



**National Fastpitch Coaches Association  
Recruiting Committee Minutes  
New Orleans Marriott**

*Wednesday, December 7, 2016*

*10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. CST.*

1. Welcome
  - a. Everyone introduced themselves
2. NFCA Updates:
  - a. Recruiting Committee 2015-2016 → Distribution Plan
    - i. Recruiting manual – recruit education, coach education, making a bio, phone/texts, “How-To” Get Recruited
    - ii. In process of final edit
    - iii. How do we distribute? Link on NFCA Recruit Education website; hand out during camp registration in email; post on college websites; ON NFCA WEBSITE
    - iv. “Open for suggestions” – I think what you said is fine. LOL
      1. Travel Ball Orgs as well (PGF, TCS, USA)
    - v. SEND OUT TO COACHES TO SEND AT THEIR CAMPS/WEBSITES – managing MB file
    - vi. TIMELINE FOR DISTRIBUTION – MAY (2017)
  - b. HCC Report
    - i. Mandated umpire training
    - ii. Scholarship expansion
    - iii. Transfer regulations
    - iv. D1 Sanctioned Recruit Tournaments
      1. Coaches do not want kids missing school
      2. On the docket for HCC, but NOT mandated and not put into legislation YET.
      3. Kevin Shelton – don’t sugar coat it, say it like it is NOT just about SA welfare.
    - v. Illegal Pitch penalty
  - c. Recruiting Proposals
    - i. Recruiting Calendar – open in summer, 6 weeks prior to Thanksgiving, no 50 dates, third party camps/clinics/speaking ONLY on Sat/Sun
      1. Official Summer Date?
      2. Clarification: only third party Sat/Sun ?
    - ii. Officials – junior year, no face-to-face on campus prior to July of junior year.
    - iii. READ YOUR EMAILS – can speak loudly at convention, but need to stay on compliance/admin emails to educate them on what coaches want. THEY ARE THE ONES THAT VOTE.
    - iv. Recruiting changes could come as soon as August.
    - v. NJCAA – how do we implement change. We use NCAA rules, but they do not talk to us – bring up at Sunday board meeting!
      1. THEY DO NOT HAVE A HCC
    - vi. Travel Ball Caucus moved to before the Softball Summit?
  - d. Updates?

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### 3. 2016-2017 Plan

- a. FOLLOW THROUGH ON CALLS, EMAILS, ETC.
- b. Education (always first and foremost)
  - i. Demand it and spread it
- c. We are all equal in power in terms of what we can do, it just requires the leg work.
- d. Prep work for new slides to educate people on new recruiting calendar – anticipation that it gets passed (visits/education)
- e. LINK always updated on NFCA website instead of sending out updates through email. – WANT THE LINK TO DRIVE BACK TO WEBSITE OR A QR CODE
- f. TB – committed and then heading to a “lower” team for finances or other reason – things we can do for that? College coaches say slippery slope. → Bring up at TB Caucus
- g. “The Myth of the Sports Scholarship” article [www.chronicle.com](http://www.chronicle.com) 11/20
- h. Ethics in Recruiting – “you can’t legislate ethics”
  - i. NFCA Article

#### Those in attendance:

Boo De Oliveriera	Purdue University
Michael Mook	Augustana
Ty Rietkovich	Angels Gold
Jenelle Trautmann	VCSU
Brian Repole	Bombers Gold
Amanda Evans	Midland College
Lucas Grider	Frank Phillip College
Caty Reeves	Oklahoma Wesleyan University
Chris Foye	New York University
Don Justus	Kutztown University
Joe Yeggee	Kirkwood Community College
Kristen McGaughey	Clarkson University
Bill Vasko	Umass Lowell
Melissa Gentile	Eastern Michigan
Patrick Moyer	Fury Fastpitch (TN)
Alicia Abbott	Northern Illinois University
Kevin Shelton	Texas Glory
Roy Godard	TNT Softball (PA)
Bill Beckham	Buckeye Showdown
Jen Lane	Wesleyan University (CT)
Dana Fusetti	Carolina Elite (SC)