

Recruiting FAQ's:

- What are the scholarship differences between Division 1, 2, 3, NAIA, and NJCAA?
 - o Division 1
 - 12 full scholarships available which cannot be split up/divided.
 - o Division 2
 - 8 full scholarships which can be split up/divided.
 - o Division 3
 - No athletic aid available. These institutions are generally academic based. Scholarships may be provided based on academics/merit.
 - o NAIA
 - Most have 8 full scholarships which are able to be split up/divided.
 - o NJCAA
 - Division 1
 - Able to offer full funding.
 - Division 2
 - Can offer funding for tuition and fees.
 - Division 3
 - No athletic funding.
- What am I allowed to do? What are the coaches allowed to do?
 - o This varies depending on which division the school competes in.
 - o <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I34DWqDV5Qw>
 - o Division 1
 - Coaches may email a PSA (Potential Student Athlete) starting Sept. 1 of their junior year of high school.
 - Coaches may call a PSA **starting September 1st going into their junior year** of high school.
 - Coaches are not able to communicate with players/PSA's during competition.
 - An exception to this is if the PSA is a senior and has signed an NLI (National Letter of Intent). The coach may then speak with the parent during competition, but must wait until the competition has completed to speak with the player.
 - PSA's and Parents may call, email, and text a coach at any point throughout their high school career. However, coaches are still bound to the rules listed above when responding.
 - PSA's may go on as many unofficial visits as they would like at any point besides dead periods.
 - o Division 2
 - Coaches may email, call, or text a PSA starting June 15 **after** their sophomore year of high school.
 - PSA's may make as many unofficial visits at any point of the year.
 - Coaches are not allowed to communicate with PSA's or Parents during competition.

- It is good to get an early start when visiting schools. Try to have an idea of what you are looking for in a potential school when visiting. The more visits you make, the more educated you will be on what is available.
 - Tip: Be yourself on visits. The coaches want to get a sense of your personality and who you are. Ask questions, be attentive, and have fun.
 - Official Visit
 - An official visit is one in which the school can pay for or reimburse travel costs, lodging, food, entertainment, etc. up to a certain dollar amount.
 - PSA's are only allowed to make up to 5 official visits.
 - The visit can only last up to 48 hours.
 - An official visit cannot be made until after the first day of classes during your senior year.
 - The school must have your high school transcripts, ACT/SAT scores, and confirmation of your registration with the clearing house before a visit can be made.
 - It is very common for official visits to be made after the PSA has already committed or in a situation where the athlete is transferring schools.
- When do I need to make a decision or what should my timeline be?
 - This will vary by player and by school.
 - Just as PSA's should have a timeline, schools will also have a timeline of their own.
 - Be sure to communicate with coaches about their timeline and see how it compares to your own.
- What do I do now?
 - Come up with answers to important questions such as:
 - What do I want to major in?
 - Do I want to stay close to home or do I want to go farther away?
 - Do I want to be in a city setting, rural, or something in between?
 - What size school do I prefer?
 - How much financial support do I need from the school?
 - Send emails to coaches at schools you are interested in with your playing schedule.
 - Create relationships with coaches and go on unofficial visits.
 - Find summer or fall camps at schools in which you are interested in. This is an opportunity to visit the school, get to know the coaches better, be evaluated more closely, etc.
- What if I'm a senior, but still unsigned?
 - Don't panic, there are still options available.
 - Evaluate your commitment level and priorities.
 - Be realistic about your goals and keep your options open.
 - Keep contacting coaches and giving effort in the recruiting process.
- What is it like to be a walk-on?
 - You pay for your own books, tuition, room and board, etc.

- You are treated the same as scholarship athletes (i.e. Receive equipment, can travel with team, included in team meals).
 - Have to opportunity to fight for playing time.
 - Possibility of future scholarship opportunities (Ask about this when talking to coaches).
- When are quiet periods? Dead periods?
 - Refer to the Recruiting Calendar listed on our website under NCAA Resources.