

The Pacesetter Soccer Club

High School Players –
College Recruiting
Information

Types of Higher Learning Institutions

- State Institutions
 - State funded
 - Traditionally Lower tuitions
 - Higher tuitions for out of state students
- Private Institutions
 - Privately funded
 - May have religious affiliation
 - May have higher admission requirements
- US Service Academies
 - 4 Years of education given in return for 5 yrs enlisted service
- State & Private Military Academies
 - 4 year educational institution
- JR College
 - 2 year program, Often have much lower tuition costs

College Playing Options/Programs

NCAA	NAIA	NJCAA	
Division I	I level	Level - I	
Division 2	4yr. program	Level – 3	
Division 3	State	Jr. college	
4yr. program	Private	2yr. program	
State		Path to NCAA	
Private			
Military			

College Playing Options/Programs

- NCAA
 - Stricter recruiting rules for D1 & D2
 - Various academic requirements for PSA
 - Difference between D1, D2 and D3
- NAIA
 - Different recruiting rules from NCAA
 - Various academic requirements for PSA
- NJCAA
 - Many NCAA athletes are recruited from JR colleges

Soccer Programs

Programs/Level	Women's	Men's
NCAA – Division 1	334 programs $334 \times 14 = 4676$	206 Programs $206 \times 9 = 1854$
NCAA – Division 2	273 Programs $273 \times 9.9 = 2702$	213 Programs $213 \times 9 = 1917$
NCAA – Division 3	400+ Programs	400+ programs
NAIA	200+ programs	200+ programs
NJCAA	150+ Programs	150+ Programs

College Recruiting in Soccer

- Only the top players are heavily recruited by college coaches (national teams)
- The majority of all college soccer players play in college due to their “self” recruitment efforts

College Soccer Scholarships

- Very few athletes receive a “full ride” athletic scholarship in soccer
- Money for soccer players comes from:
 - Pell Grants
 - Academic Scholarships
 - Personal (family) money
 - Athletic money
 - Student Loans

Soccer Scholarships Available

Programs/Level	Women's	Men's
NCAA – Division 1	14	9.9
NCAA – Division 2	9.9	9
NCAA – Division 3	None	None
NAIA	12	12
NJCAA	16	16

Additional Scholarships

- Not every player receives athletic money so research other avenues. There is money out there for non-sports related talents also.
- Academic
- Musical
- Leadership
- Ethnic/Religion
- Outside Scholarships
- Research

College Recruiting in Soccer

- Process starts with Player
 - Player must create a resume based upon
 - Academics
 - Class Rank/ACT scores/SAT scores
 - Extracurricular activities
 - Club Soccer

College Recruiting in Soccer

- Role of Parents

- To encourage direct involvement by student athlete in gathering and distributing information relative to their college search.
- Do not write on behalf of your son/daughter.
- Do not be a helicopter parent.
- College Coaches recruit the family. Be a positive influence on your child's progress.

2018/2019 NEW RULES

- D1 does not allow for Freshmen and Sophomores to be recruited
- Official Visits Start Sept 1st Junior Year
- Unofficial Visits Start Sept 1st Junior Year
- D1 allows for any player to be granted a release at any time to any program. D2 does not allow this
- Signing Day has moved for D1 and D2 to November. Prospects have 7 days to sign an NLI from the date its issued

Freshman Year Boys and Girls

- Study hard to be a good student.
- It is very hard to raise your GPA as a senior!
- Do some academic planning take right courses.
- Consider any Advanced Placement (AP) courses.
- Play for a Top Club (Pacesetter) that gives you exposure.
- Sit down with Club Coach/DOC and ask for guidance
- Fill out collegefitfinder.com profile

Soph Year Boys and Girls

- Study hard to be a good student.
- It is very hard to raise your GPA as a senior!
- Do some academic planning take right courses.
- Consider any Advanced Placement (AP) courses.
- Play for a Top Club (Pacesetter) that gives you exposure.
- Sit down with Club Coach/DOC and ask for guidance
- Continue to update collegefitfinder.com and send profile to coaches

Soph Year

- Begin studying colleges for educational interests and soccer programs.
- Get a Map of where you want to go to school
- Look for schools with your academic interests
- Develop a list of schools of academic interest - where you could play.
- Contact admissions offices and set up visits
- Do web searches regarding the school, academics and athletics
- Have somebody shoot video footage of you in games.
- Send your package & email to each Head and Asst. Coach on your list.
- Include your resume, YouTube video, transcripts and game/Tournament schedules
- Go to camps at schools of interest

Soph Year

- Take the SAT and ACT if you have not already done so. When you sign up for the ACT or SAT use code 9999 to have your scores sent directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. You must pass certain high school core courses and score a minimum score on either the SAT or ACT test in order to be certified to participate in NCAA Division I or II athletics as a college freshman. The fee to register is \$90 for domestic and \$150 for International the booklets with the form inside are available in most high school guidance offices. Your counselors can obtain registration materials, at no cost, by calling the clearinghouse at 877 262 1492. A list of instructions, questions and answers and approved core courses is on-line at web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/common/ If you have particular questions about the NCAA Eligibility Center, please write to: NCAA Eligibility Center, P.O. Box 7136, Indianapolis, IN 46207
- Follow NCAA Rules and make sure you are good academically

Soph

- Keep a list of all the college soccer coaches who respond to you.
- Keep notes on your conversations with coaches, if any.
- No response from a top choice? Remember coaches CAN NOT call you until 9/1 of your Junior Jnr but you can call coaches
- Set up unofficial visits with admissions to schools you are most interested in.
- Narrow your list of choices down to maximum of 5 schools.
- Watch colleges play so you can see the style of play
- Sit down with Club Coach or DOC and ask for help

Junior Year

- Begin studying colleges for educational interests and soccer programs.
- Get a Map of where you want to go to school
- Look for schools with your academic interests
- Develop a list of schools of academic interest - where you could play.
- Contact admissions offices and set up visits
- Do web searches regarding the school, academics and athletics
- Have somebody shoot video footage of you in games.
- Send your package & email to each Head and Asst. Coach on your list.
- Include your resume, YouTube video, transcripts and game/Tournament schedules
- Go to camps at schools of interest

Junior Year

- Keep a list of all the college soccer coaches who respond to you.
- Keep notes on your conversations with coaches, if any.
- No response from a top choice? Call the Coach and resend your material. Still no response move on!
- Set up official visits with coaches and admissions to schools you are most interested in. Meet the coaches and do your research!
Sept 1st Junior year max 5 visits (different schools) over 2 years
- Narrow your list of choices down to maximum of 5 schools.
- Watch colleges play so you can see the style of play
- Sit down with Club Coach or DOC and ask for help

Snr Year

- Keep working hard in the classroom.
- Meet coaches and analyze the team to see if you fit
- Which schools did you like? big, little, rural, city, etc. which programs?
- Send in your applications and be aware of deadlines
- Keep in touch with admissions departments and college soccer coaches.
- After January 1st, fill out all financial aid documents.
- Continue to follow up with admissions offices, financial office & coaches until decisions are made.

Snr Year Contd

- Review any new possibilities that present themselves (sudden interest from a different coach, etc.)
- Review all offers of admission and financial aid.
- Revisit or make official/formal visits to schools you are most interested in.
- Pick the school with the best combination: education, financial aid, right soccer program for you.

Other Recruiting Tools

- Camps
- YouTube Video
- Showcase events

How we, as a club, can help

- Showcase Events and MRL
- Meeting with Coach/DOC
- Club reputation
- Recommendations
- College Contacts

NCAA Information & Important Dates

- Recruitable SA (first day freshman year)
- Email permissible Sept 1 jnr. year
- Phone calls permissible July 1 prior to snr. year
- You can contact coaches at ANY time, but be aware coaches may NOT always be able to return the call.
- Official V Unofficial Visit
- Qualifier V Non Qualifier

NCAA Information & Important Dates ctd.

- Importance of academics
- Phone calls from coaches to prospects are not allowed until 9/1 of their Jnr year
- Eligibility Center
- Importance of 3.5GPA in Core

Scholarships

- Athletic
- Academic
- Partial V Full Ride
- Outside money/communication
- Timeframe Men V Women
- Don't be bullied

Social Networking

- Be very careful
- What you put out there everyone can see
- Can take years to clear your information and name
- Directly or indirectly can be a problem (what friends put on facebook)
- Coaches will research your background
- Coaches will search your friends background
- Can have a positive or a negative factor
- Breaking the law/Hazing/Illegal substances/uncompromising pictures
- Northwestern University (Soccer Coach fired program suspended)
- BadJocks.com
- Loss of scholarship
- Kicked out of school