

Division: I

Proposal Number: 2023-34

Title: RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- SOFTBALL -- ADDITIONAL DEAD PERIOD AND RECRUITING SHUTDOWNS

Status: Adopted Final

Intent: In softball, to revise the recruiting calendar, as specified.

Category: Amendment

Bylaws: Amend 13.17, as follows:

13.17 Recruiting Calendars.

[13.17.1 through 13.17.8 unchanged.]

13.17.9 Softball. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to softball:

[13.17.9-(a) unchanged.]

(b) The 10th Monday following the completion of the Division I Softball Championship through the Sunday immediately prior to Thanksgiving Day [except for (1) ~~and~~ **through** (2-3) below]: Evaluation Period

(1) August 28 through September 3: Dead Period

(~~2~~ **2**) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial signing date of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period

(~~2~~ **3**) Evaluations at nonscholastic practice or competition activities shall not occur except on Saturdays and Sundays during the six weekends prior to Thanksgiving Day.

(c) The Monday immediately prior to Thanksgiving Day through January ~~±~~ **2** [except for (1) **through** (4) below]: Quiet Period

(1) The Wednesday before Thanksgiving Day through the Sunday after Thanksgiving Day: Recruiting Shutdown

(~~2~~ **2**) The first official day of the national convention of the National Fastpitch Coaches Association through the day of adjournment of the convention: Dead Period

(3) December 22-26: Recruiting Shutdown

(4) December 31 through January 2: Recruiting Shutdown

(d) January 2 through the Monday immediately prior to the Division I Softball Championship [except for (1) below]: Evaluation Period

(1) Evaluations at nonscholastic practice and competition activities are prohibited.

(e) The Tuesday immediately prior to the start of the Division I Softball Championship through the day of the final championship game: Dead Period

(f) The day after the completion of the Division I Softball Championship through July 31: Contact Period

(g) During high school regional and state championship competition that does not occur during a dead period: Evaluation Period

[13.17.10 through 13.17.13 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Student-Athlete Experience Committee)

Effective Date: Immediate

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: The inclusion of an additional dead period and the creation of recruiting shutdowns aids in establishing a recruiting landscape in softball that prioritizes the well-being of coaches, prospective student-athletes and current student-athletes by creating meaningful time periods in which little or no recruiting activity may occur. This proposal also reduces the potential for unexpected unofficial visits taken by prospective student-athletes immediately on September 1 before the prospective student-athletes have had an opportunity to speak to coaches.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

History:

Jul 11, 2023	In Progress
Aug 28, 2023	Ready for Vote
Oct 4, 2023	Adopted by Council
Oct 4, 2023	Adopted Final

Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
13.17	Recruiting Calendars.
13.17.9	Softball.

Student-Athlete Success/Well-Being: This proposal provides prospective student-athletes and coaches necessary breaks in the recruiting process.

Enforceable and Merits Outweigh Monitoring Burdens: Yes. Dead periods and recruiting shutdowns are established standards that are regularly monitored and enforced.

Consequential or Nationally Significant: Yes. The softball recruiting calendar is nationally significant.

Division I Commitment: The Commitment to Responsible Recruiting Standards.
