



Your College Recruiting Answers

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The following is information provided by the National Collegiate Scouting Association (NCSA). The NCSA conducted a survey with over 9,000 Coaches, Scouting Groups and Athletes to determine the most asked recruiting questions by student athletes. Here are their questions and our answers.

How do I get my information to scouts to look at and evaluate?

*College coaches depend on verified information from trusted sources to find talent. Most coaches attend tournaments, games and camps with a set list of student athletes they intend to evaluate, not with the hopes of discovering prospects. Take advantage of credible sources to get your name in front of college coaches! **Unless you're a "top-1%-in-the-nation" athlete, you will most likely not be "discovered" by a college coach. You need to be pro-active in getting your name, academic scores and athletic achievements in front of coaches.***

What is the importance of video?

Unfortunately, college coaches are restrained by time and money when recruiting which is why a highlight or skills tape has quickly become the most efficient way for a college coach to initially evaluate talent.

I'm from a small school in Texas what will it take to get recruiters to come to recruit me?

You can't take the stance that if you are good enough they will find you. College coaches acknowledge that the internet has become a primary tool in identifying talent for their programs. Athletes need to post their information on sites and then take the extra steps to make sure they get evaluated by schools.

Can I still get recruited even though I'm not an All-American?

There are over 1,700 U.S. colleges and universities that sponsor collegiate athletics and are able to offer financial packages. More than 85% of those opportunities fall outside of DI. Great schools exist at all levels. Expand your horizons and increase your odds. The more schools in your pool, the better your chances of getting recruited.

How do I know what colleges are interested in me?

Its all about communication. At first recruits receive letters and general mail. Personalized emails and hand written mail are signs of greater interest. Things step up with phone calls and offers to take visits. If you aren't hearing from multiple schools by the time you are a sophomore its time to get aggressive!



I run track and I was wondering, are recruiters at the big meets such as regionals or do they look at your stats and records online. If I'm hoping to go to a college far south from where I live, how would recruiters see or find me?

College coaches do a majority of their initial evaluation by looking at video - requested or received from credible sources - often delivered online or via e-mail. After watching video, a coach may decide to have a member of his or her staff make an in-person evaluation. Make sure to have your highlight video online in a format that can be easily distributed to college coaches.

Do you have to be a certain age to be recruited?

*Academic performance/requirements count from Day One of freshmen year. College coaches can begin sending letters to potential recruits as early as freshmen year, and potential recruits can write, call, and visit college coaches at any time. **Bottom line - recruiting starts freshmen year!***

Is there any way I can reach out to coaches and take the initiative? Am I guaranteed to be heard by them?

*Absolutely, unless you're a "top-1%-in-the-nation" athlete, you will most likely not be "discovered" by a college coach. **You need to be pro-active in getting your name, academic scores and athletic achievements in front of coaches.** That means sending out YOUR Recruiting Profile Information, following up with phone call and sending out game tapes.*

What should I do if college coaches are not responding to my emails or website links?

College coaches are extremely busy. If they don't get back to you right away, don't give up! It can take several phone calls and follow up attempts before you reach a coach.



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