



The College Recruiting Process It's Important To Do Your Part

I. Player Expectations & Responsibilities

- a. Be respectful on Social Media
- b. College coaches are requesting URL information to athlete's Facebook accounts as well as their handle names on Twitter and Instagram.
- c. They are also revoking scholarships or passing on players all together based on information they see on social media. Remember re-tweeting, liking, sharing or being tagged in inappropriate and negative posts is the same as posting it yourself.
- d. Always speak eloquently when conversing with college coaches.
- e. If a coach emails or calls you, always be respectful and courteous. Always say thank you even if they do not have openings or if you are not interested. Respond to emails in a timely manner. Coaches are busy so always be appreciative of their time.
- f. Set up a special email account for recruiting.
Example: AmyAnderson2018@gmail.com
- g. Complete your Sports Recruits & Field Level Profiles.
- h. Coaches watch warm-ups to see how players interact with their coaches and teammates. They also watch interactions between players and parents to see if the player is respectful etc. They watch parents to see if they are overbearing, supportive etc. The behavior of parents on the sidelines can have a positive or negative effect on your recruiting process.
- i. Consider all schools in which you are interested. Narrow down your schools to 20-25. If you have a specific major and want to search for schools with that major, use the **Big Future** tool at <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>. You must sign up for College Board first. Free of charge.
- j. Make sure your SportsEngine account is updated. Email info@360volleyball.com if your profile information needs to be adjusted.

II. Interest Letter/Email to College Coaches

- a. When expressing interest in the college program keep emails short and sweet! In the subject line include: Name, Graduation Year, GPA, and Position. Make sure ALL emails remain professional. Use proper grammar and punctuation (spell check is your best friend). Explain why you're interested in their school. Attach a short bio and list all of your academic and athletic accomplishments. Invite the coach to come and watch you play at tournaments especially if you are competing at National Qualifiers and Region Ranking tournaments. Also include any community service projects you have participated in.
- b. Include the links to all film. Most coaches will want full game film along with any highlights you might have. Be prepared to send both.
- c. Become familiar with the **Recruiting Questionnaire** on each college website. Each school will request that you fill out one before contacting the coach about scholarship opportunities. You'll need some of your testing data ie. approach touch etc to complete
- d. Include Coach Pherry's contact information in your email.
Recruiting Coordinator: Pherry Reed
Email: pherryr@gmail.com
Cell: 817-994-7400

III. Recruiting Calendar

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

IV. Criteria for NCAA schools

- a. NCAA Official Website: www.ncaa.org
- b. Register with the NCAA Clearinghouse (Sophomore Year) This needs to be set up prior to doing a visit. Get a Clearinghouse number (\$70) www.eligibilitycenter.com
- c. NCAA Division III institutions do **NOT** offer athletic scholarships, but they have academic and other monies available. There are more than 400 schools in Division III. Some of the nation's top academic institutions are Division III; it is the largest of the three divisions of the NCAA.
- d. *NCAA Division I & Division II Scholarships: There is a limit of 12 players per school that can be under a scholarship in Women's Division I Volleyball. Partial awards can be awarded to meet the annual limit. For example, an NCAA Division II school can award 16 female players each a 1/2 scholarship and still meet the limit of 8 per team. (content provided by the NCAA)*
- e. **NCAA Official Visits:** Any visit to a college campus by a college-bound student-athlete or his or her parents paid for by the college is an official visit. Visits paid for by college-bound student-athletes or their parents are unofficial visits. You are allowed to take no more than five official visits.

During an official visit the college can pay for transportation to and from the college for the prospect, lodging and three meals per day for both the prospect and the parent or guardian, as well as reasonable entertainment expenses including three tickets to a home sports event.

The only expenses a college-bound student-athlete may receive from a college during an unofficial visit are three tickets to a home sports event. (Content provided by the NCAA)

Not every school can afford an official visit, just because the school isn't offering an official visit doesn't mean that the school/coaches aren't interested it just means they do not have "official visits" in their budget.

- f. Division III does not offer official visits. Coaches are able to speak to players after tournament/match.*

- g. Division I Academic Eligibility. Must complete 16 core courses and have at least a 2.3 GPA. The SAT/ACT requirement is on a sliding scale where your GPA and test scores are balanced.*

V. Criteria for NAIA Schools

- a. NAIA Official Website: www.naia.org
- b. Register to PLAY NAIA (\$70): <https://www.playnaia.org>
- c. Scholarships: Majority of NAIA schools offer partial scholarships rather than full.
- d. There is not a limit on the number of visits you can take to a NAIA institution.
- e. It is common to see NAIA schools host tryouts. Make sure you check the schools website periodically to see if any information is posted regarding tryouts.
- f. Admission Requirements for NAIA schools: ACT 16 or SAT 860, 50% of graduating class, 2.5 GPA on 4.0 scale. Student must have 2 out of the 3.

VI. Criteria for Junior Colleges

- a. NCAA Official Website: www.ncaa.org

- b. Website to register to play <http://www.njcaa.org/landing/index>
- c. JUCO's offer athletic scholarships. You may also see the opportunity for more playing time with a JUCO.
- d. Majority of JUCO's have open admission policies. You will have to provide an official copy of your high school transcript.
- e. Benefits of attending a 2 year institution: experience on the court, mature, college credits, mentally prepared, driven and cheaper

VII. Letter of Intent/Scholarship Contracts

- a. A National Letter of Intent is signed by a college-bound student-athlete when the student-athlete agrees to attend a Division I or II college or university for one academic year. **FOR ONE ACADEMIC YEAR.** 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.
- b. The National Letter of Intent is voluntary and not required for a student-athlete to receive financial aid or participate in sports.
- c. Signing a 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.
- d. 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.(content provided by the NCAA)
- e. When signing a scholarship contract, make sure you understand the content and read the fine print. Schools may require a specific GPA to maintain your scholarship or community service hours.
- f. Endowment Scholarships provided by the university might be good for only one year. Make sure to ask the coach for clarity.

VIII. Academics & Financial Aid

- a. Take the PSAT or ACT your Sophomore year in high school.
 - Do not send test scores prior to reviewing them yourself
 - Make sure you meet the minimum requirements at your schools of interest first. If you don't do well on the test, take it again. Also be open to taking a different test. Some students who do well on the ACT may not do well on the SAT and vice versa.
 - ACT test dates: [Register for the Act](#)
 - SAT test dates: [SAT Registration | College Board](#)
- b. What is Super Score? Some universities will consider the highest section scores across the dates you took the SAT or ACT.
- c. What is the difference between a weighted and unweighted GPA? When applying for colleges, make sure you know what your weighted and unweighted GPA is. Unweighted GPA's are on a 4.0 scale and weighted GPA's are on a 5.0 scale.
- d. If you are a senior fill out your FAFSA in October! Beginning **Oct 1st 2018** FAFSA can be completed using the previous year's tax returns.
- e. What is a Pell Grant? SEOG? Work Study? Pell Grant and SEOG are federal grants that you do not have to pay back. Both grant amounts are based off of family income. If a student qualifies for work study, take advantage of this opportunity! Consult with your college coach to consult your work schedule does not conflict with your volleyball schedule.
- f. Free Reduced Lunch/Fee Waivers: If you are on free reduced lunch, you may receive fee waivers that will cover the cost of your college application fees and your fees for NCAA and NAIA.

IX. List of Colleges & Universities in the DFW

Division I Universities: TCU, UTA, SMU, North Texas

Division II Universities: Dallas Baptist University, Texas A&M Commerce, Texas Women's University

Division III Universities: University of Dallas, University of Texas-Dallas

NAIA Universities: Texas Wesleyan

Junior Colleges: Brookhaven College, Cedar Valley, Eastfield College, El Centro College, Mountain View College, North Lake College, Richland College

NCSAA: Arlington Baptist College, Dallas Christian College

X. List of Scholarships

- www.cappex.com
- www.goodcall.com
- www.scholarships.com
- www.uncf.com
- www.gmsp.org
- www.fastweb.com

- www.attsavings.com
- Major Businesses/Corporations offer scholarships to high school students such as: Best Buy, Tylenol, Chipotle, Coca Cola, Google, Microsoft, Burger King, Target, Pepsi, Buick, McDonalds, KFC
- Jackie Robinson Foundation, Hank Aaron Foundation, Tom Joyner Foundation, Ron Brown Scholar Program, Shawn Carter-Foundation, Gates Millennium Scholarship Program, White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans, Thurgood Marshall College Fund
- Institutional Scholarships. Ask admissions counselor or coach.