

Tsunami Volleyball – Recruiting

Where Do I Begin?

Develop a set of criteria that will help you decide what type of school you want to attend.

Criteria to think about:

- **Geography.** Think about where you would like to live for four years
- **Areas of study.** In what area of study do you think you might like to major? Do the schools that you are considering have those areas of study?
- **Is it a good school?** This is subject, but make sure the school fits your needs and will provide you with a solid education for your future.
- **Total Cost of Attendance.** If you are not receiving a full athletic scholarship, what will be your total cost of attendance once you have completed your degree? Is it worth it?
- **Ability.** Will your level of play fit in with the team? If you do not play, will that affect how you feel about your educational/athletic experience?
- **The Team's Level or Ability.** If your level exceeds the teams, will that affect how you feel about your experience? If you only win 10 matches in a season, will you still want to be a part of the team?
- **Style of Play.** Does the way the team play match the way you play? Can you fit your style to the team?
- **Personality of Team.** Take time to watch the way in which the players interact with each other and the coaching staff. You will be a part of that environment for four years. You want to

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- **Coaching Style.** Do you enjoy or dislike the way the coach interacts the players and the staff?
- **Travel Schedule and Manner of Travel.** Look at the way that the team travels and the manner in which they travel. Is it conducive to maintaining a good GPA? Will it negatively or positively affect the way you or the team plays? How many days of class do they miss? Will you be able to balance school and travel?
- **School Support?** Do the fans come out to watch? Does the college support the program in a manner which helps it win?
- **Off-season Requirements.** What will you be required to do during the off-season and during the summers?
- **Potential to Play.** Do you think you'll be able to play? What does the coach say about that? Attend a college where you will be happy to go regardless of your playing status.

Be realistic about your options. Don't be afraid to dream. However, you may want to look at a variety of schools so that you find the right fit.