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Dear Division I Head Coaches:

You may be aware that the NCAA approved a blanket waiver last Friday that allows institutions to engage in written and verbal communications FIVE days prior to an official visit that is starting on any date between 9/1/18 and 9/5/18.

Please note that this waiver ONLY applies to PSAs who have already scheduled their official visits to occur on or after September 1, 2018.

****THIS WAIVER DOES NOT AFFECT SOFTBALL COACHES.****

Why? Because no softball official visits should have "already been scheduled." This waiver is intended for those sports who still have the incoming phone call loophole open, as those coaches could, in theory, have those visits set up. Softball coaches however have had no permissible avenues of recruiting communication open since the September 1 all recruiting contact legislation passed in April 2018.

As such, you may NOT use this waiver to call or write to a PSA to communicate about an official visit five days prior to September 1.

September 1 means September 1.

Ultimately, the NFCA, and our legislative and legal consultants, do not want our coaches either to be violating the rule or to be reported for an NCAA violation. The rule was an earthquake and we are still navigating through the aftershocks. We need to safeguard the legislation we championed this past year.

The content of this message has been confirmed with the NCAA, as well as the idea of sending it to each of you. Please let me know if you have questions. And as always, consult with your own compliance office on any NCAA issue.

Sincerely,

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