



Illinois Premier Alliance

2018 College Education Night

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Numbers & Stats

	Men's Programs	Women's Programs
NCAA Division I	206	335
NCAA Division II	212	265
NCAA Division III	416	441
NAIA	202	202

The Main Goal of The College Recruiting Process Should Be To Find The School That Is The Right FIT For You



Recruiting Rules & Regulations

- First Allowable Dates and Frequency
 - Phone Calls
 - Email
 - Texting
 - Official/Unofficial Visits
 - In Person Contact



Eligibility Standards

- Each institution may have their own, but there are minimum standards for GPA, test score, and core course requirements that NCAA and NAIA have in place
 - Initial eligibility
 - Continuing eligibility
- NCAA Eligibility Center
 - Should be registered if you plan to pursue NCAA Division I or Division II options
 - www.eligibilitycenter.org



Financial Aid & Scholarships

- Athletic Aid
 - Division I scholarship maximums—9.9 for men; 14 for women
 - Division II scholarship maximums—9 for men; 9.9 for women
 - Division III scholarship maximums—None
 - NAIA scholarship maximums—12 for men; 12 for women
 - Junior College—Up to 24 (NJCAA Division I)



Financial Aid & Scholarships

- Academic Aid
- Grant Money
 - Pell Grants, FSEO grants, MAP Grants
- Private Scholarships
- Work-Study
- Loans
 - Student Loans--Subsidized vs. Unsubsidized
- FAFSA— www.fafsa.ed.gov
- www.scholarships.com –Great overall resource



Recruiting Process—Step 1

- Identify Potential Schools/Programs
 - The internet is your friend
 - Recruit Chute
 - Think about size, location, public/private, area of study as a starting point
 - Initial list of 10-15 schools
 - Research immediately anytime a college coach contacts you
- Watch College Soccer Games
- Timeline
 - Girls earlier than boys
 - Division I earlier than other levels



Recruiting Process—Step 2

- Contact Coaches
 - Email is your best bet
 - Introduce yourself (Name, HS, Grad year, Club, Position, Accolades, Academic interest, GPA, Test Score)
 - Mention something about their school or program (Recent wins, Last season's record, Conference affiliation, Strength of academic program)
 - Include upcoming schedule and make it as easy as possible for the coach to find when and where you will be playing (Date, Time, Field, etc.)
 - Ask about how the coach wants to proceed with the process



Recruiting Process—Step 3

- Communication/Follow-Up
 - Keep coaches posted on schedule updates and changes
 - Be timely in all responses
 - If a phone call gets set up, make sure you are available, and make sure you have a few questions prepared for the coach
- Unofficial/Official Visits
- ID Camps



Recruiting Process—Step 4

- Decision/Commitment
 - Be honest throughout the process
 - Be realistic (about your perceived level)
 - Consider as many factors as possible (this is likely the biggest decision up to this point in your life!)
 - Refer to next 3 slides
- Honor your commitment!



Academic Factors to Consider

- Institution Focus (Liberal Arts, etc.)
- Academic Dept. Rank
- Size (Undergraduate Student Enrollment)
- Major Pre-requisites
- Tuition (Resident / Non-Resident)
- Quarter / Semester System
- Admission GPA Standard
- Admission SAT / ACT Standard
- Coaching Staff Support
- Athletic Tutoring Program
- Team Philosophy
- Graduation Rate (Campus)
- Graduation rate (Team)
- Team Academic Recognition
- Team GPA
- Team Expectations
- Team Academic Atmosphere



Soccer Factors to Consider

- Affiliation (NCAA, NAIA, NJCAA)
- Conference Membership
- Scheduling History
- Coaching Staff Experience
- Coaching Staff (# Full/Part Time)
- Coaches Network
(Professional & Nat'l Team)
- Facilities
- Travel
- Ranking / Performance History
- Attendance
(Community Support)
- Team Atmosphere
(Player Perspective)
- Training Schedule
(NCAA traditional season)
- Training Schedule (Spring)
- Training Environment
- Coaches Interest (Recruit Level)
- Athletic Dept. Commitment
- Personnel Turnover (Team)
- Immediate Contribution
- Distribution of scholarship \$
- Playing Style (Team)



Social Factors To Consider

- Location
(Metro / Suburb / Rural)
- Ethnic Diversity
- Cultural Environment
- Distance from Family
- Recreational Activities
- Climate
- Campus Atmosphere
- Team Social Atmosphere
- Relationship with Teammates
- Expectations
- External Demands
- Distractions
- Support Systems
- Lifestyle Options



What Do Coaches Look For In Recruits?

- Technical
- Tactical
- Physical
- Mental
- Other “Intangibles”



Additional Tips

- Video
 - No full games—3:00-6:00 in length (Online, not a DVD)
 - Identify yourself in each clip—Arrow, circle, etc.
 - Think about all the different aspects that go into playing your position
 - Attacking and Defending, all various techniques, etc.
- This is Your Process!
 - DO NOT let your parents take over the process
 - You MUST be proactive throughout the process



Additional Tips

- DO NOT send mass mailings to coaches
 - It is okay to copy/paste 80% of the email, but change coach's name, school name, etc.
- Focus on your academics throughout high school
 - Access to schools
 - Academic scholarships
- Do NOT let your process be dominated by one factor
- Use the resources available to you in your club
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