



College Recruiting in 2023

Introduction

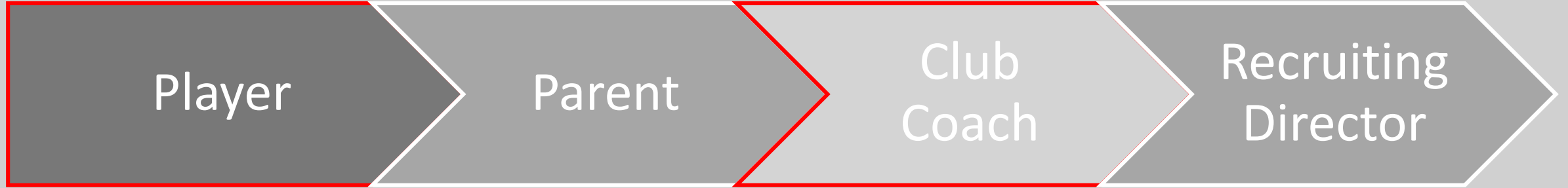
This information is updated throughout the year frequently to inform all players and families of changes to the college soccer landscape, recruiting processes, and the timeline of events.

Special Guest

College Coaches

College Players

Recruiting Expectation



- Research Schools
- Work with club coach on communication and playing level
- Zero in on top schools
- Reach out to college coaches on interest before/after events
- Attend College Clinics
- Visit campuses
- Be PREPARED when speaking with coaches
- Ask questions
- Train hard and be playing prepared
- Realistic goals

- Understand needs for your player -financially
- Schedule time to go over list of schools
- Visit campuses and attend meeting
- Communicate with club coach as needed
- Encourage your player to do the leg work and commutations with coaches
- Remove yourself from any communication with college coaches unless asked

- Communication with player on their playing level and areas for improvement for next level.
- Player Preparation for events to showcase
- Communication with college coaches before and after events.
- Team entrance into showcase events
- Continued player follow up with player and college coaches

- Work with player and family on their school interest.
- Help guide player to selecting schools at their level
- Provide information on the process and things they need to be doing at different stages
- Help establish contact with coaches, communicate with coaches on players interest, relay information to player.

Recruiting Time Line



- Learn about the process.
- Prepare initial list of schools.
- Concentrate on your academics and athletic development
- Begin a video reel
- Begin drafting recruiting letter to a coach

- Revise initial list of schools.
- Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- Revise your highlight video.
- Emails coaches before events
- Begin looking into ID Clinics

- Create a target list of schools.
- DI & DII phone calls and emails permitted June 15.
- Unofficial & Official visits permitted August 1.
- Verbal offers and commitments.

- National Letter of Intent signing day in November.
- DIII Official Visits begin January.
- Complete FAFSA after New Year.

Prepare the Process: Developing a List of Schools

Freshmen

- Focus on learning about the college process- academically & athletically
- Speak w/ your club coach about where you fit in w/ current team and your college aspirations.
- Attend an ID Clinic/ Camp to experience the level
- Begin thinking about your list- What is important to you?

Sophomore

- Register for the NCAA Eligibility Center
- Initiate contact with Institution coaches, expressing your interest, progress, schedule, etc.
- Invite them to attend games, provide highlight videos, etc.
- Map a plan to experience these schools through tours, ID Camps/ Clinics, game observations, etc.

Junior

- June 15th: Permissible contact with DI & DII coaches.
- Refine your original list to approx. 15-20 schools. Keep in mind, others may express interest in you.
- Plan visits
- Update highlight film.
- Continue your academic growth
- Take the SAT / ACT
- Eliminate schools that have not been responsive.

Senior

- Finalize your final interest list. Approx. 5 schools.
- Research school application deadlines
- Get clarity of interest and commitments from institution coaches.
- Sign National Letter of Intent (DI / DII) or Commitment Letter (DIII)
- January = Complete FAFSA



Video – VEO Systems

Are coaches really interested in evaluating players from video?

Sending video, and coaches watching video, has been a fantastic tool over the past few years. It is very useful when establishing an initial connection to a coach/program (think of it as a movie trailer) and continues to be so during ongoing evaluations by coaches that may have not yet seen a player play in person.

Each program recruits differently and therefore utilizes video differently throughout the recruiting process. Video doesn't replace in person recruiting.

What do players do if they don't have highlight video?

We have created a separate presentation on how to utilize your team VEO systems and game films to help you create your personal video. All players are encouraged to create an account on their teams VEO, and in some cases Trace, page. Any video footage can be used and created. There are a number of Do's and Don't's when creating video.

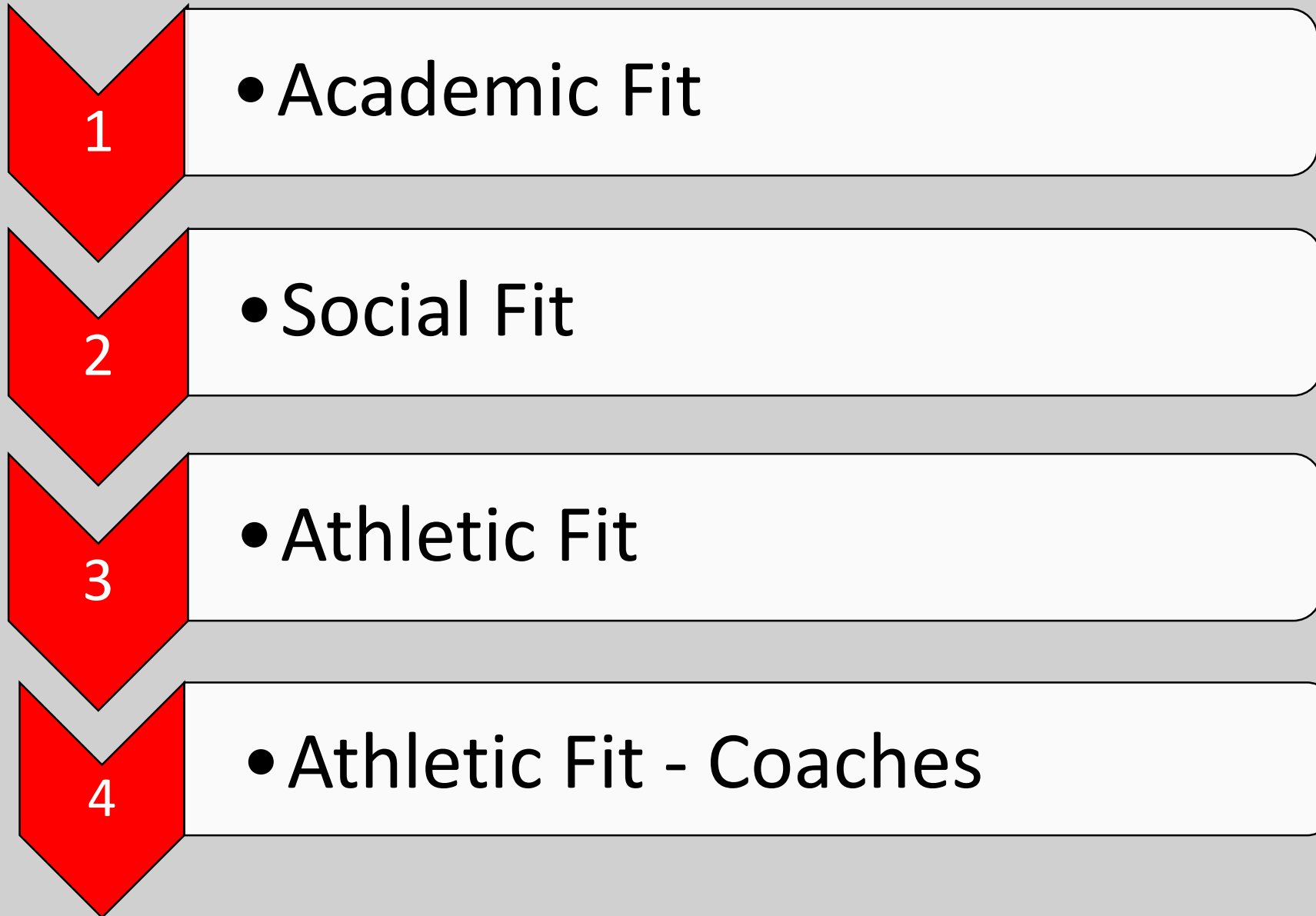
How to create a highlight video zoom sessions.

Session #1 - Sunday, December 10th @ 7:00pm

Session #2 – Sunday, December 17th @ 7:00pm

Zoom links will be sent out prior to these dates to all coaches and managers as well as through Team Snap messaging.

Developing Your List of Schools



College Player Guest

WELCOME

Jocelyn Myers

Sophomore

Eastern University



Academic Preparation

- Academics are the 1st indicator that college coaches will look at. Academics is a vital measuring tool when coaches assess fit at their institution.

- Take the SAT / ACT as often and early as possible. Having a standardized test score allows for conversation on a more “complete” portfolio. Scores are “superscored” which allows you to combine test scores.

UPDATE: Confirm if college accepts these.

- All 4 years of High School matters! Don't try to “turn it up” your Junior and/or Senior year.

DIVISION I ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

College-bound student-athletes enrolling at an NCAA Division I school need to meet academic requirements to practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship in their first year of full-time enrollment.

CORE-COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete 16 core courses in the following areas:

ENGLISH

4 years

MATH
(Algebra I
or higher)

3 years

**NATURAL/
PHYSICAL
SCIENCE**
(Including one
year of lab,
if offered)

2 years

ADDITIONAL
(English, math or
natural/physical
science)

1 year

**SOCIAL
SCIENCE**

2 years

**ADDITIONAL
COURSES**
(Any area listed
to the left, foreign
language or
comparative
religion/philosophy)

4 years



DIVISION II ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

College-bound student-athletes enrolling at an NCAA Division II school need to meet academic requirements to practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship in their first year of full-time enrollment.

CORE-COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete 16 core courses in the following areas:

ENGLISH

3 years

MATH
(Algebra I
or higher)

2 years

NATURAL/
PHYSICAL
SCIENCE
(Including one
year of lab,
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2 years

ADDITIONAL
(English, math or
natural/physical
science)

3 years

SOCIAL
SCIENCE

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Recruiting Timeline: ID Clinics



Attend an ID Camp to get a feel of how they operate

Attending an ID Camp may assist in revising your list and start a relationship with the coaching staff. Look for clinics with multiple programs in attendance.

Attend ID Camps at the top of your list. Follow up with the schools immediately

May be the last chance for you to be seen and considered.



Quick Facts: Athletic Scholarships



WOMEN:

- Scholarship = 14 Max
- Avg. Roster = 28
- Programs = 347 ↑

MEN:

- Scholarship = 9.9
- Avg. Roster = 26
- Programs = 211 ↓

WOMEN:

- Scholarship = 9.9
- Avg. Roster = 28
- Programs = 255

MEN:

- Scholarship = 9.0
- Avg. Roster = 28
- Programs = 230

WOMEN:

- Scholarship = 0.0
- Avg. Roster = 30+
- Programs = 430

MEN:

- Scholarship = 0.0
- Avg. Roster = 30+
- Programs = 410

WOMEN:

- Scholarship = 12
- Avg. Roster = 30+
- Programs = 200+

MEN:

- Scholarship = 12
- Avg. Roster = 35
- Programs = 200+

Note: Many Institutions are NOT fully funded



Some things to think about..



Average # of Recruits

The average number of recruits that a program brings in per year is SIX. $334 \text{ programs} \times 6 = 2,004 \text{ opportunities (DI Womens)}$

Percentage

There are roughly 100,000 HS senior soccer players. Therefore, approximately 2% will play DI, another 1.5% will play DII, and 2.6% for DIII.

Total Percentage

Approximately 6-7% of HS Girls and 5% of HS Boys will move on to play college soccer. There will be options for those who want to play, but SOCCER shouldn't be the only driving force.

Note

Soccer is a GLOBAL market. The above numbers do not include International recruiting.

What Are College Coaches Looking For In a Player

D1

- Athleticism
- Fitness (Top level)
- Commitment
- Work Ethic
- Character
- Technical Ability
- Tactical Awareness
- Time Management
- Game Understanding and Knowledge
- Special Quality you bring

D2

- Athleticism
- Fitness
- Pace
- Grit
- Commitment
- Work Ethic
- Character
- Technical Ability
- Tactical Awareness
- D1 Mentality
- Desire to compete

D3

- Athleticism
- Fitness
- Commitment
- Work Ethic
- Character
- Technical Ability
- Tactical Awareness
- Desired Level to complete
- Understanding of standards

College Coaches Panel Guest

WELCOME

Rick Stainton – UMBC Women

Don Overmier – Drexel University Women

George Crampton – DeSales University Men





Prepare the Process: Develop a Resume/Player Profile

What to include

- ❖ **PICTURE**- basic headshot or clear action shot
- ❖ **BASIC CONTACT INFO**- email, phone number, social media
- ❖ **ACADEMIC INFO**- HS, graduation year, SAT/ACT, awards & accolades
- ❖ **ATHLETIC INFO**- club & team name w/ year, jersey number, primary position, coach contact info, awards & accolades
 - ❖ **VIDEO LINK**- YouTube, DropBox, etc.
 - ❖ **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**- when can they see you next?

WE DO THIS AS A CLUB! Save a copy for your records!



Penn State



Herb Hand
@CoachHand

Dropped another prospect this AM due to his social media presence...Actually glad I got to see the 'real' person before we offered him.

Duke



Derek Jones @dukecoachdj · 14h

Our jobs depend on the young men that we recruit. Your social media pages say a lot about your character, discipline & common sense. #Ap2w

SMU



Coach Justin Stepp @coachjstepp · Jan 8

Came across an awful Twitter account today. Shame the kid was a really good player...On to the next one...get a clue!



FreeRecruitingWeb @FRWorg · 3h

College coaches are dropping recruits due to social media posts. What does your social media presence say about you?



Financial Reasoning

- Cost of Attendance is becoming more expensive by the year. Inflation is approximately 2-3% annually.
- It is vital that you look at how you can afford it, in the long term. It is not uncommon to graduate with student-loan debt.
- DI, DII, NAIA and JUCO schools can offer Athletic Aid (Scholarship) to student-athletes who coaches deem fit or worthy.
 - Restricted to NCAA, NAIA, JUCO allowances and University budget restrictions. (ie- not all institutions are “fully funded.”)
- Athletic Aid is awarded far less frequently when compared to Academic Merit Aid.
- Full Athletic Aid is extremely rare! For those who do receive, they are typically National Team players (domestic and international)

Contact / Visits

- **Contact / Communication:**

- DI and DII- Cannot communicate with a PSA until June 15 leading into your Junior year.
- DI and DII- On & After June 15, verbal offers and/ or commitments can be made.
- DI and DII- General camp/ clinic correspondence can be had at any time. No recruiting conversations can occur!
- DIII- No communication restrictions

- **Visits:**

- Official Visits- An institution is permitted to pay for all, or a portion of, the cost of the trip. PSA can have 1 official visit per institution. **PSA now have unlimited official visits.** **Previously had 5 total official visits
 - DI and DII- Visits can occur on / after August 1 leading into your Junior year.
 - DIII- Visits can occur on/after January 1 of your Junior year
- Unofficial Visits- At the expense of the PSA. PSA can have unlimited number of unofficial visits to institutions.
 - DI and DII- Visits can occur on / after August 1 leading into your Junior year.
 - DIII- Visits can occur anytime

Starting in January 2024

Monthly Zooms for Q&A



Presents:

The College Recruiting Corner

- Guest College Coaches
 - Updated Info
- And help with the process

Who's Next?

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Ryan Bell 2022 Boys Elite
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Alex Floyd 2022 Boys Elite
Committed to Salisbury University

