

25 College Recruiting Facts

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The college recruiting process, while an exciting time, can be quite overwhelming, frustrating, and complicated. It can also end in serious disappointment and regret if you're not well informed. Many people, even those who've already been through the process, don't have the information needed to make the most of the experience. Here are 25 college recruiting facts you may not be aware of.

1. Not all student-athletes eligible for graduation from their high school are eligible by NCAA standards.
2. Not all incoming freshman student-athletes need to be registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center.
3. Registration with the Eligibility Center may play a part in the possibility of Official Visits with a college.
4. Test taking strategies for the SAT and ACT are NOT the same.
5. Unless you know you're going to "ace" it the first time, you should definitely plan on taking the SAT/ACT more than once.
6. There are definite advantages to taking either the SAT or the ACT or both prior to your senior year in high school.
7. Planning to be at the "college level" athletically by the end of your senior year in high school may be too late.
8. The top few players on a team are not the only ones with a chance of playing in college.
9. There is so much more you can do than go to showcase tournaments or recruiting camps to get your name out there and get noticed by coaches.
10. Not all college coaches attend big recruiting events such as showcases or camps.
11. You ARE allowed to make first contact with programs you are interested in.

12. The head coach is not always the best coach to send information to or try to make first contact with.
13. Not all high school counselors are able to tracking each student-athlete in their school to make sure they have everything they need to play athletics at the collegiate level.
14. Telling or showing a coach that you're not interested can be a mistake that comes back to bite you in the butt.
15. Student-athletes that publically announce their intent to attend a certain school have a bigger, more important reason than tooting their own horn.
16. You do NOT need to be invited to a school to go on an Unofficial Visit there.
17. It's not necessarily cheaper to market yourself than it is to get help.
18. Not all coaches want game footage.
19. Your options and number of choices are not necessarily better the longer you wait.
20. Grades CAN be a MAJOR part of the decision making process for a college coach.
21. There is no such thing as a 4-year scholarship.
22. While you can get excellent information out of both, there are some major fundamental differences between Official Visits and Unofficial Visits.
23. DIII doesn't have athletic scholarships.
24. The NCAA limits schools to a max number of athletic scholarships per year for particular sport.
25. Next to not taking care of grades, sitting back and waiting for offers is probably the BIGGEST (and probably the most common) mistake you can make in the college recruiting process.

I hope this list has provided some information that you didn't have before. But now that I've shared these facts with you, I'd like to ask you a few questions.

Do you know why it could be beneficial to publicly announce your commitment to a school?

Do you know the main differences between Official Visits and Unofficial Visits?

Do you know when you can start taking Unofficial Visits?

Do you know the difference in the way the SAT and ACT are scored and how that affects your test taking strategy for each?

Do you know how to check and make sure you're on track to be academically eligible by NCAA standards?

Do you know when you should be athletically ready for the college level?
(hint, it's not by the end of your senior year)

Do you know how to go about getting noticed by coaches and/or scouts?

Do you know the difference between a program that is "fully funded" and one that is not?

Do you know what your options are when it comes to marketing your student-athlete and getting her/his name out there?

Do you know how to effectively evaluate potential college choices so that you can focus your efforts and market smarter, not harder?

Were most of your answers to these questions "yes" or "no?"

Do you feel you need to educate yourself more
about the college recruiting process?

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If your answer to that last question is "YES! Please!" I have a practical, useful answer you'll be very interested in. I promise it won't cost you an arm and a leg. I know it will help answer a LOT of the questions you have about college recruiting. Start getting the answers you need today.

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Don't fall into the trap of making serious, yet common, mistakes in the college recruiting process simply because you didn't have the information you needed to make better decisions. Avoid the disappointment that comes with missing out on opportunities because you didn't take as much control over your own journey as you could have. Go to www.AllAboutFastpitch.com/college.html and make sure you have all the necessary information and tools to make the most of your college recruiting experience.

Wishing you the best,



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