



College Guidance Program

Where do I start?

Define:

- Short and Long Term Goals
- College/University Characteristics
- Personal Goals with Parents

Educational Requirements

● NCAA D1

- Core Curriculum of 13 Academic Courses
- With a GPA of 2.5 in core curriculum you need a combined score on the SAT of 820 or a score of 68 on the ACT based on the Division 1 Qualifier Index.
- Graduate from high school

● NCAA D2

- Core Curriculum of 13 Academic Courses
- GPA of 2.0 and a 820 SAT or 68 ACT
- Graduate from high school

Educational Requirements

● NCAA D3

- Based on the eligibility requirements set forth by the member institution and athletic conference.

● NAIA

- Minimum GPA 2.0
- SAT 860 or ACT 18
- Top 50% High School Class

Clearinghouse Registration

- What is it?
 - Division 1 & Division 2 Student Athletes
- Registration Process
 - Know How the System Works
 - Register on Time

COLLEGE IDENTIFICATION CRITERIA

FIELD OF STUDY

1. Major
Example: Medical, Law, Education
2. Type of Program
Example: Innovative, Traditional

COLLEGE SIZE

1. Student Population
2. Range of Courses
3. Level of Instruction

ENVIROMENT

1. Religious Affiliation
2. Conservative or Liberal
3. Coed or Single-Sex
4. Public or Private
5. Social

LOCATION

1. Distance from home
2. Rural or Urban
3. Climate

FINANCIAL

1. Scholarship
Example: Athletic or Academic
2. State/Federal Grants
3. Student Loans

SOCCKER PROGRAM

1. NCAA, NAIA, NJCAA
2. Conference/Schedule
3. Coaching
4. History/Direction
5. Facilities
6. Current Team
7. Support System
8. Additional Factors

Research Colleges and Universities that Match Your Criteria

- www.petersons.com
- www.thesportssource.com
- www.ncaa.org
- www.collegesoccer.com

Your Initial Choices

- Five to Ten Initial Choices
 - Based on Your College Identification Criteria

Contacting Your College or University

- Write Admissions for Information Package/Application
- Write Soccer Coach
 - Include Resume
 - Letter of Application
 - Soccer Schedule (Especially Club Tournament Dates)

Identifying Your Final Choice

- Your College Criteria + Correspondence + Site Visits = Your Initial Choices
- Your Initial Choices + Interested Colleges = Revised Choices
- Strive for Three to Eight Revised Choices
- Revised Choices + “Best Fit” = Final Choice

Schedule “Official” or “Unofficial” Visits

- Define “Visits”
- Appointments
 - Admissions Office
 - Head Coach
 - Financial Aid Office
 - Housing
 - Soccer Support Group

Eligibility Rules

- A college coach may not have off campus contact with a prospective student athlete until after July 1 of their junior year.
- A prospective student athlete may not practice with a D1 team on a campus visit.
- A player cannot accept payments for playing on any club team.
- A college recruit should not receive any financial rewards for attending an institution outside of a formal scholarship.
- Recruitment must be by members of the institution's academic or athletic staff.
- You are allowed five official D1/D2 visits.
- All D3 visits are unofficial.
- You can receive one phone call a week from a D1 school.

Misconceived Notions

- All schools have full scholarship dollars on a yearly basis.
- All schools do have a full allotment of scholarships.
- D3 schools have athletic scholarships.
- D1 schools have a larger enrollment and have better soccer players than other divisions.

**Compete Daily on and
off the field!**

