

TIPS FOR THOSE THAT WANT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS



First, spend time doing your homework on the following websites:

Colleges will use one of the associations below to determine your eligibility.

www.ncaa.org – The official website of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

There you should read the NCAA guide for prospective collegiate athletes.

www.naia.org – The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, another governing body of college sports.

<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/> – The NCAA Eligibility Center. This is where student athletes must go to register and begin the process of being recruited. The site will help students and families understand their academic and amateur athlete eligibility status.

REGISTER! If you then become a prospective student-athlete, you must register with the “Eligibility Center” to be considered for scholarships and financial aid.

Process! As you consider the athletic recruitment process, use this list to help you.

- Is the school a “fit” – make sure the school is a good academic fit for you as well as sports/social fit. You need to make sure you can graduate in four years with a major you want and a good transcript.
- Talk to your coach. Let him/her help determine at what level you are able to play (DI,DII,DIII).
- Be responsible in the process! Return questionnaires, and send film if it is requested. Take standardized tests early and prepare to get help and take them again if needed. Have your school send transcripts to NCAA and to the schools you are interested in.
- Visit the schools on your list and others that you might put on your list. Spend time when allowed, with the coach(es) and other players and ask how they are treated, do they like it, how well they’re doing in their classes and what their life is like.
- Follow the rules for recruiting, and be honest throughout the process. Be open and honest with the coaches recruiting you. Ask questions! Look for those you think are being honest with you.
- Be ahead of deadlines and make copies of everything in case something does not get to the right place.

If you have any questions you can email from this website to get help!