

NCAA COVID-19 Recruiting Questions/Answers - 2020

The COVID crisis has brought many changes to the recruiting process. Listed below are several questions and answers:

1. Can a college coach video call a prospective student athlete (recruits) to give a tour of the athletic and campus facilities?
 - a. **YES:** A coach can call a student athlete using a video call (e.g., Zoom, Skype, FaceTime). A video call is considered a phone call. Therefore the phone recruiting restrictions still apply.
2. Can a college coach conduct a group video call with multiple uncommitted recruits?
 - a. **NO:** A college coach cannot conduct a video call with multiple uncommitted recruits.
3. Can a college coach video call multiple coaches of a recruit (high school, club coaches)?
 - a. **YES:** As long as they adhere to the recruiting rules for calling coaches of recruits. (i.e., No calls in July)
4. Since there is a COVID-19 recruiting dead period currently and no campus visits are allowed, can a college coach direct a current college student-athlete to make phone calls to an uncommitted recruit to discuss the campus experience?
 - a. **NO:** A coach cannot ask a current student-athlete on the college team to make a call to a recruit who has not committed yet.
5. Can a college coach direct a current student-athlete on the college team to make phone calls to recruits who have committed (one who has signed a National Letter of Intent, received a written offer of admission or made a financial deposit)?
 - a. **YES:** A college coach can ask a current student-athlete on the college team to call a recruit who has committed.
6. Can a recruit who has committed to a college virtually participate in athletically related activities (e.g workouts, team building, entertainment)?
 - a. **NO:** Recruits are not allowed to participate virtually in athletically related activities in the same manner as the athletes on the current college team.
7. Can a committed or uncommitted recruit use video call software to observe a college team position meeting?
 - a. **NO:** Since college athletes cannot participate in video calls with uncommitted recruits and since recruits cannot engage in meetings put on by the colleges (i.e review of playbooks, chalk talk, film review), this is not permissible.

8. Can a college coach participate in a virtual speaking engagement that involves student athletes (e.g. Zoom meeting with a club coach)?
 - a. **NO:** A coach may not engage in group conversations with recruits because these discussions are not private between the sender and the recipient.

9. If a college coach creates and sends a link for a video call (e.g. Zoom, Hangouts, GoToMeeting), does that count as a call initiated by the college coach?
 - a. **YES:** This is a countable phone call.

10. Can a college coach have a group video chat with multiple committed recruits (ones that have signed a National Letter of Intent, received a written offer of admission or made a financial deposit)?
 - a. **YES:** A college coach can have a group video call with recruits, including transfers, who have committed to the college. (as long as these calls do not include college athletes already at the college)

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