

Recruiting Timeline & Check List

Freshman Year (Focus on training & academics)

- Work on improving your GPA
- Work hard during your HS soccer season, talk with your coach & find out what you need to work on to play better
- Participate on a top level club soccer team with top level training
- Participate in top quality tournaments with your club team
- Participate in Olympic Development Programs (ODP) with your state association

Sophomore Year (Focus on training & academics - - - start researching potential colleges)

- Sign up for PSAT's to gain experience for SAT's
- STUDY, STUDY, STUDY and continue working on improving your GPA!
- Continue with a top level club soccer team, attending quality tournaments & participating in ODP
- Meet with your high school & club coach to discuss your soccer development & college opportunities
- Attend all "College Night" sessions & gather information on potential colleges
- Obtain information about potential colleges via the internet, college guides, school counselor, etc.
- Begin assembling your "Potential College List", 8 - 10 colleges you may be interested in attending
- You may send initial emails to "Potential College" coaches stating your interest in their program

Junior Year (Begin the recruiting process - - - college coaches start looking at potential recruits)

- Check with your school counselor for SAT & ACT registration deadlines & take SAT / ACT tests
- Using the attached "College Selection Guide" develop your "Preferred College List" (5 -7 colleges)
- Continue researching your "Preferred Colleges" & their Soccer Programs
- Then Be Proactive! - - send emails* to "Preferred College" coaches stating your interest in their program

- Send "Preferred College" coaches your tournament & league game schedules
- Obtain "Letters of Recommendation" & develop a "Reference" list
- Follow-up with "Preferred College" coaches by completing any questionnaires, resumes, etc.
- Continue with a top level club soccer team, attending quality tournaments & participating in ODP
- Arrange for spring / summer visits to preferred colleges
- Retake SAT / ACT tests, if appropriate
- Attend college soccer games, Division I, II, & III if possible
- Register with NCAA National Clearinghouse at end of 2nd semester (See counselor for Student Release Form)

(* Note: There are no NCAA restrictions on email correspondence between HS players & college coaches -- so use email proactively!
Also, the player may call the coach at any time & talk --- the coach, however, may not call the player back until 7/1)

Senior Year (College coaches & players make their decisions)

- College coaches can make contact with you after July 1 between your Junior & Senior year
- Narrow your "Preferred College List" to about 3 - 5 colleges & continue talking to those coaches!
- Arrange for official college visits & interviews
- Apply to at least 3 schools for possible admissions & inform your school counselor
- Review acceptances & soccer offers - - - then choose the college you wish to attend!
- Notify the college you have chosen & notify other "Preferred Colleges" coaches of your decision
- Sign "National Letter of Intent" - - - signing begins the 1st Wednesday in February
- Note - - File Financial Aid forms by ~January 1st (required in order to receive scholarships)

Suggestion: Take time to thank all the coaches, mentors, & others that may have helped you along this process!