

Signing An Athletic Scholarship

The reference to prospect or prospective student-athlete (PSA) includes students before initial four-year college attendance and transfer student-athletes.

When can an athletic scholarship be signed?

Division I and II sports have specific dates when a high school, prep school or two-year college transfer can sign an athletic scholarship. The 2024-25 signing dates can be found [here](#). Signing dates do not apply to four-year transfers. NCAA four-year transfers who are permissibly entered in the NCAA Transfer Portal may sign an athletic scholarship. Non-NCAA four-year transfers may sign an athletic scholarship any time that coaches may permissibly communicate with them if applicable under the respective divisional legislation.

Can a collegiate coach attend a prospect's signing celebration in-person?

No. NCAA coaches may not have in-person on-or off campus contact with a PSA on the day an athletic scholarship is signed.

Can a prospect continue to be recruited after signing?

No. Once a PSA signs an athletic scholarship, a contact prohibition goes into effect. As a result, coaches from other NCAA institutions that offer athletic scholarships must stop recruiting contact with the signed PSA and individuals associated with them (e.g., family members, scholastics or club coach, advisor).

A PSA who signs with a Division I or Division II institution may not sign an athletic scholarship offer from another institution unless, upon request, the institution with which they initially signed releases them from the contact prohibition.

How does a prospect request that their recruitment be reopened after signing an athletic scholarship?

After signing an athletic scholarship, a PSA may request to have recruiting conversations with other schools. Such a request must be made in writing to the school. If the school provides the release from the contact prohibition, the school will update the PSA's status in the appropriate NCAA application within two business days in Division I or seven business days in Division II. Once updated, coaches at other schools will be permitted to have recruiting contact with the released PSA.

This release only lifts the contact prohibition and does not automatically cancel the athletic scholarship signed by the prospective student-athlete.

