

COLLEGE RECRUITING PROCESS

PART 5

CAMPS – SHOWCASES – GAMES

Now that you have contacted your specific schools and coaches that you are interested in, it is time to find ways to get in front of them. This can be found in the forms of college camps, showcases, and games. There are some levels that can privately try you out but they will generally want to see you in one of these formats before inviting you to do that.

As you start contacting schools, or going to events, colleges will have your information and they will be inviting you to their camps. This is the first step and you are at the beginning stages of being recruited. They only know you by name, email, and phone number. Not by your skill set. They are inquiring and have interest in seeing you at their camp.

The Rundown on Camps, Showcases, and Games

1. College Camps
 - a. Most, if not all, colleges and universities will list their upcoming camps on their websites.
 - b. Camps allow players to get on campus and to meet the coaches of that specific school.
 - c. All of the coaching staff will be there to get to see you show off your skills.
 - d. You will get to work 1 on 1 with those coaches and learn about their program.
 - e. Choose specific schools of interest rather than throwing darts at random camps.
2. Showcases
 - a. These are run by independent companies not directly associated with the colleges. They are run to show off your specific skill set and give you an evaluation
 - b. This can be used as an independent source to show off your measurables (velocity, speed, hitting, fielding, etc.)
 - c. Some showcase companies create online profiles that college coaches can access
 - d. There is a list of showcase companies on the Tigers website.
3. Games
 - a. Games are normally the last step in the equation for a coach. After receiving your email, seeing you at a camp, showcase or on video, if a coach is interested, they want to see you in a game.
 - i. Send your high school and summer schedules to coaches as soon as you have them.
 - b. Some coaches will come out to one or numerous games to watch you play.