

COLLEGE RECRUITING PROCESS

PART 1

RESEARCHING

Before a high school student athlete should ever get involved in writing a college coach an email or attending any college camps, he needs to sit down and start researching colleges from an academic and athletic standpoint. Below are some questions that each student athlete should be asking themselves.

3 Key Academic Questions That Have To Be Answered

1. What do I want to study?
 - a. Even if you are a freshman or a sophomore and have no idea what you might be interested in, start looking and getting an idea of what majors are out there and where each major can lead you in the future.
2. How far away do you want to be from home?
 - a. 1-2 hours
 - b. 3-5 hours
 - c. 5+ hours
3. Big school or small school?
 - a. Big classes or small classes?
 - b. How do you learn better?

Note: You don't have to answer all of the questions above. Honestly, most high school athletes won't have those answers early on in high school. Some won't later on in high school. But it is a good idea to start here with the process. Once you have thought and asked the above questions, then add athletics into the equation.

2 Key Athletic Questions That Have To Be Answered

1. Research D1, D2, D3, NAIA, and Junior College Baseball. Keep options open!
2. Look at the rosters for each school that you are researching.
 - a. Do they have players from your area?
 - b. Do they have a lot of young players at your position that could conflict with your recruiting class?
 - c. Do the larger schools (D1/High D2) play many freshmen?