

College Recruiting

Many prep athletes aspire to play their sport at the college level. To be prepared for the recruiting process, student athletes must have the ability to play the sport and, more importantly, they must have the academic background to be a recruitable athlete. If you think you can play at the college level, it is important for you to make an appointment with your guidance counselor at your school so that you can develop an academic plan that will ensure that you take the courses necessary to be eligible at [NAIA](#) or [NCAA](#) member schools. Do not wait until your Junior or Senior year.

Student-athletes should review the following websites to learn more about recruiting rules, the NAIA Eligibility Center, the NCAA Eligibility Center, and the NCAA Recruiting Calendar.

[NAIA Eligibility Center](#) - The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Eligibility Center is responsible for determining the eligibility of first-time NAIA student-athletes and will begin taking registrations on September 1, 2010 for any student interested in playing NAIA sports for the first time in 2011-12 or after.

www.NCAAStudent.org - This website provides information to student-athletes and their parents about what it is like to be a college student-athlete.

[Guide for College-Bound Student-Athletes](#) (PDF) - This site gives detailed information on the recruiting process. It includes core-course requirements, GPA requirements, and so on.

[NCAA Eligibility Center Website](#) - To be recruited by NCAA Division I and II institutions, student-athletes must be registered and academically eligible through the clearinghouse.

[Recruiting Realities](#) - Information from Jack Renkens, former college coach, about the recruiting process.

[Web-Based Recruiting Education](#) - Recruiting information, planning, calendars, core-course tracking.

NCAA Recruiting Calendar Terms:

- Contact period - During a contact period coaches may make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations.
- Dead period - During a dead period coaches may not make in-person recruiting contacts or evaluations on or off-campus or permit official or unofficial visits.
- Evaluation period - During an evaluation period coaches may attend off-campus activities to assess your academic qualifications and playing abilities. However, coaches may not have any direct contact with you.
- Quiet period - Coaches may make in-person recruiting contacts with you only on their campus.