

College Soccer Assistance Program

This program is designed to assist any high school player that has the desire to go on and play college soccer. There are many opportunities for soccer players, in college, and we are here to help guide you in the right direction and educate you on the process of college recruiting.

YES scholarships are out there, but should not be the only reason for choosing a school. We look at 5 areas when evaluating a school & it's soccer program.

1 – Academics / 2 - Cost / 3 - Athletics / 4 – Location / 5 – Size

College Soccer Varsity Programs (2006 - 2007 numbers)

NCAA Division 1 *	Men's programs – 207	Women's programs – 317
NCAA Division 2 *	Men's programs – 176	Women's programs – 216
NCAA Division 3 **	Men's programs – 412	Women's programs – 425
NAIA *	Men's programs – 235	Women's programs – 228
Junior College Soccer (2 divisions)		Division 1 * / Division 3

* These programs have the ability to offer athletic scholarships, if the funds are available to their program *

** Regardless of what you've heard, all D3 schools are NOT allowed to offer any type of athletic scholarship – just academic scholarships and need-based aid can be offered **

Keys to effectively getting yourself recruited:

- 1 - Take the time and write / email the school yourself. College coaches prefer a more personal approach to getting a player's name out to them. It shows that you've taken the time to prepare a playing / academic resume, for their viewing, and that you've researched the school a bit.
- 2 – Please keep your player resume to no more than one page if at all necessary. Most clubs do not make player profile sheets for each and everyone of their senior class players. We can also make one for juniors, if they want to start the process early.
- 3 – Please make sure to PROOF-READ your letters to each college you write. Nothing is more embarrassing than having a different school name on a letter to a program you really have a strong interest in.
- 4 – Know the NCAA rules: (a) – Coaches are only allowed to call back seniors players only (one time a week) / (b) – You can call or email a coach as often as you'd like (refer to #1 though) / (c) – ONLY seniors are allowed to make OFFICIAL visits to colleges and you are only allowed 5 of those / (d) – You can make as many UNOFFICIAL visits as you want to any school.
- 5 – Really think it over if you plan on using a recruiting service. They tend to be rather costly and don't do much to really personalize your interest in the school. They also tend to do mass mailings which plenty of college coaches tend to ignore.
- 6 – WE are providing a service through YOUR club team. No one knows you better, as a player, than your coaches and we do have some personal connections with college coaches throughout the country to help point you in the right direction.

Websites to help make the search a little easier:

- 1 - www.ncaa.org Goes over any rules or regulations that the NCAA imposes
 2. – www.ncaaclearinghouse.net All players looking to play D1 / D2 **must** register with the NCAA Clearinghouse *
- * Regardless if you've been accepted to a D1/D2 school, the NCAA has the ultimate say on if you are eligible to play college soccer, based off your high school transcripts and test scores (either ACT www.act.org/ SAT www.collegeboard.com)
- 3 – www.nscaa.com Go to the **Adidas College Scoreboard** link (right column) and then you can do your search.
 - 4 – www.soccerbuzz.com For women's soccer programs ONLY. Good info for women soccer players
 - 5 – www.naia.org This is very similar to NCAA D1 / D2, but governed by a different collegiate athletic association.
 - 6 – www.njcaa.org National Junior College Athletic Association
 - 7 – www.socccratings.com Provides you with info on where a program of your interest is nationally ranked
 - 8 – www.collegenet.com A search engine for colleges and universities. Gives you a link to school's website.
 - 9- www.d3kicks.com For men's and women's DIII programs similar to Soccer Buzz.

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