

# THE COLLEGE RECRUITING JOURNEY

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# What should YOU be looking for in your college search?

- THIS SHOULD NOT EXCLUSIVELY BE A SOCCER DECISION!
- WHAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO YOU? WHAT ARE YOU REALLY LOOKING FOR IN A COLLEGE AND BEYOND? SERIOUSLY...MAKE A LIST
- LOCATION, SIZE, COST, ACADEMIC OFFERINGS, PRIVATE/PUBLIC, DORM LIFE, CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT/CULTURE, JOB PLACEMENT

# ...BUT SOCCER IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO ME! (AND IT SHOULD BE)

## ➤ IMPORTANT QUESTIONS TO ASK COACHING STAFF DURING RECRUITMENT PROCESS

- WHAT ARE YOUR RECRUITING NEEDS (POSITION) FOR MY CLASS?
- HOW MANY PLAYERS ARE YOU RECRUITING IN MY CLASS?
- HOW MANY PLAYERS DO YOU CARRY ON YOUR ROSTER? TRAVEL ROSTER? JV TEAM?
- WHAT IS YOUR COACHING STYLE?
- WHAT IS YOUR STYLE OF PLAY?
- HOW DEMANDING IS SOCCER WHILE IN SEASON AND IN THE OFFSEASON?
- COACH, WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR IN A RECRUIT?

# HOW TO CONDUCT A COLLEGE SEARCH AND BE AN ADVOCATE FOR YOURSELF

- CREATE A RECRUITING PROFILE – COLLEGE FIT FINDER
- INVITE COACHES TO WATCH YOU COMPETE
- COMPLETE ONLINE INTEREST FORM ON COLLEGE WEBSITE AND FOLLOW UP WITH PERSONAL EMAIL TO COACH (8-10 SCHOOLS)
- DEVELOP A SHORT LIST AND CONDUCT CAMPUS VISITS (4-5 SCHOOLS)

# CAMPUS VISIT

- MAKE THE VERY MOST OF THE OPPORTUNITY – MAXIMIZE YOUR SCHEDULE
- WHEN POSSIBLE, STAY OVERNIGHT IN THE DORMS WITH A COUPLE CURRENT PLAYERS
- REQUEST A CAMPUS TOUR
- REQUEST TO MEET WITH A FACULTY MEMBER IN YOUR AREA OF ACADEMIC INTEREST
- REQUEST TO TRAIN WITH THE TEAM
- REQUEST TO MEET WITH COACH AND ASK FOR ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK

# AS A COLLEGE COACH, WHAT AM I LOOKING FOR?

- EVEN AT MY LEVEL (SMALL, PRIVATE NAIA SCHOOL), I CAN IDENTIFY TALENTED PLAYERS WITH HIGH SOCCER IQ'S. SO WHAT AM I REALLY LOOKING FOR?
  - STRONG WORK ETHIC – ALWAYS GOES THE EXTRA MILE
  - LEAVES EVERYTHING ON THE FIELD – GRINDERS
  - DRIVEN – LOVES TO WIN
  - FIERCELY COMPETITIVE – HATES TO LOSE
  - GREAT TEAMMATE – NOT EGO DRIVEN...PUTS THE NEEDS OF TEAMMATES ABOVE THEIR OWN
  - GREAT ATTITUDE
  - RESPECTFUL – TO COACH, OPPONENTS AND OFFICIALS

# BASIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- NCAA

- [HTTP://WWW.NCAA.ORG/STUDENT-ATHLETES/FUTURE](http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future)

- NAIA

- [HTTP://WWW.NAIA.ORG/FLS/27900/1NAIA/LEGISLATIVE/RULESED/RULESED\\_FRESHMANELIGIBILITY\\_HANDOUT.PDF](http://www.naia.org/fls/27900/1NAIA/LEGISLATIVE/RULESED/RULESED_FRESHMANELIGIBILITY_HANDOUT.PDF)

- NJCAA

- [HTTPS://D2O2FIGO6DDD0G.CLOUDFRONT.NET/A/V/FOZC5NWAUCOUVR/ELIGIBILITY\\_PAMPHLET\\_18-19.PDF](https://d2o2figo6ddd0g.cloudfront.net/a/v/fozc5nwaucouvr/eligibility_pamphlet_18-19.pdf)

# BASIC FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIP INFO

- ULTIMATE GOAL – WORK TO GET COMPETITIVE FINANCIAL AID PACKAGES ASSEMBLED SO YOU CAN MAKE A SOUND DECISION AND RECEIVE A SOLID COLLEGE EDUCATION
- DO NOT NECESSARILY BE FIXATED ON THE SIZE OF THE SOCCER SCHOLARSHIP
- IS MY ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIP STACKABLE WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONAL AID?
  - EACH COLLEGE HAS A UNIQUE FORMULA FOR OFFERING SCHOLARSHIPS
- EXPLORE ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL AID
  - FILE FAFSA - [HTTPS://STUDENTAID.ED.GOV/SA/FAFSA](https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa)
  - POTENTIALLY QUALIFY FOR ADDITIONAL NEED BASED AID, GRANTS, AND LOANS
  - EXPLORE OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

QUESTIONS?

HOW CAN I BEST SERVE YOU THIS EVENING?