

COLLEGE RECRUITING PROCESS

PART 2

ASSESSING COLLEGE TEAMS

You have just started your research and are now out of the starting gate. Now is the time to start assessing yourself as a player and student to see what levels of college ball might be a fit. Many times, players and parents have false understandings about their level of play and how that fits with particular levels of college play.

Create Action! Be Proactive In Your College Assessment:

1. Go to a game at each level
 - a. D1
 - b. D2
 - c. D3
 - d. NAIA
 - e. Junior College
2. Where to find college schedules & timeline?
 - a. Each college or university will have their schedules listed on their website.
 - b. College seasons start early and go long
3. Examples of what to look for when watching college games
 - a. Get to know how fast players are down to 1st base
 - b. How fast are the pitchers throwing?
 - c. How hard are the hitters hitting the ball?
 - d. How crisp is their fielding and what type of range do those players show?
 - e. How do the players act during games?
 - f. How long are the players spending at the field on game days?
 - g. Ask yourself. Do I fit here? Can I fit here? Do I want to be doing everything these players are doing?
4. Go to a college practice if you can
 - a. Most college practices are early on in the afternoon on off days throughout the season.
 - b. Most schools will not worry if you watch unless they have a blocked gate.
 - c. Check out the daily routines of the college players and the amount of work they do

Know what it takes from an athletic standpoint to play college baseball at each level. It will surprise most parents and players at how good D3 teams are let alone the D1 teams that you see playing in Omaha every year for the College World Series.