

## **IN-PERSON CONTACTS & PHONE CALLS DURING THE JUNIOR YEAR**

The rules of recruiting at the NCAA Division I level have changed again. Last year I had informed you that during the prospect's junior year in high school, an NCAA Division I coach could make a phone call to the prospect in the month of March and an in-person contact with the prospect on her high school grounds during the month of April. This rule went into effect August 1, 2004. **This rule is now eliminated, effective immediately.**

So what will this rule change mean to the world of recruiting?

First of all, it will even up the playing field for Division I schools. The larger budget schools at the Division I level were the ones seeing the benefit of this rule in the first place. They were the ones that had the funds to go and see individual prospects at their high school. Mid-lower budget schools just didn't have the funds to do that. So the rich got richer.

Second, I hope it slows down the pace of early offers and commitments. Prospective student-athletes may have felt pressure in committing once a college coach had spent their time and money to see them individually.

Third, a lot of student-athletes were not getting the phone calls in March and visits in April; so therefore, they didn't see the benefit in this rule anyway. It mostly dealt with the heavily recruited players that were being sought after by the big budget schools. I informed the athletes at our seminars to not worry if they didn't receive the phone calls and visits; most schools were not able to take advantage of the rule due to budget and time constraints.

### **13<sup>TH</sup> SCHOLARSHIP FOR NCAA DIVISION I ????. . . . . NO.**

Another subject I wanted to touch on to keep you up to date is the legislation regarding a possible 13<sup>th</sup> scholarship for NCAA Division I volleyball. Currently, as you know, there are a maximum of 12 scholarships available at the NCAA Division I level. There was a proposal to add a 13<sup>th</sup> scholarship. The original legislation was passed, but there were enough override votes to suspend the legislation. So, there will not be a 13<sup>th</sup> scholarship for NCAA Division I volleyball.

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