College Guidance Network

Athletic Recruiting Timeline for Each Year of High School

This timeline may vary, depending on the sport league and competitive division. Work with your coach, school counselor, and admission representative to customize a timeline for you.

9th Grade

☐ Work on your sport-specific skills and athleticism

☐ Complete a 4-year academic plan to ensure NCAA eligibility

10th Grade

☐ Continue to work on your sport-specific skills and athleticism

☐ Complete online recruiting questionnaire on college websites

☐ Visit colleges (unofficially)

☐ Contact college coaches with a personal email containing athletic and academic information and highlights video

☐ Email college coaches your athletic summer schedule

☐ When appropriate, attend summer showcases and camps hosted by college coaching staffs

11th Grade

☐ Unless you already did this in 10th grade, complete online recruiting questionnaire on college websites

☐ Division I and Division II coaches can start to contact prospects after September 1

☐ Contact college coaches with personal email containing athletic and academic information and highlights video

☐ Send updated athletic and academic info to coaches you have already contacted

☐ For those planning to pursue Division I or II sports, register and create a certified account with **NCAA Eligibility Center** by the end of this school year

☐ Email college coaches your athletic summer schedule

☐ When appropriate, attend summer showcases and camps hosted by college coaching staffs

12th Grade

☐ Student-athletes hoping for a spot on the roster of a Division I or Division II school should take the ACT or SAT, submitting their score(s) to the NCAA using code 9999.**

☐ Stay proactive communicating updated academic and athletic information to coaches

☐ Communicate with college admissions officers and college coaches to schedule campus tours in the fall

☐ Update or create your highlights video

☐ Regardless of what a coach tells you, submit completed college applications by official admissions deadlines