

RECRUITING 101

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RECRUITING MYTHS

- **WORKING HARD AND HAVING GOOD STATS WILL OPEN THE DOOR, I JUST HAVE TO WAIT FOR IT TO HAPPEN.**
- **RECRUITING DOESN'T START UNTIL SENIOR YEAR.**
- **“ ALL THESE LETTERS MEANS THAT I AM BEING RECRUITED.”**
- **ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS ARE FULL RIDES.**
- **GRADES DON'T MATTER UNTIL JR./SR. YEAR**
- **ALL COLLEGE SCOUTS ARE HONEST.**

RECRUITING FACTS

- **7%- 1 out 14 High School athletes compete at the collegiate level**
- **GRADES MATTER.**
- **Scholarships must be renewed each year. They are not guaranteed year to year.**
- **RECRUITING IS STRICTLY BUSINESS. DON'T TAKE IT PERSONAL.**
- **HAVING ANY OFFER IS A BLESSING.**
 - EK: HS Football to NCAA FOOTBALL IS 5.7%**
 - HS Basketball to NCAA BASKETBALL IS 3.0%**

4 TRAITS OF A RECRUITABLE ATHLETE

SIZE(HEIGHT/WEIGHT)

SPEED

SKILLS

HIGH COMPETITIVE DRIVE

****YOU MUST BE ELITE AT TWO OF THESE TO BE CONSIDERED A D-1 ATHLETE****

PLAY MULTIPLE SPORTS!!!!

COACHES LOVE TO RECRUIT COMPETITORS!

KIDS WHO PLAY MULTIPLE SPORTS ARE USUALLY SAVVY ENOUGH TO PLAY MULTIPLE POSITIONS, WHICH CREATES VALUE!!!

SEPARATE YOURSELF FROM THE PACK

Why athletes with average talent succeed:

1. Work hard
2. Coachable
3. Practice hard
4. Do all the little things well
5. Value their roles

Why talented athletes fail:

1. Don't work hard
2. Uncoachable
3. Listen to & have the wrong people in their circle
4. Selfish

TRAITS OF SUCCESSFUL STUDENT-ATHLETES

Why athletes with average talent succeed:

- 1. Self-Motivation**
- 2. Be Prepared**
- 3. Knowing the importance of teamwork**
- 4. Always think positive**
- 5. The pure will to win**

IT TAKES MORE THAN TALENT

- STOP BEING LATE TO CLASS.***
 - STOP SKIPPING REPS IN THE WEIGHT ROOM.***
 - STOP EATING JUNK FOOD AND DRINKING SODAS.***
 - STOP NOT CARING ABOUT GRADES.***
 - BE COMPETITIVE IN EVERYTHING YOU DO.***
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- 33% OF NCAA COLLEGE ATHLETES EITHER QUIT OR ARE ASKED TO LEAVE BEFORE THEY GRADUATE.***

COLLEGE ATHLETIC DIVISIONS



DIVISION 1

Division 1 Colleges- (347 schools)

(D-1's can offer both academic & athletic scholarships. Scholarships can also be stacked)

D-1 offers are NOT always committable-

Example: University of Texas-NLY 25 athletes CAN COMMIT. Always ask if the offer is a committable offer.

MUST HAVE 16 CORE CLASSES TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR D1 -per NCAA.

D-1 College Examples: University of Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Christian University, Stephen F. Austin

DIVISION 1 CONTINUED

BASEBALL 11.7, SOFTBALL 12, M. BASKETBALL 13, W. BASKETBALL 15 FOOTBALL 85 (FCS 65), M. GOLF 4.5 , W. GOLF 6

M. SOCCER 9.9, W. SOCCER 14 , M. TRACK 12.6, W TRACK 18 , VOLLEYBALL 12 , M TENNIS 8, W. TENNIS 8

DIVISION 2

Division 2 Colleges- (312 schools)

D2's can offer both athletic & academic scholarships. Stacked scholarships are contingent on the school

D-2 College Examples:

West Texas A&M University, Angelo State University, University of Texas- Permian Basin

DIVISION 2

**BASEBALL-9, SOFTBALL-7.2, M. BASKETBALL-10, W.
BASKETBALL-10, FOOTBALL-36, M. GOLF-3.6, W. GOLF-5.4,**

**M. SOCCER-9, W. SOCCER-9.9, M. TRACK-12.6, W TRACK-12.6
M TENNIS-4.5, W TENNIS-8, VOLLEYBALL-8**

DIVISION 3

- **Division 3 Colleges- (442 schools)
(D3's can't offer athletic scholarships. Only academic scholarships/grants)**
- **DON'T AUTOMATICALLY WRITE OFF DIII PROGRAMS BECAUSE THEY DON'T OFFER ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS. THEY CAN OFFER ENOUGH GRANTS AND NON-ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS THAT OFTEN MAKE THE COST OF ATTENDING LESS THAN A D1 OR D2.**
- **40% of all NCAA athletes compete D3 (largest population division)**
- **6 players in the 2023 MLB Draft**
- **D3 College Examples - McMurry University, Howard Payne University, ETBU- East Texas Baptist University**



- **NAIA Colleges- (250 schools)**

NAIA's can offer both athletic & academic scholarships.

NAIA scholarships can only be stacked contingent of the college. (Similar to D-2)

NAIA College Examples:

Texas Wesleyan University, Wayland Baptist University, SAGU (Southwestern Assemblies of God)



**BASEBALL-12. SOFTBALL-10, M. BASKETBALL-10, W.
BASKETBALL-10, FOOTBALL-24, M. GOLF-5,W. GOLF-5,**

**M. SOCCER-12, W. SOCCER-12, M. TRACK-12, W TRACK-12,
M TENNIS-5, W TENNIS-5, VOLLEYBALL-8**

"JUCO"

- **1,132 JUCO PROGRAMS (OFFER BOTH ATHLETIC & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS)**
- **JUCO'S DO NOT HAVE THE SAME RULES AS NCAA. THEIR PRACTICE TIMES/GAME RESTRICTIONS AREN'T AS STRICT.**
- **MOST OF THE TIME THE TOUGHEST KIDS IN COLLEGE ATHLETICS COME FROM JUCO**
- **JUCO COLLEGE EXAMPLES: BLINN COLLEGE, CISCO COLLEGE, TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE**

DO NOT WRITE OFF A JUCO PROGRAM. JUCOS ARE USUALLY LOADED AND ARE A LANDING SPOT FOR MANY LEGIT D-1 PROSPECTS WHO DO NOT HAVE THE GRADES.



**BASEBALL-24. SOFTBALL-24, M. BASKETBALL-15,
W. BASKETBALL-15, FOOTBALL-85, M. GOLF-8,W. GOLF-8,**

**M. SOCCER-24, W. SOCCER-24, M. TRACK-20, W TRACK-20,
M TENNIS-9, W TENNIS-9, VOLLEYBALL-14**

ATTITUDE

-DON'T "BIG TIME" A COACH

-COACHES MOVE ALL THE TIME.

TALK TO AS MANY COLLEGE COACHES, IN AS MANY DIVISIONS AS YOU CAN. YOU NEVER KNOW WHERE SOME OF THESE COACHES MIGHT BE IN THE FUTURE

-COACHES HAVE CONNECTIONS

HOW YOU REPRESENT- REFLECTS THE FUTURE.

- YOUR CHOICES REFLECT THE SCHOOL THAT YOU CAME FROM.

-YOUR CHOICES REFLECT ON A FUTURE TAYLOR RECRUIT.

- WE LOVE YOU & MISS YOU..... BUT STAY THERE.

- RECRUITING ISN'T JUST TAKING A PICTURE ON SIGNING DAY... COMMIT FOR THE LONG RUN.

BE REAL WITH YOURSELF!

-What is your “WHY?”

-What does a scholarship mean to you?

-High School Sports= Hobby OR College Sports=JOB

"WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO BE RECRUITED?"

YOU ARE THE BIGGEST TOOL IN YOUR RECRUITMENT!

- **Ultimately your recruiting process is in your hands.**
- **Be willing to do the hard part of recruiting- emails, messages, questionnaires, etc.**

FINDING THE "FIT"- COLLEGE SEARCH

- **Does this school offer my major?**
- **Search the college rosters. DO YOU LOOK LIKE THEM?**
- **Does this college fit my financial needs?**
- **Is this a place I want to live for the next 2-4 years?**

DO NOT fall in love with a school strictly because of the coaching staff. It is great if you love the coaches, but loving the school is important also.

***The Transfer Portal is a lonely place...**

HOW CAN SCHOOLS DISCOVER ME SOONER?

-CAMPS

-SHOWCASES

-TWITTER/SOCIAL MEDIA

-HS COACHES

-RECRUITING QUESTIONNAIRES

WHEN CAN SCHOOLS CONTACT ME?

RECRUITING CALENDARS:

<https://www.ncaa.org/sports/2018/5/8/division-i-and-ii-recruiting-calendars.aspx>

SOCIAL MEDIA

 **Jeremy Hawkins** 
@CoachJHawkins

PSA:  RECRUITS  Use your real name in your Twitter handle, not a nickname. It makes it easier for college coaches to find you and contact you. [#GeauxTigers](#)

1:38 PM · Dec 22, 2018 · Twitter for iPhone

 **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.

7:19 AM · Jul 30, 2014 · Twitter Web Client

3.8K Retweets **1** Quote Tweet **1.8K** Likes

SOCIAL MEDIA

-MOST COLLEGE COACHES USE TWITTER(X)

-IN YOUR BIO HAVE YOUR: CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER, GPA, TEST SCORES, HEIGHT, WEIGHT, SPEED, STATS, ACCOLADES(ACADEMIC & ATHLETIC)

-DO NOT POST ANYTHING VULGAR OR DEROGATORY!

-RETWEET/CONTACT AS MANY COACHES AS YOU CAN!

LOOK BEFORE YOU HIT SEND!

BEFORE SENDING YOUR FILM TO A CERTAIN SCHOOL, WATCH, VIEW, AND STUDY WHO THEY TOOK AT YOUR POSITION LAST CLASS. USE THEM AS THE STANDARD OF WHAT THEY'RE POSSIBLY LOOKING FOR IN YOUR POSITION.

-TRACK/XC = TIMES

-GOLF= SCORES

COLLEGE CAMPS/SHOWCASES

- **COLLEGES WANT TO FIND OUT WHO CAN'T PLAY AT CAMPS, THEY ALREADY KNOW WHO CAN.**
- **BE REALISTIC.**
- **ALWAYS HAVE A COPY OF YOUR TRANSCRIPTS/TEST SCORES WITH YOU.**
- **ATTEND CAMPS, BUT DON'T OVER DO IT.**
- **CALL/EMAIL COLLEGES AND LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE COMING.**
- **BE SURE TO SEND FILM BEFORE YOU GO.**
- **LET YOUR HS COACH KNOW YOU'RE GOING**

RECRUITING QUESTIONNAIRES

- **FREE EXPOSURE! Fill out every questionnaire you can!**
- **College programs have recruiting questionnaires for potential prospects to fill out to express interest in that college athletic program.**
- **Questionnaires allow college coaches to collect important information and save you in their database.**

HOW TO MESSAGE COLLEGE RECRUITERS

Dear Coach,

My name is _____and I am very interested in competing for your program at the next level. I am a 2024 recruit from Taylor High School in Taylor, Texas. My Core GPA is ___ on a 4.0 scale and my test scores are____. Attached is a link to my highlights. Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope to speak with you soon about the potential of joining your program.

Thank you,

(Name)

(NCAA Clearinghouse #)

(Phone Number)

Good email: jdoe@yahoo.com

*Bad email: bigdogparty@yahoo.com**

HOW TO TALK TO COLLEGE RECRUITERS

MISS SCHOOL= MISS AN OPPORTUNITY

- Firm Handshake
- Dress appropriate
- Be prepared to give the coaches your current height and weight.
- Be prepared to give them your strengths and weakness to your game.
- Know your STATS, GPA, and Test Scores
- Study the schools you are interested in so you can drop some information on them. It will impress them.

HELPFUL COMMENTS “Coach, I love the weight room.” “I had great stats, but most importantly I’m hungry to win.”

BE PREPARED TO HEAR "NO!"

“No” from a school doesn’t mean you aren’t good enough to play at the next level.

“No” doesn’t mean give up.

“No” means you aren’t a fit for THAT school. That doesn’t mean you aren’t a fit for other schools.

DON'T STRESS THE STARS



- ***STARS OR RANKINGS AREN'T A MAKE OR BREAK FOR ANY SPORT.***
- ***ARTICLES AREN'T GOING TO GET YOU A SCHOLARSHIP.***
- ***BE PROUD OF THOSE THINGS, BUT THEY WON'T MAKE OR BREAK YOU...SO DON'T LET THEM GET YOU DISCOURAGED.***

BE SMART!

- **Coaches are watching Social Media.**
- **Don't take money to participate in any sports.**
- **Understand the total amount of scholarships given by each sport.**
- **Find a place you will feel the most comfortable regardless of size.**
- **Be Realistic!!!**

TRANSFER PORTAL

GO WHERE YOU ARE CELEBRATED NOT TOLERATED.

- **17% of athletes that enter the transfer portal successfully find “NEW” homes.**
 - **Know when you’re a priority for a school.**
 - **DO NOT get lost in the hype over logos.**

UNOFFICIAL VISITS

YOU CAN TAKE AN UNLIMITED AMOUNT. THEY CAN OCCUR ANYTIME EXCEPT FOR DEAD PERIODS START DURING YOUR FRESHMAN YEAR. NO TIME LIMIT OR LENGTH COLLEGES CAN'T PAY FOR LODGING, TRAVEL OR MEALS.

OFFICIAL VISITS

- **A visit financed in whole or in part by an institution.**
- **5 D1; unlimited Division II and III NAIA & JUCO**
- **Colleges must have a transcript, test score and you must be registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center.**
- **Can not exceed 48 hours.**

CONTACT PERIODS

What is a contact?

A contact occurs any time a college coach says more than hello during a face-to-face contact with a college-bound student-athlete or his or her parents off the college's campus.

What is a contact period?

During a contact period a college coach may have face-to-face contact with college-bound student-athletes or their parents, watch student-athletes compete and visit their high schools, and write or telephone student-athletes or their parents.

DEAD PERIODS

What is a dead period?

During a dead period a college coach may not have face-to-face contact with college-bound student-athletes or their parents, and may not watch student-athletes compete or visit their high schools. Coaches may write and telephone student-athletes or their parents during a dead period.

What are recruiting calendars?

Recruiting calendars help promote the well-being of prospective student-athletes and coaches and ensure competitive equity by defining certain time periods in which recruiting may or may not occur in a particular sport.

Recruiting Calendar for all sports:

<https://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/resources/recruiting-calendars/division-i-and-ii-recruiting-calendars>

EVALUATION PERIOD

What is an evaluation period?

During an evaluation period a college coach may watch college-bound student-athletes compete, visit their high schools, and write or telephone student-athletes or their parents. However, a college coach may not have face-to-face contact with college-bound student-athletes or their parents off the college's campus during an evaluation period.

QUIET PERIOD

What is a quiet period?

During a quiet period, a college coach may only have face-to-face contact with college-bound student-athletes or their parents on the college's campus. A coach may not watch student-athletes compete (unless a competition occurs on the college's campus) or visit their high schools. Coaches may write or telephone college-bound student-athletes or their parents during this time.

ACT/SAT TEST

- In order to go D1, D2, D3, NAIA YOU MUST TAKE THE ACT/SAT
- If you qualify for free lunch you can receive a waiver to take each test for free twice.
- If an athlete receives Special Education accommodations in school, they can also get them for each test.
- You can't sign with a school from the divisions above if you haven't taken the test.
- Goal is to take the test your junior year.

DIVISION I FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE				DIVISION I FULL QUALIFIER SLIDING SCALE			
Core GPA	New SAT*	Old SAT (Prior to 3/2016)	ACT Sum	Core GPA	New SAT*	Old SAT (Prior to 3/2016)	ACT Sum
3.690	400	400	37	3.750	810	720	59
3.525	410	410	38	3.725	820	730	60
3.500	420	420	39	3.700	830	740	61
3.475	440	430	40	3.675	840	750	61
3.450	460	440	41	3.650	850	760	62
3.425	470	450	41	3.625	860	770	63
3.400	480	460	42	3.600	860	780	64
3.375	500	470	42	3.575	870	790	65
3.350	520	480	43	3.550	880	800	66
3.325	530	490	44	3.525	890	810	67

GRADES

- **D1 & D2-** work on the NCAA Sliding Scale (Athletes must test in either the ACT/SAT)
Most schools have higher academic requirements for admission
- **NAIA-** The NCAA sliding scale doesn't apply but you still have to meet the schools academic requirements & test in either the ACT/SAT
- **D3-** There are no athletic scholarships. GRADES ARE A MUST.
- **JUCO-** Must have a High School diploma. SAT/ACT are not required.

NO MATTER THE DIVISION... THE HIGHER THE GRADES THE MORE MONEY YOU GET.

NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

DIVISION I QUALIFIER 2021-22

10/7 Meet core-course progression before starting the 7th semester.
Make: Students certified as early as an international credential is exempt from core-course progression.

16 Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.

GPA ≥ 2.3 Earn a core-course GPA ≥ 2.3 in those required subject areas.

Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

Athletics Aid

Practice

Complete

DIVISION I EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER 2021-22

Applied based on pre-seventh semester academic record

14 Complete 14 core-course units in the required subject areas.

GPA ≥ 3.0 Earn a core-course GPA ≥ 3.0 in those required subject areas.

Athletics Aid

Practice

Complete



Registration Checklist

TAKE YOUR FIRST STEP TO BECOMING AN NCAA STUDENT-ATHLETE

If you want to play NCAA sports at a Division I or II school, you must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org. Plan to register during your freshman year of high school.

NON-NCAA QUALIFIER

A high-school athlete who is classified as an *NCAA Non-Qualifier*:

- Cannot receive an athletic scholarship during their freshman year unless the requirements for “Academic Redshirt” are met.
 - Will NOT be eligible to compete with the team during their freshman year.
 - Will not be eligible to practice with the team or attend weight training with their team.

JUCO NCAA NON-QUALIFIER

High-school athletes who go to a JUCO their freshman year as an *NCAA Non-Qualifier*:

- Will NOT be eligible to transfer to a Division I program after just one year.
 - Will have more extensive academic requirements at the JUCO to be immediately eligible upon transfer to a Division I program (more required junior college courses).

NLI- NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT

- ***THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SIGNING & VERBALLY COMMITTING.***
- ***PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS AGREE TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL AID FOR ONE ACADEMIC YEAR TO THE STUDENT-ATHLETE AS LONG AS THE STUDENT-ATHLETE IS ADMITTED TO THE SCHOOL AND IS ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL AID UNDER NCAA RULES. OTHER FORMS OF FINANCIAL AID DO NOT GUARANTEE THE STUDENT-ATHLETE FINANCIAL AID.***
- ***SIGNING AN NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT ENDS THE RECRUITING PROCESS SINCE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS ARE PROHIBITED FROM RECRUITING STUDENT-ATHLETES WHO HAVE ALREADY SIGNED LETTERS WITH OTHER PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS.***
- ***A STUDENT-ATHLETE WHO HAS SIGNED A NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT MAY REQUEST A RELEASE FROM HIS OR HER CONTRACT WITH THE SCHOOL. IF A STUDENT-ATHLETE SIGNS A NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT WITH ONE SCHOOL BUT ATTENDS A DIFFERENT SCHOOL, HE OR SHE WILL LOSE ONE FULL YEAR OF ELIGIBILITY AND MUST COMPLETE A FULL ACADEMIC YEAR AT THEIR NEW SCHOOL BEFORE BEING ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE.***

SIGNING DAY!!!!!!

RECRUITING 101- CATCH UP

1. FILM/HUDL

2. NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE

3. EMAILS

4. IF YOU PLAY MULTIPLE SPORTS- POST MULTIPLE SPORTS

5. FOLLOW COACHES

IF YOU NEED 1 ON 1 HELP....

- **EMAIL ONE OF US & WE WILL SET UP A TIME TO HELP YOU.**

**-HUDL, EMAILS, QUESTIONNAIRES, SAT/ACT, CAMPS,
CLEARINGHOUSE, “WHAT ELSE CAN I DO TO HELP MYSELF GET
RECRUITED?”**

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