Campus Visits

Transportation

Only athletic department staff may provide transportation during campus visits.

- Transportation may not be provided by a booster.
- May use institutional vehicles normally used to transport prospective students or athletic teams.

Official Visit Transportation

- May provide round-trip transportation from any location, provided:
 - PSA returns to the original point of departure, or
 - Travels to their home, school or site of competition.
- **Basketball & Football** – May provide actual round-trip expenses for two family members.
- Any staff member may transport a PSA and their family to and from the airport.
- Only coaches may transport a PSA and their family to and from their home.
 - The visit starts once the PSA is picked up.

Campus Visits

Official Visits

48-Hour Period Defined

PSA may arrive the night before visit without starting visit, provided they do not:

- Arrive on-campus or have sit-down meal with coach (as opposed to to-go/drive-thru meal)
- Receive entertainment at the expense of the institution
- Pick up PSA/family from their home to come to campus for visit

Entertainment

- Must occur within 30-mile radius of campus.
- Complimentary Admissions – may provide **4** tickets to home athletics contest
 - Post-Season – may NOT provide complimentary tickets to post-season event

Professional Tryout or Workout Activities

- PSAs may not attend professional tryouts, even if open to public (e.g., Pro Day).

Campus Visits

Official Visits

Meals & Lodging

- May provide meals, no more than three per day, to PSA and up to 4 family members accompanying them
- May provide snacks to PSA and those accompanying them
- May provide lodging for PSA and up to 4 family members accompanying them on their visit (e.g., separate rooms)
 - The institution may not incur costs for additional guests

Entertainment at Staff Member's Home

- Can host a meal at staff's home, as long as not excessive in nature.
 - May only occur on one occasion during visit.

Campus Visits

Unofficial Visits

First Opportunity to Visit

- **MFB & WBB** – any time provided recruiting calendar restrictions are met
- **BASE, LAX, WSB** – beginning Sept 1 of junior yr. in HS
- **MBB** – beginning August 1 before sophomore yr. in HS
- **Other Sports** – beginning August 1 of junior yr. in HS
 - Includes all visits with athletic department involvement (e.g., meeting with coaches)

Off-Campus Contact Within One Mile of Campus

- During unofficial visits, staff and SAs may have in-person, off-campus contact at noninstitutional facilities within one mile of campus

Publicity

Comments Before Signing

- May not comment on PSA's ability or contribution they might make to your team
- May confirm that your school is recruiting PSA

Publicity After Commitment

- No restrictions on publicity once PSA has signed NLI, GIA or the school has received their deposit in response to their offer of admissions

Publicity

Prospective Student Athlete's Visit

- The institution cannot publicize a PSA's campus visit

Actions That Indicate Approval of Content on Social Media Platforms

- Coaches/staff may take actions ("like," "favorite," republished, etc.) on social media that include approval of content
- Post must be generated by users at their discretion (no institutional involvement)

Camps & Clinics

Permissible Dates

- **MFB** – 10 days in June or July
- **MBB & WBB** – June, July & August
- **All Sports** – May not have camp during Dead Period

Location Restriction

- **MFB** – On-campus or facility normally used for practice/games
- **MBB & WBB** – 100 mile radius of campus
- **MBA & WVB** – Must occur on-campus during Quiet Period
- Other Sports – No restrictions

Camps & Clinics

Employment after Commitment

- May employ PSA at a camp, provided they have signed a NLI/GIA or the school has received their financial deposit in response to its offer of admission
- May be paid only for work performed & at the going rate
- PSA who only lectures or demonstrates at camp may not receive compensation for their appearance

Recruiting Conversations

- May not have recruiting conversations at camp with PSA prior to the first permissible date for recruiting interaction
- **Football & Basketball** – May have recruiting conversation with PSAs at camp
- Campus tours permitted if approved by institutional authority

Camps & Clinics

Noninstitutional Camps & Clinics

- Must be operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to institutional camps & clinics (e.g., open to all entrants, free and reduced admissions)
- May not work camp that is established, sponsored, or conducted by an individual/organization that provides recruiting/scouting service
- May not work noninstitutional camp that employs recruited PSAs

Sport Specific Restrictions

- **MBB & WBB** – May not work noninstitutional camps & clinics
- **Volleyball** – May not work noninstitutional camp during Quiet Period
- **Baseball** – May not work noninstitutional camp during Quiet Period
- **Football** –
 - **Coaches & GAs** – May only work another four-year, NCAA institution's camp
 - **Noncoaching staff w/ MFB responsibilities** – May not work any noninstitutional camp

Financial Aid

Requirements for Offering Athletics Aid

- Must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center
- Must be placed on the Institutional Request List (IRL)
- Must complete the amateurism certification questionnaire administered by the Eligibility Center

Written Offer of Aid Before Signing Date

- Permissible on August 1st of PSA's senior yr. in high school.
 - Includes all forms of written communication (e.g., text messages, emails)

Institutional Obligation

- Must notify student-athlete in writing about aid by July 1st
- Must come from the financial aid office, not athletics

Transfers

Conditions Affecting Transfer Status

- Receives athletically related financial aid; including summer school
- Reports for squad practice; including preseason practice activities
- Attends classes in any regular fall or spring semester

Two-Year College Transfers

- Multiple Two-Year Colleges – Non-qualifier who attends multiple two-year schools before transferring must earn at least 25% of credit hours from the college that awards their associates degree