



How to Start the College Athletic Recruiting Process

You've heard the saying, "you don't know what you don't know?" It's relevant to college athletic recruiting--when starting out, many families don't know where to begin or what to ask. So I put together this list of posts for athletes and their families just starting the college athletic recruiting process. After reading these, you should have a basic understanding of college athletic recruiting that will allow you to start asking the right questions.



[College Athletic Recruiting: What You Need to Know Before You Can Start](#)

This is for people who may have some idea that the NCAA has something to do with sports but have no idea what divisions are and have never heard of the NAIA or the eligibility center. If you want to be recruited for college sports, you need to understand who is doing the recruiting.

[How to Figure Out Your Chances of Getting a College Athletic Scholarship](#)

If you're pursuing college athletics as a way to pay for college, you really need to understand the probability of receiving one. This is for all the athletes who haven't had multiple coaches recruiting them since they were sophomores.

[5 Signs that You Don't Understand the College Athletic Recruiting Process](#)

I've created a list of some of most common mistakes families make during the recruiting process. This is actually a three-part post covering mistakes about financial issues and athletic abilities as well as the general recruiting process.

[Should You Use an Athletic Recruiting Service?](#)

There are a lot of businesses offering recruiting services, warning athletes and their families of perils of going through the college athletic recruiting process alone. This post covers the pros and cons of using a recruiting service and what you should look for.

[15 Sample Athletic Resumes and Letters](#)

No matter the sport, you're going to have to put together an athletic resume that shows your accomplishments. There is no "right" way to do it but it must be done. This post has links to useful examples--find the one that works for you.

Four Things You Should Know Before You Contact College Coaches

Unless you're one of those athletes that are listed as potential recruits on various college sports websites, you should be contacting the coach first as part of the recruiting process. This post tells you what you need to know before you make the phone call.

When Will College Coaches Start Contacting Me?

This is a basic introduction to recruiting periods and contact rules for NCAA Division 1 schools. Players looking to play D1 need to know the rules for their sports so that they can make things as easy as possible for the coach.

Start using college websites smarter to find the colleges best for you.