

The Recruiting Process
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Division I, II, III, NAIA, JC

What's the difference?

How good are the various levels?

Catching a college coach's eye—Do your research first!!!

Your letter of interest—addressing and signing the letters

Your enclosures, references

Your tape—skills and/or match play....know what a coach wants

Receiving letters from college coaches

Maintain contact—advise of tourneys, etc.

Playing club ball

Visiting a campus

Contacting the coach

Official/Unofficial visits

What a campus visit should include:

Sitting in on a class

Meeting with a Dean or Professor

Campus tour

Meeting with an Admissions Office representative

Meet the players—stay overnight???

Meet/lunch with coaching staff

Questions to ask

How many matches?

How much do you travel?

How many days of class will I miss?

What academic support systems are available?

What if I have a class and a practice....a class and a match??

Does the volleyball program enjoy a positive relationship with the faculty?

Your coaching philosophy?

Training rules?

History/success of the program?

How many players are on the team, their positions, their years?

What position do you see me playing?

How many hours a week do you practice, strength train, etc.?

Off season training and competition?

If I'm offered a roster spot, will I remain a member of the program all four years?

What if I'm injured? Insurance coverage?

Additional cost to play...fundraising?

When will I know if I'm offered a roster position?

Financial Aid Packaging

Athletic scholarships

Other types of financial aid

“Free money”

Self-help

Forms

Institutional forms

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

How a need-based package is determined?

If I receive an athletic award, how is the other aid I qualify for packaged?

Miscellaneous

The NCAA Clearinghouse

Develop a timeline for making a decision

Guides to Higher Education—research the schools

Visit early

Open admissions, deadlines, Early Decision options

Criteria to use to finalize a decision

Quality of the academic program?

Career/grad school placement success and income potential?

Internship possibilities?

Tutoring or academic services available?

Personality of the institution?

Professor- to-student?

Student-to-student?

Class size?

Size of the institution?

Opportunities for involvement in other campus activities?

Proximity to a metropolitan area...dinner, fine arts, pro sports, leisure?

Financial aid package?

Distance from home?

How you fit in the volleyball program?

Cohesiveness/chemistry of the team?

Will the volleyball program meet your needs?

MAKE YOUR DECISION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND BE REASONABLE!