

College Recruiting

How to make it work for your
Student Athlete

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How to be Seen

- Recruiting Camps
 - Get your application in early because they fill up fast
- Make sure your information is correct when filling out your forms
- Wear the same helmet colors at each camp easier identification (boys)
- Tell players to play hard and not to worry about mistakes

How to Contact Coaches

- E-Mail
 - Only send one at a time
 - Proof read the entire e-mail to make sure everything is correct including Coaches Name and the College
- Regular Mail
 - Takes a little longer but still very effective
 - Again Proof read for mistakes and only send what really matters
- Telephone
 - Great way to actually talk to the Coach to start a dialogue
 - Draw back is that the Coach may not have any information on you so it could be a very short conversation
 - Best thing to do is make a telephone call after you send your information

What to send Coaches

- Letter of introduction
 - Include why you like the school and maybe how you heard of the school
- Unofficial Transcript and SAT/ACT scores that has your senior year classes if they are available
- Resume with important information
 - Complete School and Home Mailing Address
 - E-mail- Home Phone – Cell Phone of the Prospective Player and Coach
 - List all Work Experience and High School Academic and Athletic Accomplishments
- Game Video with your name, number and jersey color on the video or DVD
 - Combination of highlight and full game against a good opponent is preferred

Time Frame for Visits and the Different Types of Visits

- Unofficial Visits (You pay your expenses) –
 - Summer before Senior year at the latest
 - Usually entails campus tour and meeting with Coaching Staff
- Pick your top 4 or 5 schools and spend the night on an Official Visit in the fall of your senior year (School pays your expenses)
 - Usually entails meals and housing for the duration of your visit with a current student athlete.
 - You could sit in on a class or have a campus tour if you did not do so on your unofficial visit
- If the prospective student athlete is playing a fall sport it is imperative that the unofficial visits are done during the summer and it maybe harder to do an official visit

Making a Decision on what College to attend

- Find the best “Fit” for you
- How you feel about the school and the people at the school is more important than the Coach
- Financial aspect of College is always apart of the equation (Not many full rides in Division I or II)
- Look at school through the eyes of a non-athlete first and you make the right decision

Things to Think About

- What is my objective in my College search?
 - Go to best academic institution or best lacrosse institution or both?
- What are my limitations?
 - Financial?
 - Distance from home?
- Where is this school going to put me five or ten years after graduation?
 - Graduate School
 - Job Placement in your major
- How the College Coach treats me in the recruiting process is probably how I will be treated for the next four years