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Q: Is a college volleyball coach allowed to talk with a prospective student-athlete's parents while the coach is recruiting at a tournament?

A: College volleyball coaches may only make contact (talk to) with the parents or legal guardians of prospective student-athletes after July 1 following the prospect's junior year of high school. Coaches may not speak to parents of high school freshmen, sophomores or juniors, beyond a simple greeting (This same rule applies to talking to parents of athletes in 7th and 8th grade). In addition, the contact must take place during a contact period, as is defined by the NCAA's recruiting calendar.

In Division I, a coach's permissible contact with the prospect's relatives or legal guardians will count against the number of total recruiting opportunities for a particular prospect. After the calendar day on which a prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent, ***there shall be no limit on the number of contacts by the institution with which the prospective student-athlete has signed.*** In Division II, contact outside of the academic year with prospects or their relatives or guardians is not counted toward the permissible number of recruiting contacts. In a situation where a prospect's parent is also her coach, college coaches may speak to that parent about the abilities of his or her daughter that are directly related to evaluation without such an arrangement constituting an impermissible contact or a countable contact, as long as no contact is made with the prospect.

If you have questions regarding the information above, please contact the NCAA Compliance Officer at the university nearest you.