

GENERAL RECRUITING TIMELINE

Rules and Regulations

Freshman, Sophomore and Junior Year

- Pay attention to your grades and class rank.
- Verify with your high school guidance counselor and the online core-course listing to make sure you are on track.
- Play in enough high school and junior events (both local and national) in order to establish your handicap and your tournament record.
- Work on your game and keep improving.
- Be aware of NCAA eligibility requirements.

Narrow down your college list. Plan some campus visitations to the schools you plan to apply. Limit to about 10 schools with at least 2 back-up safety schools you know you can get into. They will quickly narrow down further, and others will probably be added on later.

- You can make as many unofficial visits as you want.
- Plan to meet with a student in your sport, ask lots of questions.
- Do the campus tours.
- Do your research about the school via the web.
- Make a file for each school to keep all your materials in.

Sophomore and Junior Year

- Start researching possible school selections.
- Search online or send away for brochures, catalogs, applications and other available literature.
- Take the SAT or ACT by your junior year. The SAT must be taken on a national testing date. See www.collegeboard.org for more information. Go to www.ACT.org for more information on the ACT.
- Register for the NCAA Eligibility Center (to certify academic and amateur credentials) at the beginning of your junior year if you anticipate competing at NCAA Division I or II. Your high school will send your grades to the Eligibility Center.
- Make contact with coaches to allow them time to build a file on you.
 - Use letters as your initial contact to encourage a permanent file.
 - Send your letters to the golf coach in care of the intercollegiate athletic department of the school.
 - Get the coach's name and take time to address the letter to the coach.
 - Be sure to sign your name and include your return address and the year you will graduate from high school.
 - Send a concise resume along with your letter, but do not send every newspaper article in which your name has appeared. (These most likely won't be read.)

Contact with College Coaches

Coaches are allowed to send you athletic or sports camp brochures, NCAA Educational Information and Questionnaires **after September 1, at the beginning of your junior year.**

A coach can also accept phone calls from you as long as they are at your expense but remember that if you leave a message on an answering service the coach is NOT ALLOWED TO CALL YOU BACK. Coaches are not allowed to call you on the phone or send you any written recruiting information.

According to NCAA guidelines, college coaches may not contact you in person off the campus or by telephone until July 1 (June 15 in Division II) following completion of your junior year.

SENIOR YEAR

September 1 - January 1

Send out your college applications. Colleges must have an official report of your SAT or ACT scores before paying for an official recruiting visit, and you must be accepted by the school or your signed Letter of Intent becomes invalid. Keep in mind that highly competitive academic schools often have early application deadlines.

Early Signing period/Letters of Intent:

8 days starting the second Wednesday in November

January 1 - Mid April

Continue correspondence with schools. Plan campus visits.

Division I recruiting guidelines require that prior to taking an official recruiting visit (at any time), a prospective student-athlete must provide the school with a score from an SAT, ACT or PLAN along with an academic transcript. Division II requires that an SAT, ACT or PLAN score (transcript not required) to be submitted prior to any recruiting visit.

Mid April

National Letters of Intent are sent to prospective student-athletes by colleges.