Tips for Recruiting/Scouting Services

RECRUITING SERVICE-SPECIFIC LEGISLATION

- Recruiting services can disseminate personal information (e.g., profiles, demographics) and statistics to NCAA schools.
- Information must be in a standardized format and distributed to any NCAA school that subscribes to the service.
- Recruiting services cannot guarantee an NCAA scholarship.
- Fee cannot be based on receipt of an NCAA scholarship.
- Fee cannot be based on the amount or percentage of an NCAA scholarship the prospective student-athlete receives.
- NCAA coaches and staff members cannot endorse, serve as consultants or participate on advisory panels for any recruiting or scouting service.
- Recruiting/scouting services offering subscriptions to NCAA members seeking access to basketball and football PSAs’ information are required to get approval from the NCAA enforcement certification and approvals group. For more information regarding this process, please visit ncaa.org/scoutingservice.

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USE OF THE NCAA LOGO AND TRADEMARKS

- Recruiting services may not use the NCAA or Eligibility Center’s logos, brands or trademarks for promotional purposes.
- Misuse of the NCAA brand is subject to legal action.
- Recruiting services can link text format only (not using the NCAA logo) to the NCAA’s webpages, such as ncaa.org/playcollegesports or eligibilitycenter.org, for the purpose of providing information to users, provided the links are made available on a general resources webpage.
1. What is the penalty for a prospective student-athlete who uses an impermissible recruiting service?
A PSA who uses an impermissible recruiting service is not eligible to compete, but an NCAA school may seek reinstatement for the PSA.

2. Will the Eligibility Center need the document the student signed with my recruiting service?
Most likely, yes. To be proactive, a recruiting service can send all signed documents between the PSA and his/her family to the amateurism certification staff at acp-processing@ncaa.org. Be sure to include the PSA’s name and NCAA ID number.

3. What if the PSA did not fully complete his or her sports participation section of the registration?
It’s important that the PSA fully and accurately complete the sports participation section of the registration. Failure to do so could jeopardize the PSA’s eligibility. If the PSA needs to amend their EC registration, the PSA should contact the NCAA customer service center at 877-262-1492 and request their account be unlocked.

4. Can a recruiting service charge different amounts for its services depending on a PSA’s ability or likelihood of being recruited?
It’s a violation of NCAA rules for a PSA to receive a discounted or free benefit or service based on their athletics reputation. It’s required that all PSAs are charged the same amount for the services they receive.

5. Can a recruiting service submit high school transcripts on the PSA’s behalf?
No. The policy on how official documents must be submitted can be found at ncaa.org/student-athletes/future/submitting-international-documents.

6. Can a recruiting service provide a translation of the student’s documents to the Eligibility Center?
Translations can only be completed by one of the following:
1) the student’s secondary school;
2) a certified translator; or
3) a professor of the foreign language department at the NCAA school recruiting the PSA.