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Editor's Note: This educational column reflects the most recent Question and Answer Document associated with the proposal. Question Nos. 4, 6 and 7 were added to provide additional clarification to the membership.

This document contains questions and answers to assist the NCAA membership in its understanding of Proposal No. 2017-1 (off-campus contacts, telephone calls and unofficial visits -- September 1 of junior year -- lacrosse).

Question No. 1: What is a coach permitted to say if a prospective student-athlete initiates a call or contact with an institution's coach prior to September 1 of the prospective student-athlete's junior year?

Answer: The coach may not engage in any recruiting conversations. However, the coach may confirm the prospective student-athlete's age, explain the recruiting rules and then must end the call or contact.

Question No. 2: During an institutional camp or clinic, may a coach have recruiting conversations with a lacrosse prospective student-athlete prior to September 1 of his or her junior year?

Answer: No.

Question No. 3: During an institutional camp or clinic, may a coach provide a campus tour to a lacrosse prospective student-athlete prior to September 1 of his or her junior year?

Answer: Yes. A campus tour would be permissible; however, no recruiting conversations may occur.

Question No. 4: During an institutional camp or clinic, may a coach provide an informational session about the recruiting process and the student-athlete experience to a lacrosse prospective student-athlete prior to September 1 of his or her junior year?

Answer: Yes. A general informational session would be permissible; however, no institution-specific information may occur at these informational sessions. Recruiting conversations are not permissible.

Question No. 5: May an institution's coach send recruiting messages through a prospective student-athlete's high school/club coach or another third party?

Answer: No. If a coach cannot contact a prospective student-athlete directly, then he or she cannot send recruiting messages indirectly through a high school/club coach or another third party.

Question No. 6: May an institution's coach have evaluative conversations (e.g., regarding athletics ability) with a prospective student-athlete's high school/club coach before September 1 of the prospective student-athlete's junior year?

Answer: Yes. However, these conversations should not be used to indirectly send recruiting messages (e.g., verbal offer of aid) to a prospective student-athlete.

Examples of permissible evaluative conversation topics with a high school/club coach:

- High school/club coach's evaluation of the prospective student-athlete's academics, athletic skills, speed, agility, personality, character, work ethic, coachability, etc.
- Institution's coach expression of general interest in the prospective student-athlete (e.g., *We are interested in [name]*).

Examples of impermissible evaluative conversation topics with a high school/club coach:

- Confirming if the prospective student-athlete is on institution's recruiting list, including his or her ranking on that list (e.g., *"PSA is on our A-list/B-List"*, *"PSA is a top [#] prospect for us"*, *"PSA is our top goalie prospect"*, etc.).
- Institution's coach providing an evaluation of the prospective student-athlete to the high school/club coach.
- Requesting the high school/club coach tell the prospective student-athlete to:
 1. Send transcripts, report cards and/or scores to the college coach and/or staff; and/or
 2. Attend a camp where their college coach and/or staff will be present.
- Asking if the prospective student-athlete is interested in the school, including the level of interest.
- Any discussion with high school/club coach of potential financial aid or athletic scholarship offers.
- Setting up future phone calls or visits for the prospective student-athlete.

Question No. 7: May a college coach have an evaluative conversation with a high school/club coach with the prospective student-athlete listening to the conversation?

Answer: No. This would be using a high school/club coach to circumvent the recruiting rule prohibiting contact with a prospective student athlete until September 1 of junior year.

Question No. 8: May an institution's coach ask a high school/club coach to inform his or her team of the recruiting legislation?

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 9: Are institution's coaches still permitted to make calls related to camps and clinics logistics prior to September 1 of the prospective student-athlete's junior year?

Answer: Yes. The content of the calls must be limited to camp logistics and may not include recruiting content.

Question No. 10: May a younger sibling (a prospective student-athlete who is not yet a junior) accompany an older sibling on an unofficial or official visit?

Answer: Yes, provided no recruiting conversation occurs with the younger sibling.

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Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
13.7.1	Number Permitted.
13.1.3	Telephone Calls.
13.7	Unofficial (Nonpaid) Visit.
13.1.3.2	Additional Restrictions.
13.1.1.1.1	Exception -- Men's Basketball.
13.1.3.2.2	Telephone Calls Initiated by Prospective Student-Athlete at His or Her Expense -- Sports Other Than Lacrosse.
13.1.3.2.2.1	Telephone Calls From a Prospective Student-Athlete -- Lacrosse.
13.7.1.3	Exception -- Lacrosse.
13.1.1.1.2	Exception -- Lacrosse and Wrestling.

Proposals

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