Welcome!

Introductions:
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*This is not a recruiting event being sponsored by or for the University of Delaware or the University of Pennsylvania, rather this is an opportunity to learn more about the general recruitment process for a prospective student-athlete and family members.

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What is “Recruiting”? 

- What does “being recruited” mean? 
  - Does receiving a letter from a university count as being recruited? 
- Recruiting calendars are different, by sport 
- When can you contact a coach? 
- When can a coach contact you? 
- What are some tips/strategies for trying to attract the attention of coaches?
How Important Are Academics?

• How important are academics in your pursuit of becoming a collegiate student-athlete?
• Do your grades matter?
• Do the classes you choose to take matter?
• What grade does your GPA start to matter?
Division I, II, III – What’s the Difference?

- Division I, II, and III – what does this mean?
  - Scholarships
  - Competitiveness
  - Commitment required – practice times, travel to games
- Describe the difference between a Preferred Recruit vs Walk-on
Communications

• What’s appropriate regarding communications with a coach?
• Is it okay to also reach out to others on the coaching staff, like position coaches, assistant coaches?
• How often should I reach out?
• What updates do coaches want to receive – sports performance, academic accomplishments, what else?
• Is it okay for parents to reach out, or should communications come from the student?
• Can I ask to meet with a coach in person (or via Zoom)?
• Will college coaches want to speak to my high school/travel team coach?
Camps & Clinics

• What’s the difference between a camp and a clinic?
• Is attending a camp or clinic a necessary part of the recruitment process?
• Do coaches attend these?
• How do I choose what to attend?
• How do I stand out at a camp?
• Should I try to speak with a coach at a camp or clinic about attending their university?
Can a coach tell you what to major in?  
Students can check college athletic websites to see what current athletes are achieving in their sport  
- For example, a high school swimmer or track athlete could check the times of college athletes in their events to see what coaches might be looking for  
There are only certain numbers of spots on teams – a baseball team will need a certain number of pitchers or first baseman – so coaches may not always be looking to bring in athletes for every position  
Have a lot of options - your choice should match your academic and career goals with your sport  
Ask if there are set practice times for your sport – some colleges have afternoon practice times for all sports that do not compete with classes; other colleges may practice at the convenience of a coach, and then what choice is a student expected to make if a class or lab is a conflict?  
Most colleges have GPA requirements to be on a sports team
NCAA  www.ncaa.org

- Perspective student athletes must register with ncaa.org
- Want to play college sports? [https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/](https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/)
- College athletes making it to the pros:
  [https://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/research/estimated-probability-competing-professional-athletics](https://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/research/estimated-probability-competing-professional-athletics)

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Welcome to the Delaware Student Success texting program!

It’s all so confusing. Where do I start?

Attend the webinars this week to learn more.

Thanks!

1. Text SUCCESS to 302-492-2092
2. Get next steps on career and college
3. Attend webinars
4. Text back with questions

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