



6 Things High School Baseball Players Must Have on Their Athletic Profile

There are a variety of ways to format an [athletic profile](#) for baseball. And, yes, you want to have an athletic profile you can print out or email to coaches. Having an athletic profile in PDF form is very handy to attached to an email to a coach, especially if the college doesn't have an online recruiting form.

They are also nice to have when you go on campus visits and meet the coach. Depending on the situation, you can give him a copy during the meeting or mail him a copy as a follow-up. (If you're trying to figure out which college coaches to contact see [The DIY College Rankings Baseball Spreadsheet](#).)

Ultimately, you'll want to design your profile to best present you which means that no two profiles will look alike. However, regardless of what format you choose, your athletic profile must include the following six elements.

1. **Graduating Year:** College coaches recruit by class year. Your graduating class year should be prominent on your athletic profile and in close proximity to your name. (I'm assuming that including your name is a given.)
2. **Contact Information:** This includes your street address, email, and phone number. Coaches use a variety of means of contacting you. Make sure your email isn't anything that reduces your chances of being recruited. In other words, if your email is hotstud@email.com, get another one.

One way to manage the college admissions process is to get a separate email for everything college related. Assuming that your parents are an asset to you in the process, share your email information with them to make sure you don't miss anything important.

3. **NCAA ID and/or NAIA ID:** If you're aiming for an athletic scholarship, you'll need to register with the [NCAA or NAIA](#) to meet eligibility requirements. You can register as a junior. Including the information on your athletic profile shows the coach that you are aware of the requirements for recruitment. It can also be a way for coaches and organizations to contact you with information about their programs.

4. **Player Summary:** For baseball the basics are right or left-handed for batting and throwing and the positions you want to be recruited for. Other information can be added as relevant but are not absolutely necessary. This information, like your class year, should be prominent on your athletic profile and close to your name.
5. **Experience/Team Summary:** This is the list of teams that you have played on. Minimally, it should include the year and season, team name, jersey number, and positions played. If possible, the coaches' email and phone number for every team should be included as well.

However, this isn't always possible. Sometimes you just don't have the information and the team wasn't an essential part of your development as a baseball player. You include it on the athletic profile to show that you were playing during that time.

Then there are the times when it wasn't a great experience and for whatever reasons, you would really rather not have the coach contacted. Again, you include the basic information to show that you played that summer or fall but you don't include the coaches' contact information because you don't want to encourage the college coach to contact this team's coach.

6. **Academic Information:** You need to provide your GPA and SAT or ACT scores. If you don't have those scores yet, put down the date you're registered to take the test. And if you are at the point of putting together an athletic profile, you are at the point of knowing when you will take the test. If your scores are less than stellar to the point of causing problems in recruiting, include the date on which you plan to retake the test.

Baseball players should take the [ACT or SAT](#) no later than in the fall of their junior year. (See [How to Get Recruited to Play College Baseball: Timelines](#) for a complete timeline of what you should do when.) You don't want to have to take the test during your season and taking it any later leaves the college coaches with a big question mark until they see your scores. Especially if you are looking D1 programs, take the tests earlier rather than later.

Just in case you're wondering why you should believe me as far as including the six elements, it's based on the research I did preparing my son's profile-a lot of different books that you don't need to buy.

And just because I started thinking that maybe I was totally off-base I went through the recruiting forms for a week's top 15 D2 baseball teams and five of the eight teams in the College World Series. Fun. I'm sure you have better things to do, like create a profile.

Make Sure You Send Your Profile to the Schools Will Recruit You
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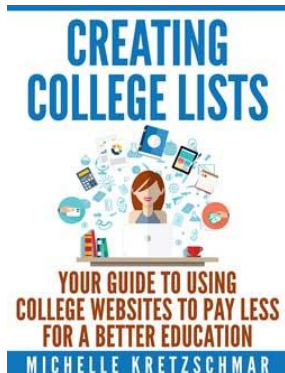
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