

Nonscholastic Open Gyms – allowed in the spring or is this just a fall rule?

- A. The legislation that relates to open gyms appears in Bylaw 13.1.8.8. As noted in the legislation, during the academic year and summer, evaluations may take place at open gyms. These evaluations may only occur during permissible evaluation days and, during the academic year, such an evaluation counts against the 100-recruiting person days. Evaluations at open gyms during the academic year are NOT limited to the spring/fall identified full weekends when evaluations at nonscholastic events may occur. Another way to say this is that evaluations at open gyms may occur during any permissible evaluation day. Open gyms are considered noninstitutional, nonorganized events and are not subject to the event certification program.
- B. Nonscholastic/noninstitutional organized events are events that must be certified by the basketball event certification staff.
- C. Specific Legislation:
- i. Bylaw 13.1.8.8-(b) Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, each institution is limited to five recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete (see Bylaw 13.1.6.6). Women's basketball staff members shall not exceed 100 recruiting-person days during the academic year contact and evaluation periods. (Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 5/9/08)
 - ii. (1) Academic Year Evaluation Period. Evaluations of live athletics activities during the academic year may occur at regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year college contests/tournaments and practices; and pick-up games and open gyms. Evaluations at nonscholastic events during the women's basketball prospective student-athlete's academic year shall only occur during the last full weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) of the fall contact period and the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the spring evaluation period. (Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 4/26/07, 10/23/07)
 - iii. (2) Summer Evaluation Period. During the summer evaluation period, a member institution's basketball coaching staff may attend noninstitutional nonorganized events (e.g., pick-up games), institutional basketball camps per Bylaw 13.12.1.1 and noninstitutional organized events (e.g., camps, leagues, tournaments and festivals) that are certified per Bylaw 30.16.
 - iv. Bylaw 13.1.8.8-(c) **Coaches' Attendance at Basketball Events.** Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1 and shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. (Revised: 5/9/06)
 - v. (2) **Women's Basketball.** During prescribed evaluation periods, institutional coaching staff members may attend regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school or two-year college contests/tournaments and practices; noninstitutional, nonorganized events (pick-up games); institutional basketball camps per Bylaw 13.12.1.1; and noninstitutional organized events (e.g., camps, leagues, tournaments, festivals and organized team practices in preparation for a certified event) that are certified per Bylaw 30.16. The basketball event certification program is not applicable to noninstitutional organized events that are approved, sponsored or conducted by an applicable state, national or international governing body (e.g., intrastate and interstate high school basketball games, state high school all-star games, international competitions and practices associated with such contests). (Revised: 5/9/06, 10/23/07)