Understanding the NCAA Recruiting Calendar

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For most of us, it’s a challenge to remember even the easiest of the NCAA rules, like August 1st of Junior year being the first time a Coach can meet a prospect on campus for a visit, so how are we supposed to understand the entire NCAA recruiting calendar...???

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Here’s what you need to know:

- The recruiting calendar (see below) and associated NCAA rules are for Division 1 Men’s Golf ONLY.
- The NCAA restricts D1 Coaches from:
  - Evaluating prospects in tournament competition
  - Inviting prospects to campus for official & unofficial visits.
- These restrictions currently only take place during the months of November and December each year.

Key dates for the 2021-22 NCAA Division I Men’s Recruiting Calendar:

- Nov 8-11 - Dead Period for NLI Signing Week 📝
- Nov 25-28 - Dead Period for Thanksgiving 🍁
- Nov 29-Dec 22 - Quiet Period 😌
- *Dec 8-10 - Evaluation Period only at AJGA Senior Showcase, otherwise Dead Period
- Dec 23- Jan 1 - Dead Period for Christmas 🎅

Terms to Remember

- Contact Period(s) - Coaches can have in-person, off-campus meetings with prospects as well as invite them on campus for Official or Unofficial visits

- Quiet Period(s) - Coaches can make in-person contact with a prospect but it has to be on the school’s campus. During this time, coaches can NOT evaluate prospects in tournaments or meet with them otherwise off-campus

- Dead Period(s) - Coaches can NOT make contact on or off-campus with prospects. Campus visits of any kind and tournament evaluations are NOT allowed during this time

2021-2022 Recruiting Calendar for Men’s Golf in Division 1

*Important note: Phone calls, emails, texts, and other electronic communication between DI coaches and prospects are allowed at ANYTIME unless a player has not reached June 15th after their Sophomore year.
Thanks for reading,

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