

MEMORANDUM

To: Junior Players & Parents

Copy To: High Performance Managers & State/Territory Associations

From: Andrew Riddell – National Player Development Manager

Date: 22nd May 2023

SUBJECT: NCAA RECRUITING CHANGES

Dear Players & Parents,

Last week, Baseball Australia posted information about the NCAA recruiting changes and timelines for players. This information stated that baseball players across the world would not be able to speak directly or indirectly with NCAA university coaches until August 1st of Year 11.

After engaging in conversations with the NCAA, there has been an exemption put in place for countries that use a non-traditional academic calendar. This exception means that all Australian players WILL be able to engage in conversations and be recruited by NCAA Universities starting on their first day of Year 11 at the beginning of the calendar year. We are one of the only countries in the world who this applies for. The exact NCAA ruling, and exception is below so everyone can have it on file when speaking with coaches.

[NCAA Updated Recruiting Laws and Bylaws](#)

13.1.3 Telephone Calls.

13.1.3.1 Time Period for Telephone Calls -- General Rule. Telephone calls to an individual (or the individual's family members) may not be made before June 15 at the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school (subject to the exceptions below). Thereafter, an institution may make telephone calls to the prospective student-athlete at its discretion.

13.1.3.1.1 Exception -- Baseball. In baseball, telephone calls to an individual (or the individual's family members) may not be made before August 1 at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school. If an individual attends an educational institution that uses a non-traditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), telephone calls to the individual (or the individual's family members) may not be made before the opening day of classes of the individual's junior year of high school. Thereafter, an institution may make telephone calls to the prospective student-athlete at its discretion.

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13.4 Recruiting Materials.

13.4.1 Recruiting Materials and Electronic Correspondence -- General Rule. An institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, or send electronic correspondence to an individual (or the individual's family members) until June 15 at the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school. [D]

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If there are any questions or concerns about the rule or the exception for Australian players, please send me an email.

Kind Regards,

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