

The Recruiting Process

Juniors/Seniors



Where will the journey take you?

NCJAA, DIII, DII, DI, NAIA

Did you know?

Odds of a high school athlete playing DI College Volleyball

- Number of US High School Volleyball Players 477,117
- Number of US College Volleyball Players 28,796
- % of US High School Players playing at any College Level 5.8%
- % of US High School Players playing at NCAA DI schools 1.1%

College Women Programs

Division	School	Teams	Athletes	Team Size	Scholarships
NCAA DI	337	337	5583	17	12
NCAA DII	294	293	4895	17	8
NCAA DIII	437	436	7232	17	
NAIA	224	224	4149	18	8
NJCAA	346	346	4420	13	14
Total	1638	1636	26280	16	42

Every Athlete's Path Will Be Different and Unique!!!

Agenda

- Junior/Senior Year Recruiting Process
 - Common Mistakes
 - Keys to Success
 - What do we do now?
 - Using Social Media

Junior/Senior Process

Must be completed ASAP

- University Athlete
- NCAA eligibility center
- SAT/ACT
- GPA
- Check with high school counselor about core classes, scholarships, and transcripts

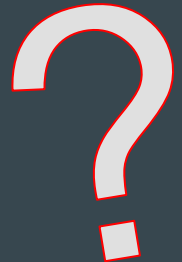


Junior/Senior Process



Determine these answers:

- How far away from home do I want to be? (mileage, climate, etc)
- What size school do I want to attend?
- What do I want to major in?
- What level (DI, DII, DIII, NAIA, NJCAA) do I want to play? Playing time?
- Does the program need my position? (check rosters online)
- Cost? Walk on?



Common Mistakes

- ❖ Level of Play (DI, DII, DIII, NAIA, NCJAA)
- ❖ Waiting for a scholarship
- ❖ Be an overzealous parent (let the athletes do the communicating)
- ❖ Neglecting academics
- ❖ Not staying in communication once mutual contact is made with the school

Keys to Success

WORK HARD academically and athletically!!!

BE REALISTIC ABOUT YOUR ABILITY

- The number of players that play at the top Division 1 schools is a very small percentage of the number of college volleyball players across Division I, DII, DIII, NAIA, and NCJAA

FIND THE RIGHT FIT

- Do not pick a college because you can play volleyball there. Choose a college or university that is a good fit for you academically as well as athletically.

BE PROACTIVE IN THE RECRUITING PROCESS

- Create a profile and continuously update it with video and current information.
- Email your sportsrecruits profile to your schools of interest as much as possible with updated videos and tournament schedule.
- Begin to plan to make unofficial visits to mutual schools of interest

FOLLOW UP!!!

- Recruiting can be a long process so you need to be patient and persistent.
- College coaches pay attention to the manner you reply and communicate with them
- HOV athletes are expected to reply to all college correspondence within 24-48 hours.

What do we do now?

FIRST STEPS...

- ❖ Discuss with family to make a top 5 priority list
- ❖ Talk with the recruiting coordinator and your coach to discuss your process
- ❖ Update Sports Recruits and tag schools that fit your list
- ❖ Reach out to your top schools. Show mutual interest! Follow them on social media!



QUESTIONS:

- Why do you post on social media?
- How do you want to be portrayed to others?
- Would you want your family to see your post?
- Are your accounts private?

THOUGHTS:

- Take a deep breath and pause before you post
- Use social media as a venue to tell a story about you and your interests
- Follow the colleges you are interested in and invite them to follow you

QUESTIONS FOR COLLEGE COACHES

Questions about the team

- What positions are you looking to fill?
- Which position do you think I am best suited for on your team?
- How big is this year's recruiting class?
- Where do I rank on the list of possible recruits?
- Do many freshman actually play?

Questions about the coaches

- How would you describe your coaching style?
- What kind of players are you looking for?
- What makes you different from other coaches in your conference?
- When does your contract end? Do you plan to be here the next 4 years?

QUESTIONS FOR COLLEGE COACHES

Questions about an athletes schedule

- What does a typical weekly schedule look like?
- What is the off-season schedule?
- Are there any unofficial practices I need to know about?
- How does travel schedule affect my class work?
- What happens if I have to miss a practice?

Questions about campus life for a student-athlete

- HIs tutoring available for student-athletes?
- How do your players balance academics with athletics?
- What is the team GPA?
- If there is a conflict with academics and athletics, how is it handled?

POTENTIAL QUESTIONS FROM COLLEGE COACHES FOR ATHLETE

- Why are you interested in our school?
- What programs or major are you interested in?
- What types of courses are you currently taking in high school?
- What is your current GPA?
- Have you taken the SAT or ACT?
- Are you involved in community service?
- What are your interests outside of volleyball?
- What do you do with your free time?
- What are your strengths as a player?
- How many matches did you play in your last club season?
- What are your goals for the upcoming season?
- Do you think you are capable of playing at our level?
- What improvements have you made over the last couple of years?
- What type of scholarship are you looking for?
- Who is going to help you in making your college decision?
- What other schools are recruiting you?