

The Recruiting Process



If you want to play soccer, there's a school for you...

NCAA Division I, II, III, NAIA, Jr. College

NCAA Guidelines

Freshman Year:

- You may visit schools unofficially
- If you write a university, they can only send you camp information and questionnaires

Sophomore Year:

- You may visit schools unofficially
- If you write a university, they can only send you camp information and questionnaires

Junior Year:

- You may visit schools unofficially
- If you write a university, they may provide you information about their program and university on and after September 1st, universities can contact you via email and mail
- Register for NCAA Eligibility Center

Senior Year:

- You may visit schools unofficially and officially
- If you write a university, they can provide you with information about their program and university
- Universities can contact you via email or mail
- On July 1st and after a university can contact you via the phone (one call per week)
- Schools can make up to 3 in person contacts
- After the first day of classes you are allowed to take 5 official visits (one per school)
- If you are offered a scholarship you will sign National Letter of Intent (NLI) first Wednesday of Feb.

Unofficial Visit:

All expenses will be paid by the student athlete

An institution can provide up to three complimentary admissions tickets to any sporting event

Official Visit:

All expenses can be paid for by the institution, travel, meals housing and entertainment

An institution can provide up to three complimentary admissions tickets to any sporting event

A visit can not exceed 48 hours on a campus

Before visiting a campus a university must have a copy of your high school transcript, a copy of any of the following, SAT, ACT, PSAT and be registered with the NCAA clearinghouse.

Athletic Scholarship:

Any money given to a student athlete from an athletic program

All scholarships are year to year. There is no such thing as a four year scholarship

Contact:

Any face to face encounter with a student athlete, parent or guardian and a institutional staff member during which any dialogue occurs in excess of an exchange of a greeting

Tips For Personalizing a First Contact or Letter

Be proactive. Consider these tips when writing your first communication, the objective of which is to let the coach know that you want to play for him or her.

- Keep it short (you can elaborate in later communications.)
- Let the coach know that you know something about the school, or if you've visited campus, watched the team play, etc.
- Tell the coach your high school, grade, and graduation date – in one sentence.
- Tell the coach where he/she can get more info about you and your team.
 - ie – gotsoccer.com (soccerscheduler.com)
- Tell the coach when he/she can see you play (save the details for follow-up conversations).
- Proofread! Make sure there are no spelling, punctuation, or grammatical errors.
- Include all personal contact information in the signature of your letter. (ie- name, address, email, phone number).