



COLLEGE SEARCH PROCESS

- 1.) **Rules & Regulations**
 - a. Know the rules, regulations and procedures to becoming a college student-athlete.
 - b. Know what makes you eligible to participate as a freshman in collegiate athletics.
- 2.) **College Search process**
 - a. When are you starting the process? The later the start, the more you have to do in a short time.
 - b. Do you know the difference between NCAA Division I, II and III? What about NAIA and NJCAA?
 - c. What do you want out of your college experience? How does soccer fit into that?
 - d. Keep track of what classes you have taken and what you need to take to be eligible.
 - e. Schools you like.
 - f. What things are most important when choosing a school?
 - g. Have an academic/ athletic resume updated ever semester.
 - h. Make a video of your play. 2-3 minutes of highlights and 10 minutes of good game footage that can be seen.
 - i. Visit schools in your down time. (Unofficial visits)
 - j. Look into ways you can earn other scholarship money beside athletics.
 - k. Look into the soccer program.
 - i. How many underclassmen do they have on the roster?
 - ii. How many seniors are on the roster?
 - iii. Rank your position preference?
 - iv. How many players are at those positions that are Sophomores or juniors?
 - v. Look at the team's schedule?
 - vi. Try to find out what style the team plays.
 - vii. Lastly, if you are still interested, you need to go watch the team play.
- 3.) **Recruiting**
 - a. You have to market yourself to the coaches.
 - b. Only contact coaches once you have checked up on the program (Read above section H.)
 - c. Make sure you have section D and section E done when speaking with a coach.
 - d. **ALWAYS BE PATIENT.** Let things happen, but don't be afraid to contact a coach of a program you are interested in.

4.) Schools' List

- a. Your beginning list can be as many as 40 and as little as 25. You don't want to short yourself or make things too complicated.
- b. Always update your list with who you have contacted, when, what was said and other details. Keep a file on each school.
- c. After your junior year you should have your list down to around 10 or under. The decision is only getting tougher now, so you have to really keep track of all the information that is flowing.
- d. **LASTLY, THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT AND HOW HARD YOU ARE WILLING TO WORK TO GET THERE.**

HELPFUL LINKS

http://www.ncaa.org/library/general/cbsa/2006-07/2006-07_cbsa.pdf

https://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net/ncaa/NCAA/student/index_student.html

<http://www.fastweb.com/> Finding Scholarship information.

www.nscaa.com Find every College Soccer Program link in the country.