

NCAA Rule of the Month

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Contact with Prospects on the Day of Competition

When recruiting, on or off-campus contact may not be made with a prospect during the day or days of competition, prior to the competition. To go along with in-person contact, this rule includes the passing of notes, verbally relaying information to a prospect through a third party as well as telephone calls. Further restrictions are as follows:

- Contact cannot be made at any site prior to the contest on the day or days of competition.
- Contact cannot be made from the time the prospect reports on call and becomes involved in competition related activity. This includes traveling to an away-from-home game, even if the activity is initiated prior to the day or days of competition.
- Contact cannot be made after the competition until the prospect is released by the appropriate institutional authority and departs the dressing and meeting facilities.
- Contact cannot be made with a prospect involved in competition that requires participation on consecutive days (i.e. tournament) until after the prospect's final competition is completed and is released. If the tournament has a break in days, contact cannot be made until the final competition before the break in days and the prospect is released.
- Contact cannot be made with a prospect on an extended road trip until the conclusion of competition and prior to the commencement of travel to the next competition.
- Correspondence may not be sent to a prospect at their competition site however, correspondence may be sent to a prospect once they have been released and there is no additional party involved in disseminating the information.
- Camps and clinics are considered competition so these contact restrictions apply when a prospect is in attendance at a camp or clinic.

Please remember, this rule applies to all athletic department staff members, but a prospect would be able to come on campus and be given an academic tour, arranged through the Office of Admissions. Dr. Clough is also a great resource for a situation such as this as he is considered an institutional staff member and may have contact with prospects on campus, prior to their competition, on the day of competition.