



2009-10 NCAA Rules and Ethical Standards Governing College Recruiting

The following are some of the NCAA rules* that you should know. Violation of these rules by a college coach could result in a recruit not being eligible at that coach's institution and you should report violations to a coach's athletic department (recruit = prospective student-athlete, or PSA = gymnast who has started 9th grade):

- ★ A recruiter can NOT coach any of your athletes while in your gym or ask you to change your practice in any way
 - ★ A recruiter can NOT speak to an athlete or parent, other than a casual greeting, in-person when they are off-campus until July 15 **after** their junior year. Coaches can NOT communicate with PSAs via email or writing until September 1 **of** their junior year. Division I coaches can phone PSAs on July 1 after their junior year, Division II coaches can phone PSAs on June 15 after their junior year and Division III coaches can contact PSAs after completion of their junior year
 - ★ A recruiter CAN speak with you about your athlete but may NOT use you to communicate with or recruit an athlete
 - ★ A recruiter can NOT give you posters or schedule cards. They CAN give you business cards, camp brochures, and media guides
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The following are guidelines for ethical recruiting adopted by the NACGC/W, the national coaches association. You should report violations to the NACGC/W Ethics Committee**:

- ★ A recruiter should NOT speak negatively about other institutions or coaches. Negative recruiting is a serious breach of ethics by any coach
- ★ A recruiter should NOT knowingly make empty promises or false statements
- ★ A recruiter DOES represent their head coach and university--DO communicate with the head coach or the NACGC/W Ethics Committee if you have concerns

Please note: the NACGC/W has approved proposals for a recruiting calendar to reduce the number of times when college coaches can be in gyms and to eliminate contact with PSAs until June 1 following their sophomore year, including unofficial visits. These proposals must be approved by the NCAA before they would be rules.

* You can find the NCAA manual at: www.ncaapublications.com/Uploads/PDF/Division_1_Manual_2008-09e9e568a1-c269-4423-9ca5-16d6827c16bc.pdf

** You may report ethics violations to the NACGC/W Ethics Committee Chair Margie Foster Cunningham, mfcgym@gwu.edu. NACGC/W Website: www.collegegymnast.com