

COLLEGE RECRUITING NAVIGATING THE PROCESS – COLORADO JUNIORS

Myth: I'm getting lots of mail from schools, they must be planning on offering me \$\$.

Reality: Each school sends out the SAME mail to approximately 100 girls for every one scholarship they have to offer, per position.

Myth: I've been playing volleyball for years – certainly I will have my choice of schools and get a full scholarship – someone will notice me.

Reality: There are thousands of girls just like you – only 4.3% of HS volleyball players will go on to play in college – many not on scholarship (all D3 and some of D2/D1). Doubtful that a coach will just be walking by and notice you playing!

Myth: Division One volleyball is the only place they play good level volleyball and offer \$\$

Reality: There are 320 D1 schools with volleyball (not all are fully funded). The top 25 D2 schools would actually compete with/beat the D1 schools ranked 175 and lower. The top 15 D3 schools would compete well with the top 25 D2 schools. Many NAIA and Junior College programs are playing at a very high level as well – and offer more money! Do not “snub” other levels, or academic/athletic scholarship packages. D1=12, D2=8, D3=0, NAIA/JC/CC=no limits

TIMING:

- Get yourself noticed – contact coaches (phone, email) to get on their watch list – remember they cannot return calls

- Coaches are currently lining up their “who do I need to see, and where” lists – get on it!

- Verbal before Nov of senior year – nothing more than a verbal agreement.

CoJrs has 9 in 2017 done, but ONLY 278 in the country – only 20% are committed (1,400/yr avg – all divisions)!

- Do not feel rushed – making the best choice better than making the first choice -- **NOT** a race--2018 CJ=1, 36 in country

- Visits – unofficial (you pay) – unlimited; Official (they pay) – first day of school senior year, 5 Div 1 visits allowed, Div 2= unlimited and start your Junior year !

HOW TO START: (what **YOU** need to do!)

- Contact schools of interest/let us know too (can use resources below for choices) – we'll contact all reasonable choices.

- Get better!

- Be aggressive with follow-up contact before and after tournaments, invite to practice

- Do not ignore any interest – yet – this does NOT mean a scholarship offer, yet – ask them where you stand

- Considerations – geography, size, major, focus

- Contact at least 10 schools before Omaha/Vegas

- Get your CoJr web page updated before xmas – club video is a must -- make skills video and update as needed

OTHER ITEMS:

- **We recommend** NOT spending the money on recruiting services

- Libero's – very difficult and unusual to get 4yr full ride – expect some 1/3 and 2/2 offers

- Don't ignore what you see on visit – drinking, praying, coach conduct, etc.

- Stats/hs honors are NOT important to coaches

- Not all schools provide a challenging vb experience (relative to CJ's)

- Know yourself – very few frosh start

- At tournaments, behavior, TO conduct, attitude, warmup, subbing – all watched

- Be realistic – ex: Penn State's lowest front row player 10' 5"; don't assume your jump will go up 4" just because you want it to! **Minimum** these days for mid level D1 seems to be 9' 8" for hitters.

- Go see college matches, local campuses!

Resources:

www.richkern.com - \$20 membership – web site will ALL vb schools tabbed, rosters, coaches emails, school info, current/past/future recruits

www.universityathlete.com – free service to create a bio, college needs, general info

www.prepvolleyball.com – \$20 membership – recruiting articles, news of recent commitments, etc.

www.ncaa.org – general rules, school requirements, etc