



TIMELINE

11th grade

July, August & September

- Meet with your guidance counselor and make sure your core course GPA is above a 2.0 (2.5 or better is great) and that you are on target to graduate with at least 16 core courses. Review your high school transcript and discuss college plans.
- Check on registration deadlines for the ACT and SAT. Register to take the October tests.
- Make a career inventory to find potential college majors. Consider what your interests are and research which schools offer the best course of study to meet those interests.
- Attend college fairs. This is a unique opportunity to gather information about a number of schools at the same time. A great deal of information can be found at www.onlinecollegefairs.com.
- Develop a list of schools that meet your academic needs. Compare this list to the list of schools you previously created. While athletics are important, scholarship assistance should be a means to a greater end.
- Meet with your coaches and ask their opinion on your college-level potential. What level do they think is a good fit for you? Division 1, 2, 3, NAIA, or NJCAA? Have them tell you what they believe are your strengths and weaknesses.
- Make arrangements for highlight videos, game films, and performance footage.
- Continue sending schools information. SportsWorx will provide you with contact information on all the schools you are interested in and help you put together necessary data
- Continue to update and improve your SportsWorx Athlete Portfolio and to track those schools hitting on you.
- Visit schools unofficially and try to see which type of schools you like. Now is the time to really start marketing yourself.
- If you know what school you want to attend, try to get them to offer you a scholarship. Early commitments will depend on the sport and the recruiting calendar.
- Continue performing community service.

October, November & December

- Take ACT or SAT and try to have a qualifying score. SportsWorx can define qualifying scores.
- Explore opportunities for college/high school joint enrollment credit. Community colleges are a great place to earn college-level credits while still in high school.
- Complete two practice admissions forms.
- Continue to update your SportsWorx Athlete Portfolio.
- Continue working with your SportsWorx representative to market yourself to those colleges on your list. Maintain a complete and accurate record of all communications (letters, emails, unofficial visits, etc.)
- You can now register with the NCAA Eligibility Center, which determines academic eligibility for athletes competing in NCAA Divisions I and II. No athlete who has not registered with and cleared the Eligibility Center will be allowed to compete in those divisions. Registration can be done online at <http://eligibilitycenter.org>.
- Continue to develop a highlight video and to compile game footage.
- Obtain a holiday workout program from your coach.

January, February & March

- Research and evaluate summer competition programs (camps, Premiere leagues, travel teams, etc.) Select camps where coaches for schools you are interested in will be coaching.
- Visit a variety of colleges. Do not rely exclusively on being recruited by specific schools or levels of competition. By looking at different size schools and schools with different academic criteria, you create more options.
- Check with your counselor for re-test schedules if your College Board scores need improving.
- Arrange for unofficial visits and interviews with college coaches.
- Research the internet for financial aid information. See www.fafsa.org.
- Continue to gather information on your target schools, study their team rosters, and obtain admissions applications.
- Continue to update your SportsWorx Online Athlete Portfolio and obtain current letters of reference.

- If you are not the perfect student-athlete keep trying to get there.

April, May & June

- Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center if you have not already done so. Remember that no athlete who has not registered with and cleared the Eligibility Center will be allowed to compete in NCAA Divisions I or II. Registration can be done online at <http://eligibilitycenter.org>.
- Retake the ACT and SAT if necessary.
- Develop an academic plan for senior year. Again, be sure that you have satisfied all of the NCAA Core Course requirements and that the courses will all be completed prior to May of your senior year.
- Attend at least one college camp with particular emphasis on being seen by the coaches of schools you have the greatest interest in.
- Continue unofficial visits and interviews with college coaches.
- Ask your high school/club coach to send letters to schools on your behalf.
- Investigate Advanced Placement eligibility and take Advanced Placement Tests. AP tests are offered each May, and it is not necessary to take AP courses to take AP tests. Discuss this option with your guidance counselor or college advisor.
- Familiarize yourself with the recruiting regulations and eligibility requirements for the different college athletic associations (NCAA, NAIA, and NJCAA). See www.ncaa.org, www.naia.org, and www.njcaa.org for more information.