

# Topics Part 1

\*NCAA Division Differences

\*Scholarship & FASFA (Need Based Grant - Money you do not have to pay back)

\* Recruiting Definitions

#### Topics Part 2

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# Understanding the NCAA



Division I, II, and III

Ivy League/Little Ivies

NCJAA, JUCO, NAIA

#### Division I

- All or nothing scholarship model if fully funded.
- 12 Full Scholarships
- Approximately 336 Schools in Division I
- Among the three divisions, Division I schools generally have the biggest student bodies, manage the largest athletics budgets and offer the most generous number of scholarships. More than 170,000 student-athletes compete in DI.

#### Division II

- Partial Scholarship Model
- 300 DII colleges and universities. Schools range from more than 25,000 to less than 2,500 students. Division II allows full schools scholarships, but it is very rare. The partial model allows DII schools to recognize student-athletes for their skills through athletics-based aid, while the at the same time keeping athletics budgets more in line with the institutions bottom line. There are approximately 110,000 athletes in DII.
- 8 Full Scholarships broken up into parts as the coach sees best.
- Can stack with other scholarships (academic, grants, etc.)

#### Division III

- No Athletic Scholarship Model
- 450 DIII Schools with 180,000 student-athletes. DIII is the largest NCAA division in both number of participants and number of schools. Academics is the primary focus of DIII student-athletes. The focus is being a student first and student-athletes are integrated on campus and treated like all other members of the student body.
- Example of tier based academic scholarships
- GPA & SAT/ACT Score 4 Tier example with Trinity
- Tier 1 = SAT 1150-1210 ACT 25-26 with 3.5GPA = \$7-10K
- Tier 2 = SAT 1220-1290 \$12-15K
- Tier 3 = SAT 1300-1390 or ACT 29-31 = \$17-19K
- Tier 4 = SAT 1400 and up or ACT 32 and higher = \$21K and an interview to earn full tuition of 48K (not including books)

# Ivy League & Little Ivies

- Founded in 1954, the Ivy League is the most diverse intercollegiate conference in the country with ore than 8,000 student-athletes competing each year. there are eight Ivy schools and is Division I level of NCAA athletics.
- Grant Scholarships Need Based (Be sure to look at the NET PRICE CALCULATOR ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE): <a href="https://college.harvard.edu/financial-aid/net-price-calculator">https://college.harvard.edu/financial-aid/net-price-calculator</a>
- GPA 3.5 and above with a <u>rigorous</u> schedule
- More A's than B's
- SAT Min 650 on each part unless you're a superstar
- ACT 29 and above
- Roster vs Walk On offers
- Like two years of grades and a PSAT to have an idea of where you stand as a student. Doesn't mean the PSAT has any weight on your status, but allows them to make a guess where you Al will range.
- Resume builders, you have to have more than just volleyball on your resume
- \* \*\*\*\*\*You have to remember that receiving a verbal offer doesn't offer admission to the school. It simply means that a coach is offering to support your admission process and you will likely be admitted, but it's not 100%.

#### NAIA

- National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics
- Scholarship is similar to DII, has eight scholarships to work with.
- There are no recruiting rules for the NAIA in regards to a high school student.
- 300 member colleges and universities and 60,000 student-athletes. 90% offer scholarships.

#### NJCAA

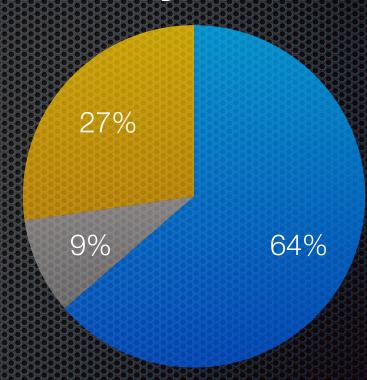
- National Junior College Athletic Association
- 2 Year College Athletics
- Across all levels (DI, DII, DIII) DI = 103 schools can offer 14 scholarships, DII
   120 schools offer 14 scholarships but unlike DI scholarships do not include room and board help, DIII 76 programs do not offer scholarships.

# FASFA Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- Video link to understanding the FASFA: <a href="https://studentaid.ed.gov/fafsa">https://studentaid.ed.gov/fafsa</a>
- Your eligibility depends on your Expected Family Contribution, your year in school, your enrollment status, and the cost of attendance at the school you will be attending. The financial aid office at your college or career school will determine how much financial aid you are eligible to receive.
- The financial aid staff starts by deciding upon your cost of attendance (COA) at that school.
- They then consider your Expected Family Contribution (EFC).
- They subtract your EFC from your COA to determine the amount of your financial need and therefore how much need-based aid you can get.
- To determine how much non-need-based aid you can get, the school takes your cost of attendance and subtracts any financial aid you've already been awarded.

## What Division Can I Play?

- General Observations for 18 Royal
- 7 Committed to play Division I
- 1 Committed to play DIII
- 3 Unsigned Seniors



# What Division Can I Play?

- Helpful to look at the list of DI schools online and view the rankings then compare to others that are committed. Keep in mind most of the top 50 schools are currently looking at freshman this year.
- Top talent is identified as early as 8th grade.
- Top talent has been recruited as late as the senior year usually special circumstances.
- Positionally you can be recruited on average different times of classification. To clarify, most setters are recruited every two years in a program, Middles and Outsides are recruited usually every year, Liberos tend to be recruited later unless you are a top talent.
- Talk to your club coaches, recruiting coordinators, respected high school coaches about where they see you. Take in the feed back you get after writing schools to help determine where you are getting the best feedback.

- Contact Any face-to-face communication between a college coach and the student athlete (or their legal guardians/relatives.
- FACT YOU NEED TO KNOW. YOU ARE NOT TO HAVE ANY FACE-TO-FACE CONTACT AT A TOURNAMENT WITH A COLLEGE COACH OTHER THAN A HELLO AND A WAVE. THAT GOES FOR PLAYER AND PARENT/GUARDIAN/RELATIVE.

- 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 phone calls (based on age/classification).
- DI can not write a PSA (Prospective Student Athlete) until Sept 1st of her junior year. They have to go through the coordinator to reach you. They can't call you or text you until your junior year.

- Dead Period The college coach cannot make inperson contact with you or your legal guardians. No evaluations or on campus visits period. The coach can make telephone calls to you or your legal guardian based on classification.
- Do not make visits to a college campus during dead periods. You can find these dead periods online.
- Dead Period is during signing week.

- Official Visit Any visit to a college that is paid for by that university. You and/or your legal guardians will have your transportation to and from the college paid for. Also paid for by the college will be your room, meals (three per day), and entertainment expenses. Generally you will receive three free passes to that college's home game the weekend you are in town.
- This happens only your senior year. You get five official visits.
- Most people that commit prior to their senior year take an official visit still their senior year to the school they committed to.

- Unofficial Visit Anytime you or your legal guardians visit a school campus that is funded by you. You can take as many unofficial visits as you want. Three free tickets to a home game is the only thing a coach can give you during your unofficial visit.
- You must take unofficial visits. Use your out of state tournaments to visit schools.
- An unofficial visit is set up through the volleyball staff, not the school admissions department.

# NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT

- NLI is the document you sign to make your scholarship offer official and binding. Nothing is binding until you sign this your senior year.
- There are differences between being committed and being signed.
- 4 year vs 1 year scholarship.

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#### Identify Schools to Contact

Once you have identified the level of play, you must follow the general outline to be looked at by a program:

- Use your <u>i-Skyline Profile Page</u>.
- 2. Research schools using i-Skyline.
- 3. Draft an email to introduce yourself to a college coach. There are examples in i-Skyline to help you!
- 5. Film matches to start gathering highlights for a recruiting video.

### NCAA Eligibility Center

- Register as early as your freshman year.
- One time \$70 fee
- NCAA ID#
- www.eligibilitycenter.org



#### University Athlete

www.universityathlete.com

Use the free version and update your profile with game footage.

University Athlete is the premier communication tool connecting collegiate coaches and prospective student athletes. We are NOT a recruiting service; we don't sell athletes to colleges nor promote them in any way; therefore, the coaches trust us and use our services. UA combines the convenience of an online database with the efficiency of iPhone and Android software to assist coaches' recruiting efforts at tournaments.

At a tournament, colleges can instantly find any player, identify new players, evaluate and take notes without losing valuable time needed to watch courts. More than 300 Div I and more than 500 Div II, III, Juco and NAIA programs utilize University Athlete's services and that number is growing. We have created a system that efficiently and effectively connects the coaches with the players in a timely and secure environment. Athletes now have the tools at hand to get the correct information into the hands of the recruiters at NO COST.

#### VIDEO TAPING

- Must have video. Helpful tools private youtube acct.
- One parent films for the team, share with each other!
- Even video practices to put more footage on your site. The more the better.
- Film private lessons, clinics, etc.
- Always film from directly behind, with a still camera. No movement, no sound, no music. Cut out missed serves and don't include clips when you are not in the game. When your daughter switches sides, you pick up your camera and switch sides too.



- Unedited and <u>highlights</u> are both recommended. Be sure to start the film with your best first. Don't wait 2-3 plays for something good to happen!
- Try to highlight yourself at the start of each play during games and/or highlights.

#### Phone Calls

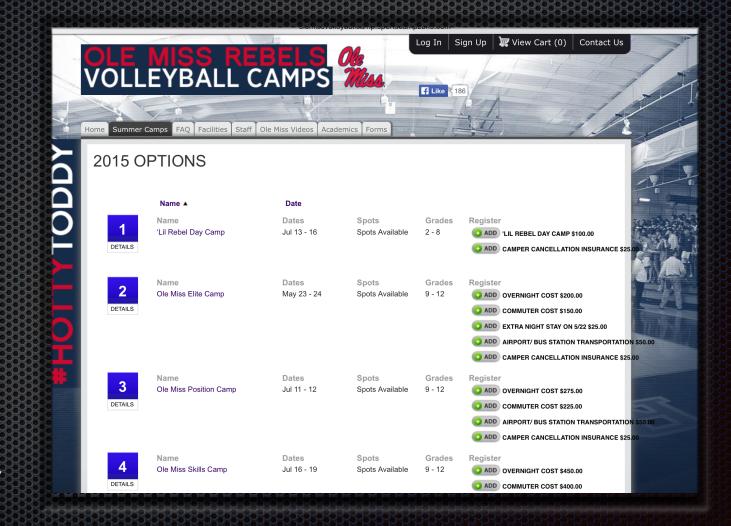
■ This is a must. Once you have sent an email to introduce yourself to a coach, you should follow up with a phone call to that coach. Phone numbers can be found on the website under staff directory on the athletics page or simply google the school athletic staff directory page.

Example Contact: <u>TCU</u>

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#### When to go to a Summer Camp

- Only plan to go to a summer camp after you have clearly established a relationship with the coaching staff and they know you are coming as the next step in the evaluation process.
- Coaches will tell you which camp the incoming freshman and recruits are attending. It is usually the elite camp.



# How Skyline Plays a Role

- Skyline does not guarantee a scholarship. We simply do our best to prepare you to be in a situation to hopefully earn a scholarship or compete at the next level if you desire to do so.
- We attend many major qualifiers to speak with college coaches. This doesn't mean we are beside your court every match (nor do we need to be).
- We facilitate emails between the college coaches and the player to keep with compliance in the NCAA.
- We answer questions they ask us when they reach out to us. We also do not recommend you sign up with NCSA, or any other recruiting service. After 20 years of experience we have found that in writing with many colleges they state that they would never use this service and want to talk to three people in the process: Club Recruiting Coordinator, Club Coach, High School Coach of the recruit. Beyond that they ignore all communications. In other words we are trying to save you money and time.
- We will email you directly when a coach asks us about your daughter. If you do not receive an email with this info, you were not discussed.
- Be mindful when contacting the staff from Skyline. Use email, not text and please consider business hours.

