

THE COLLEGE SEARCH PROCESS

Finding the best college fit for you!

TO GET YOU STARTED

Go to this site to utilize a college matchmaker tool:

<http://collegesearch.collegeboard.com/search/index.jsp>

What are you looking for in a school?

Do your research. Of the schools you have an interest in, browse the university and athletic websites. Make a list of pros and cons.

Use this site to further research NCAA schools that sponsor women's soccer. Look into a variety of college soccer levels/divisions.

<http://www.ncaa.org/wps/ncaa?key=/ncaa/ncaa/sports+and+championship/soccer/womens>

THINGS YOU SHOULD DO

Make a list of priorities in choosing a school.

- Academics? Athletics? Social? Balance?
- Would you be happy at the school if you suffer a career ending injury?
- Academic or Athletic Aid available? Playing time? Role on team?
- What level of program do you seek? Comfortable? Challenged?
- Size of School? Location of School?
- Head Coach? Personality? Vision of program? Style of play?
- Facilities? Conference? Athletic support system?
- Academic reputation? Major? Provide academic support?
- Living arrangements?

Email the coach your player profile and express your interest in the school and soccer program.

Email the coach your soccer schedules for upcoming games and tournaments.

Do the work to get good grades in High School; meet with your guidance counselor periodically to ensure you are on track to do well.

Go to the school's camp or clinic if possible.

Go to a college game to see the team play.

Continue to email and follow up with the coaching staff. Be persistent!
Consider sending a short film clip of your play.

Arrange unofficial visits. The more campuses you visit the better able you will be to make a decision. You are permitted unlimited unofficial visits. Ask the coach if you could set a time to meet with them.

Utilize your coach, Director of Coaching, or a coach who has experience in the process. It can be a very stressful process if you don't know what you are doing or are asking the wrong questions. Timing is also very important. Please keep them updated with your process. The more they know the better they can serve and assist you.

Register with the NCAA Clearinghouse. www.ncaaclearinghouse.net

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

You may contact coaches via mail or email your Sophomore and Junior year. However, college coaches are only permitted to contact prospective recruits via mail or email **after September 1st of your Junior year**. They can only send Sophomores general information about the school and a questionnaire for completion.

You may call coaches during your sophomore and junior years with questions, but the **coaches are not permitted to call you back until July 1st after your Junior year**.

Instant messaging and text messaging is NOT allowed during the recruiting process.

Official visits. You are allowed a maximum of five expense paid visits beginning your senior year after the first day of HS classes.

THINGS YOU SHOULD NOT DO

Nothing – don't leave your future to chance !

Expect to be found by college coaches – You must be proactive to initiate contact and interest with a coach.