

# THE RIGHT FIT

RECRUITING ROLES FOR PLAYERS/PARENTS/COACHES  
*PLAYING COLLEGE SPORTS*



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# YOUR DREAM SCHOOL

**If you could go anywhere for  
college where would it be?**



WHY?

**Why did you choose that school?**



# SCHOOL IDENTITY

**What programs/degrees are they known for?**

**What's the cost?**

**What's the acceptance rate?**

**What scores/GPA do you need to get in?**

**What's the graduation rate?**





# THE NUMBERS

**6%** of H.S. softball players go on to compete in college

**83%** of Colleges softball programs are **NOT** Division I

**1.6%** of H.S. softball players are competing at  
NCAA Division I Level

**NARROWING YOUR SEARCH AND  
FIND WHAT FITS BEFORE ANYONE  
RECRUITS YOU**



# COST

- \$\$\$ Family
- Academic Aid
- Athl. Scholarship
- Student Loans

# LOCATION

- Accessibility
- Weather
- Distance
- Doesn't Matter

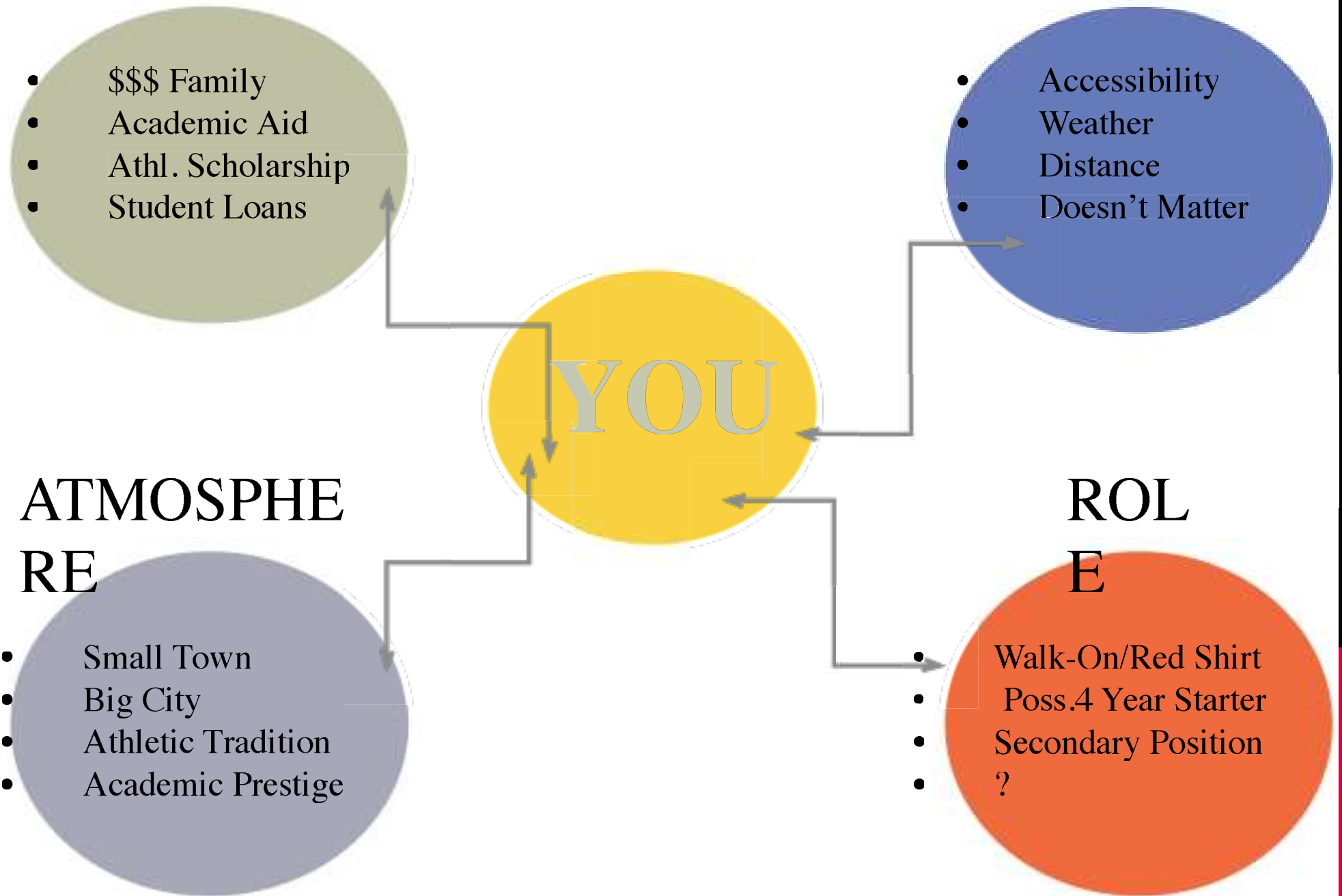
YOU

# ATMOSPHERE

- Small Town
- Big City
- Athletic Tradition
- Academic Prestige

# ROLE

- Walk-On/Red Shirt
- Poss. 4 Year Starter
- Secondary Position
- ?



# NARROW YOUR SCOPE TEMPLATE

<b>COST</b>	
ATMOSPHERE	
PLAYER ROLE	
LOCATION	

# NARROW YOUR SCOPE EXAMPLES

<b>COST</b>	<b>Parents have saved 8k towards my college fund I qualify for academic aid based on my GPA Partial-Full Athletic Scholarship I'm willing to get up to 10k in student loans</b>
<b>ATMOSPHERE</b>	<b>I want to go to a school that has high athletic presence/tradition Smaller city, but not too small Other things to do in the school location</b>
<b>PLAYER ROLE</b>	<b>Would like to go somewhere and have a chance to start I'm willing to be a role player and develop into a starter (1-2 yrs) I'm willing to walk on if the school is a perfect fit in other respects</b>
<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>A day drive away or 1 flight 500 mi or less I want to stay within a couple hours drive to home I want the heat! Warm weather states only!</b>



SCHOOL NAME	COST	ATMOSPHERE	PLAYER ROLE	LOCATION	RANK 1-5



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NEBRASKA	Athl Scholarship	Big Athl Tradition	1yr OF, 3 yrs 1B	DRIVE OR FLIGHT
MAINE	No Offer	Big Hockey Trad	Tryout for team?	2 FLIGHTS + DRIVE
MINES	Academic Scholarship	High Academic Profile	Can Compete For Pos.	20 MIN DRIVE
PORTLAND STATE	Partial Ath/Acadm Scholarship	Balanced Athl/Academic Pres.	Sophomore at my primary position	FLIGHT
UCF	Walk On	Largest School in the U.S. 51k	Possible Starting Pos.	FLIGHT
REGIS	Partial Scholarship	Private Sch.	Red Shirt 1st year	30 Minutes from Home

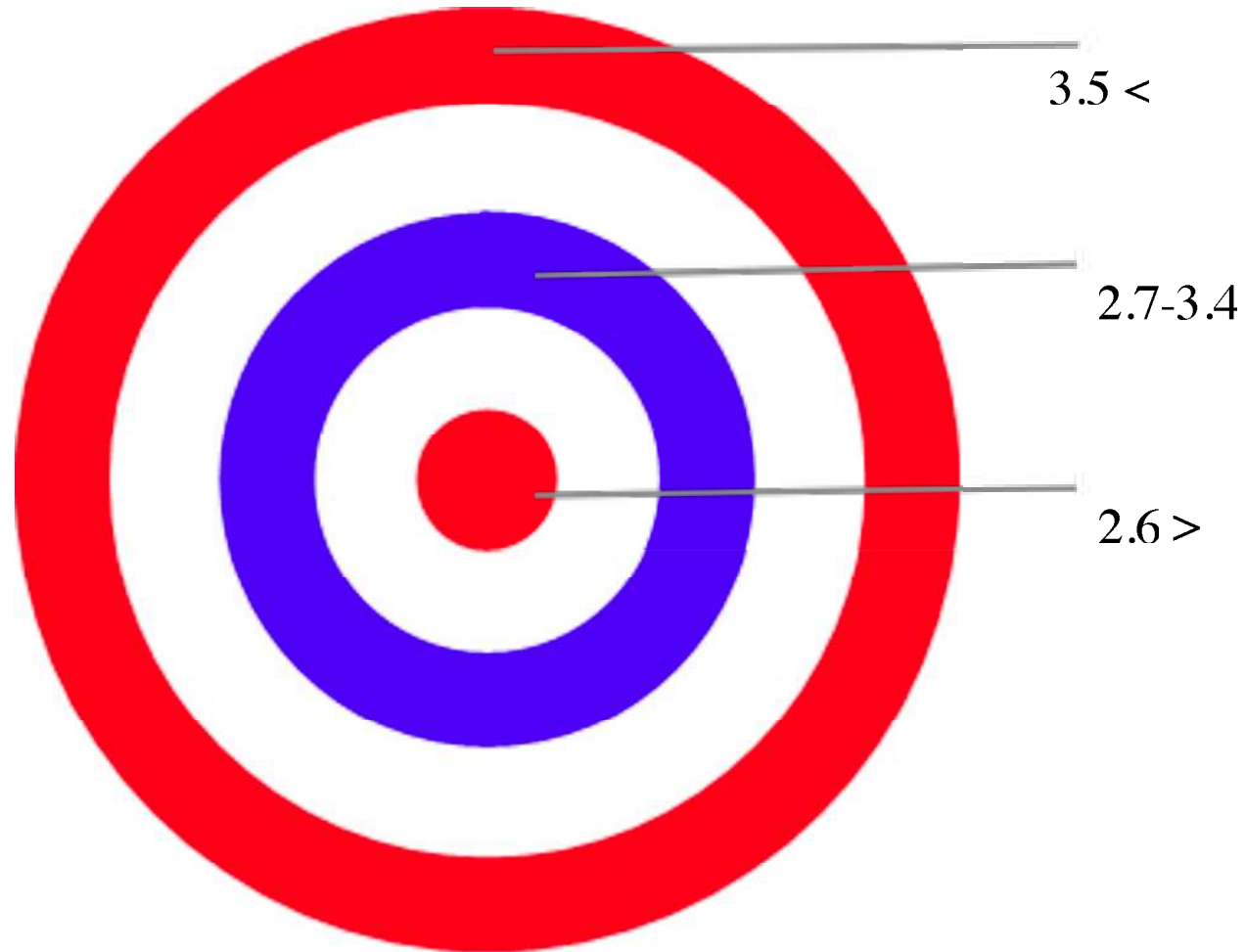
# PLAYER ROLE



- **Academic Target**
- **Research School THEN Softball Program**
- **Fill out necessary paperwork: NCAA Eligibility Center, Questionnaires, Applications, etc.**
- **ASK Smart Questions on calls/emails/trips**
- **Utilize current players on recruiting visit**
- **Focus on **TEAM** & personal development**
- **Coaches want competitive selfless players who have great **work ethic, character, resilience****
- **Be realistic & don't miss an opportunity**

# ACADEMIC TARGET

HIGHER GPA = MORE OPTIONS!



# PARENT/GUARDIAN ROLE

**Financial Openness**

**Supportive of Actions/Ideas from child**

**Asking for feedback & follow up on schools of interest**

**Reviewing Correspondence**

**Let it be their decision- NOT YOURS**

**Guide, DON'T drag or DO for them**

# COACHES ROLE

*THE #1 ROLE OF A YOUTH COACH IS TO CREATE A POSITIVE & CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT FOR CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT IN ATHLETICISM & CHARACTER*

- **Be available to talk with college**
- **Ask and engage players about recruiting**
- **Assist in developing recruiting materials**
- **Reach out to local college coaches who have shown genuine interest about upcoming practices/games**
- **Set up tours or chats w/ coaches at colleges near tournaments**
- **Be HONEST with College Coaches about character and ability**
- **Require team to attend 3 local college games**

**INITIAL EMAIL TOPICS:  
FOR COLLEGE COACHES**

**Check how team  
did and include a  
comment on it in  
the email**

# **RESEARCH BY ASKING GREAT QUESTIONS**

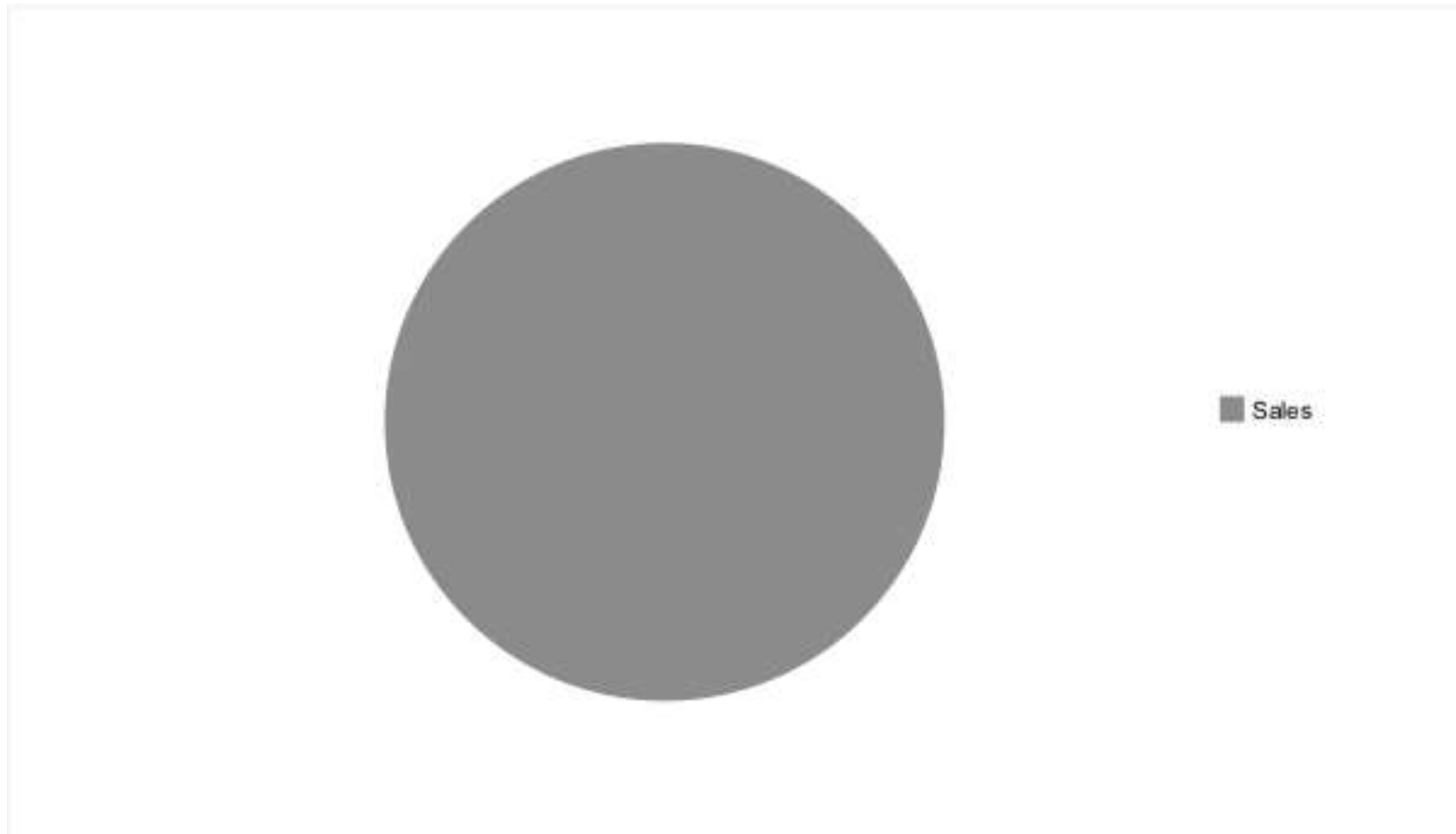
*PHONE/IN PERSON CONVERSATIONS*

**What resources are available for academic support within the athletics department?**

**Do you have walk-ons? What does it mean to be a walk-on with your program?**

# RELATIONSHIPS , DEVELOPMENT & DISCIPLINE

= SUCCESS



# DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO PLAY AT THE COLLEGE LEVEL?





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