



# ATHLETIC RECRUITING

## Parent Coffee

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### Your Home Team

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## Value of Athletics

- Leadership Development
- Lifetime Fitness
- Balance with Academics
- Eases Social Adjustment from Academy to College with an instant peer group
- Exposure and Experiences
  - Example: Hoops Team travel to Greece
  - Example: Soccer Team playing in Ireland
- Recruitment Hook for Admission



## Recruiting - Two Perspectives

1. **Outside Coaches** – club teams often want to “place” you into a school in order to say “our program has 10 kids playing in college”, not realizing the academic end of things here
2. **School Personnel at C.A.** – our only player in this is the student-athlete.  
*Everything we do is child-centered.*





## Early Questions to Ask

1. Student-athletes should ask coaches about potential for college sports
  - get opinions from those who know
2. For Clock Sports: Am I fast enough?



POS	NAME	TIME
1	Jourdan Cline	23.40
2	Jenner M McLeod	23.65
3	Haley M Townsend	23.93
4	Mary J Bank	24.05
5	Hannah A Lobb	24.09



University of the South  
Sewanee

Individual Top Times

Times since: 17-Oct-13  
Sewanee [SEW] Coach: Max Obermiller  
Number of Top Times: 10 Show Yards Only

Women 50 Free				Women 50 Free	
1	25.62	Y	F Graves, Mallory	SO	1 18.2
2	26.61	Y	F Escobar, Astrid M	SR	2 18.4
3	26.77	Y	F Blau, Emily F	SR	3 20.1
4	27.08	Y	F Stevenson, Chloe B	SO	4 20.1
5	27.28	Y	F Thompson, Anna M	SO	5 20.1



## Research and Technology

- Look at Rosters
  - Where are the players from?
  - What positions do they need?
  - Does height/weight seem to matter?
  - Times? Events?
- Do use their **questionnaire** to assure
  - that you go into their database
- Do not simply mass e-mail coaches
- Follow teams on FB/Twitter
- Value of Recruiting Websites?
- Camps/Tournaments
- The Art of Self-Recruitment

**Women's Lacrosse**  
Home Roster Schedule/Results Statistics News Coaches Recruit Questionnaire Media

**Recruit Questionnaire**

General

First Name \*

Last Name \*

Email Address

Home Address1

Home Address2

City



## Athletic Recruiting

- This process is so individual
  - Varies by sport and by child



- Self-Promotion
  - A lot of work and investment
  - Persistence and follow-up

- This feels like Reverse “Early Decision” – someone chooses you



## What We've Learned

- Coaches want to hear from kids, not parents
- Coaches check on kids before they invest in them
  - Clean up social media – FB, Twitter, Instagram
- Parents can help with videos, resumes, sorting through mail, details of unofficial visits
- This process will move **very quickly** for “hot recruits”, especially at the Division I level
- Not every high school athlete can play varsity college sports. The college coaches decide. Most schools have wonderful club/intramurals.

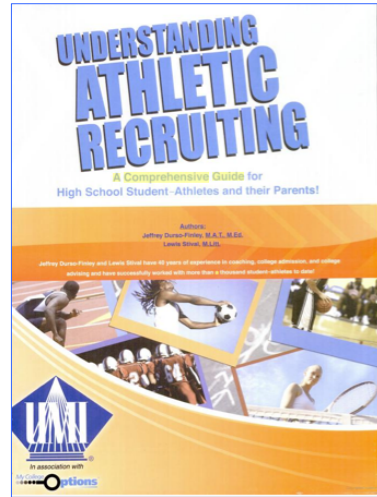


## Our Favorite Book

### Questions within this book

- Am I leveraging my skill to get into the most selective college?
- Do I want to be a Division I bench warmer or a Division III player?
- How important is playing time?

**Do NOT leverage without  
love of the sport**



## NCAA Requirements

Prospective NCAA Division I and II recruits must complete the registration process on the NCAA Eligibility Center





## Experience Tells Us...

- Don't skip the important first steps
  - Ask your coaches about your ability to play at the next level
  - “Where have athletes with my ability gone on to play?”
- Persistence can pay off...but there is a fine line
- This can be a long and winding road
  - Setbacks along the way, lots of ups and downs
  - But....tremendous payoff
- Timing of different sports at different NCAA levels can be confusing
  - Only certain parts of this are within your control
  - Some athletes will be offered slots earlier than others
- Not all students who *can* play will *choose* to play
- Some students will not make the cut...
  - ...even though we think they are great athletes!
- And some athletes peak in college after getting “only” a walk on slot
- Remember the “broken leg rule”



Columbus Academy  
Class of 2017  
Graduates Participating in Collegiate Athletics