



**RECRUITING SERVICE
PACKET**

UNDERSTANDING BOTH SIDES

- What players and parents need to consider when looking for the right fit and what college coaches need to consider when recruiting players.

Players and Parents -

- is it an academic fit
- is it a financial fit
- distance from home
- campus life
- coaching staff
- baseball field
- indoor facilities
- preferred scheduling
- academic assistance
- roster receptiveness (where are the players on the team from)
- ability to play at the school
- how many players at your position
- over recruiting
- scholarship offer
- financial aid

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- **Coaches:**

- primary and secondary needs

- recruiting by position

- budget

- returning players and possible draft picks

- amount of scholarship money available

- regional recruiting (too many players from the same area)

- player projection

- upside/downside

- where will he be in 2 years, 3 years

- what do his parents look like (size, shape)

- type of player

- type of person

- type of family

Scholarship Info

- College baseball scholarships are much different than scholarships for College Football and Basketball. If a D-1 College football program gives a student a football or basketball scholarship, that scholarship is likely 100%.
- In College Baseball,
 - Division I baseball team only has 11.7 scholarships (OVER 4 YEARS)
 - Division II baseball team only has 9 scholarships (OVER 4 YEARS)
 - Division III - no athletic scholarships
- A minimum scholarship 25%.
- Scholarships for baseball are one year, renewable (can be increased or decreased but unless off the field trouble, scholarship sticks)
- Generally speaking pitchers/catchers receive the most money and the amounts trickles down from that point.
- The Ivy League, The Patriot League (now one scholarship), and DIII Universities, DO NOT offer athletic scholarships however many of the aforementioned offer generous academic and or need based financial aid.

Comparing the Recruiting Process to the Dating Process

There are many similarities between the recruiting process and the dating process. They both develop in stages, they both occur over a period of time (see dictionary definition of the word “process”) and they both, hopefully, result in a lasting relationship.

INITIAL MEETING

DATING: A group of guys and girls go out to a high school sporting event together.

COMPARISON

RECRUITING: A group of players and a group of College Coaches attend a Showcase event.

SECOND GROUP GET TOGETHER

DATING: The next time the group gets together, one of the guys (Joe) pairs off with one of the girls (Joan) and they decide to go on a future dinner date.

COMPARISON

RECRUITING: After the showcase, a College Coach decides to come and watch one particular player (Matt) perform in a game setting.

PHONE, EMAILS AND TEXT

DATING: After the dinner date, Joe and Joan talk on the phone, text and email back and forth in the hope of learning more about one another and building a relationship.

COMPARISON

RECRUITING: After the game, the College Coach contacts Matt to talk about the game, discuss his academic standing and college plans, and to learn more about his as a person in general.

DIVISION 11 OVERVIEW

- Division II has roughly 250 baseball teams.
- Fully funded programs have a total of 9 Scholarships that can be awarded.
- There are 8 geographic regions that compete in a 48 team tournament.

DIVISION III OVERVIEW

- Roughly 365 teams
- No athletic scholarships given however---
- Need based financial aid and academic money is available.
- DIII has the shortest schedule of the NCAA baseball divisions. Roughly 35 games a year.
- Not to be thought of as “bad baseball”. There are some very talented D-III programs out there with extremely skilled players.

EXPOSURE - Showcase

- Showcases are regionalized as well. When my father started showcases 30 years ago - only show in town - now there are so many that coaches do not have to travel far to see players
- make sure some colleges that you are interested in are attending the showcase
- always email the coaches you are interested in beforehand so they can look for you and follow you - do not just be a #
- if you are not a “showcase” player by size, speed, velocity - make sure you attend a showcase with a game day or games involved
- DO NOT START SHOWCASING UNTIL YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SHOWCASE** - you only have one chance to make a first impression

EXPOSURE - Showcase

- Some options for Showcases in and around our area:
 - Headfirst Honor Roll (\$\$\$)
 - Selectfest / Selectfest Underclassmen
 - Showball (\$\$\$)
 - Wladyka Baseball

EXPOSURE - College Camps

- **INDIVIDUAL COLLEGE CAMPS**

MISCONCEIVED AS A MONEY MAKER (\$100-150)

money maker if you are not realistic - excellent opportunities to showcase if you are realistic

The only setting where the entire coaching staff will be present to evaluate you, you meet the team, tour the campus and get a feel for your surroundings

EXPOSURE - TRAVEL TEAMS

- Do your homework.
- Look for something in writing.
- Weigh the pros and cons.
- Look for past success.
- MOST IMPORTANTLY - Make sure you are ON THE FIELD. Cannot be 3rd catcher, 8th pitcher, 5th outfielder.

PREGAME, BULLPENS AND BATTING PRACTICE ARE TO WET A COACHES APPETITE - you need to be seen on the field.

VIDEO

- Video is a must! It makes it easier to start an email conversation, gives the college coaches a first look at you and also can wet the coaches appetite so he will come watch you play in a game.

THIS IS NOT A HIGHLIGHT TAPE!

You should have it done for you (4-6 minutes in length) - it should be real time pitches, plays, swings, ect.

You will not need the Rocky soundtrack and the 5 best diving plays you have ever made.

When Do I Start the Process?

- Different athlete will start at different times...WHY?
- Gun to my Head: begin the process the Summer/Fall between Sophomore and Junior year (spreadsheets, visit campuses, learn from websites) knowing that a high percentage of recruiting, visits, showcases and camps will happen the following Summer.
- **MOST CASES:** You will be recruited in the Summer and Fall of your senior year

VISIT DIFFERENT COLLEGES

- **WATCH COLLEGE TEAMS PLAY AND COACHES COACH** - watch games on Sundays in April and May - D1, D2, D3, JC - gives you an idea of where you think you can play
- **UNOFFICIAL VISITS** take as many as you can to get an idea of what you are looking for, i.e, in state/out of state, public/private, big/small, campus life
- **OFFICIAL VISITS**

Partake in everything that a player does (class, practice, weight room, dining hall, dorms, study hall, out at night)

- do your homework about the University and Baseball programs before you go
- talk to the players (starter and non-starter, red shirt)
- ask questions to the coaches and players
- see all the facilities (Northeast baseball)
- speak to an academic advisor
- GUYS LIKE YOURSELF
- TAKE NOTES

Recruiting Visits

- **Unofficial Visits:**

- Prospect may take as many unofficial visits as he likes.
- Prospect and family must pay all the expenses incurred in visit.
- Unofficial visits are a good way to visit college and meet with coaches.

- **OFFICIAL VISITS:**

- College or University finances all or part of the visit.
- Maximum of five visits per prospect beginning 1st day of classes senior year
- One visit per school
- Maximum length of visit is 48 hours

- **NCAA Division I Baseball Recruiting Calendar**
- (a) August 1-21, 2016: - CONTACT PERIOD
- (b) August 22- through September 8, 2016: QUIET PERIOD
- (c) September 9 through November 6, 2016 - CONTACT PERIOD
- (d) November 7-10, 2016: DEAD PERIOD
- (e) November 11, 2016 through February 28, 2017: QUIET PERIOD
- (f) March 1 through July 31, 2017: CONTACT PERIOD
- (1) April 10-13, 2017: DEAD PERIOD

DEFINITIONS:

Dead Period, Contact Period, Quiet Period

Contact Period:

College coaches are allowed to have in-person contact with you or your legal guardians. This period means coaches can watch you compete anywhere, and the coach can write and make telephone calls.

Dead Period:

The college coach cannot make in-person contact with you or your legal guardians. This prevents the coach from making any evaluations of you whatsoever. However, the coach can make telephone calls to you or your legal guardians.

Quiet Period:

During this time a college coach cannot watch you compete at any location. It is allowed for the college coach to make in-person contact with you or your legal guardians if it occurs on the coach's campus. The coach can still make telephone calls to you or your legal guardians, and you can make visits to college campuses during this time.

Recruiting WWW

- Players committing before pitching in HS!
- How can this happen if coaches cannot contact players?
- Date to Remember: September 1st of you Junior Year

ROSTERS

- **ROSTER RECEPTIVENESS**

It is extremely difficult to play COMPETITIVE college baseball outside of your region - especially in the South

Rarely do players from the South come North to play.

3 WAY FIT

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 - athletically
 - academically
 - financially
- ACADEMICS - common phrase is “I want to use baseball as a means of getting my son into the best academic school” Make sure that the academic standards are not OVER HIS HEAD. Baseball may help him get there but it will not help him stay there.

Common ?'s

- How do I separate mass emails from personal emails?
- This is getting expensive, how do I choose?
- Am I late? “My friend told me”

Don't follow your **heart!**

Follow your **head!**

- Most of the time the writing is on the wall.
- Who is recruiting me?
- After attending a camp.....
- 400+ colleges will see you over the Summer/Fall, who is recruiting you?

Wladyka Baseball

College Recruiting Service

- ***What we do with our College Scouting and Recruiting Service is:***

Make your life easier - we help provide you with realistic next level expectations.
Provide you with a list of 1600 college coaches with contact information
Provide you with a sample email to send to the college coaches
Give you the questions to ask college coaches

DEVELOP AN INDIVIDUAL PLAYER WEB PAGE THAT INCLUDES:

A) Personal Profile

A comprehensive profile detailing your academic, athletic and physical attributes plus an in depth and accurate assessment of your present and projected baseball skills.

B) Online Video Footage

More and more college coaches are relying on videos to broaden the scope of their recruiting and to make realistic appraisals of prospects. You will be FILMED both hitting and at your defensive position (including pitchers) from a variety of camera angles. Each of our subscribing college coaches will have a login ID and password for our database to view your workout. Coaches will have the capability of doing a player search enabling them to sort players by name, region, position, SAT/ACT score, GPA, skill rating, etc.

Additionally, you will be provided with your own personal link which will allow you to email your Web Page to any college coach across the country.

2. RECRUITING GUIDANCE

Beyond the marketing aspect of the program, we try to supply guidance to you. Here we attempt to advise/educate you on recruiting procedures and regulations, how to respond to coaches' inquiries, scholarship and financial aid opportunities, and on how to accelerate the recruiting process in general. This assistance is continuous upon entering the program until graduation.

Any Questions???