

Quick overview of the Recruiting Timeline – Steps for an Athletic Scholarship

8 th Grade	<u>Freshmen Year High School</u>	<u>Sophomore Year High School</u>	<u>Junior Year High School</u>	<u>Senior Year High School</u>
<p>* Work on study and time management skills. It is important to get good grades from the beginning of Freshman year of High School.</p> <p>* Character matters: make good choices ... every day. Learn to be very careful of what words and pictures you put on social media.</p> <p>* Research and start a list of colleges you are interested in attending. Aim to begin writing college coaches during your Freshman year of HS.</p> <p>* Play at the highest level of club team you can. Ask your coach what you need to do athletically to compete successfully at the HS level.</p>	<p>* Good grades are critical ALL 4 years of HS - hit the ground running freshman year!</p> <p>* Take high level academic courses to challenge yourself.</p> <p>* Continue your research and compile an initial list of 20-30 schools you are interested in attending. Rank schools based on the attributes that are most important to you.</p> <p>* Begin writing coaches of schools you are interested in attending. Get on their radar and get your name out there!</p> <p>* Play at the highest level of club/HS team you can. Ask your coaches where you need improvement and set goals.</p> <p>* Consider working with a personal trainer to improve speed, strength and overall athleticism.</p>	<p>* Take SAT/ACT practice tests and/or test prep courses, keep your grades up!</p> <p>* Pick a good attitude and show it. Recognize that nothing is owed to you just because you are a good athlete.</p> <p>* Take AP courses; challenge yourself academically!</p> <p>* Register with NCAA & NAIA eligibility Centers; complete recruiting questionnaires for ALL schools on your list.</p> <p>* Compile highlight and game videos; use YouTube and Hudl.</p> <p>* Continue to research and update your list and write coaches & schools. Send videos and/or links to videos.</p> <p>* Begin making phone calls to coaches. Let them know your game / meet / match schedule - stay on their radars!</p>	<p>* Take SAT/ACT Tests</p> <p>* Take AP courses.</p> <p>* Continue to play highest level of club/HS team. Get feedback on improving skills.</p> <p>* Continue to research schools, but narrow your list to 10 to 15 schools.</p> <p>* Keep in contact with coaches often. Let them know of your continued interest and also if you are no longer interested.</p> <p>* Continue to send videos & grades to schools you are interested in. Be your own advocate & keep your name out there!</p> <p>* Ask coaches where you stand on recruiting list and timeline.</p> <p>* Look to attend Showcase games and tournaments. Let coaches know your schedule.</p> <p>* Make unofficial visits to schools you're interested in.</p>	<p>* Keep your grades up - avoid Senior Slump!</p> <p>* Character is key. Make good choices every day.</p> <p>* Post nothing on social media you may later regret.</p> <p>* Narrow your college list to 3 to 5. Stay in contact weekly with coaches.</p> <p>* Complete FAFSA form, get college applications in early and apply to all schools on your short list.</p> <p>* Ask coaches for their timeline for offers.</p> <p>* Contact players on your short list of schools. Get their direct feedback on school and program.</p> <p>* Quickly and politely let schools know if you are no longer interested.</p> <p>* Take official visits to schools on short list. Meet coaches and players.</p> <p>* Receive, consider and respond to all written offers from schools</p> <p>* Make YOUR decision!</p>