

The Recruiting Process Do's and Don'ts

1 Do get some type of binder to keep recruiting materials organized. In this binder you should be able to access all the information about the colleges you have some interest in or that have an interest in you.

Don't send a letter to a coach with the wrong name of the coach or the wrong name of the school.

Do make a list of schools **2** that have athletics and academics that best suit you.

Don't tell a school that they are at the top of your list if it's not true.

3 Do send coaches your updated sports schedules and results from previous games.

Don't over estimate your athletic abilities. The last thing you want is to be somewhere that the level is not within your reach.

Do have a list of credible references coaches can contact **4**.

Don't leave a message for a college coach on a machine asking them to return your call. Leave a message and tell the coach you will try to reach them again.

5 Do attend as many college games as possible. This allows you to catch a coach's attention by discussing a particular game.

Don't ask a coach if you can take an official visit if they haven't shown any interest with phone calls.

Do have a reference **6** make a phone call on your behalf, particularly a person in contact with the college game, or a top club.

Don't have your parents call and tell the coach that you are a great player or ask about available scholarship money.

7 Do be as personable as possible when you speak to coaches. They are interested in you as a player as much as they are interested in you as a person.

Don't show negative traits during a game such as bad temperament towards teammates, officials or fans.

8 Do speak positively about other programs or coaches you have encountered.

Don't ever use a scholarship offer with one school to bargain another, many coaches will pull their offer off the table if you do.

Do make your name **9** known to the coach. If you send one letter with a schedule don't expect that will open the door.

Don't do mass mailings to all colleges. Coaches know the difference between a letter that is school specific and something generic.

10 Do stay on top of your academics. Many coaches will stop or never even start the process if they feel like too much energy will be spent with you to be admitted to their school.

Don't be afraid during the recruiting process to ask if the school has financial assistance.

Questions to Ask a College Coach

1. What division is your team in; what leagues are they in; and who is your biggest rival?
2. What kind of financial aid do your players receive? Does your program give scholarships?
3. When and for how long do you practice? If I have late labs, can I be late for practice? What is the in-season daily schedule?
4. How many players do you carry on the squad? Are there sub-varsity teams and how many games do they play?
5. Do you cut players?
6. Is there a study hall for athletes? Are tutors available? Is help offered to student athletes in the course selection process?
7. What type of athlete do you look for in a student?
8. What do you see as your program's greatest strengths over other programs?
9. Do you encourage your athletes to live together, or do you want them spread out throughout the campus?
10. How do you see the program's chances for success in the future?
11. What is your off-season training schedule?



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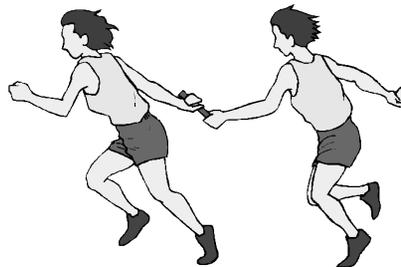
Here is a list of web sites with
information regarding college athletics

<http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net>

This web site provides information
about Division I and Division II initial
Clearinghouse eligibility requirements
and registration process.

<http://www.ncaa.org> Information
regarding eligibility for college bound
athletes

<http://www.naia.org> National
Association of Intercollegiate Athletics
home page



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