



JUNIOR YEAR TO DO LIST

What You Should be Doing to Prepare for College and College Soccer

- Study -- Study -- Study -- Your GPA is VERY important!
- Read the NCAA publication -- *Guide for the College-Bound Student Athlete*.
- Read the NCAA publication -- *NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse*.
- Practice *on your own* -- fundamentals and ball skills.
- Review your transcripts to make sure you have some "academic" electives -- languages / mathematics / sciences.
- Schedule to take or re-take the SAT and ACT -- scores will improve.
- Start choosing schools -- finalize your "wish-list".
- Realize that coaches do very little scouting of high school games. Remember, coaches rely on what they see and hear at quality club team tournaments.
- Participate in ODP -- Coaches rely on what they see and hear at ODP camps.
- BE SEEN -- Attend a school's summer camp FOR RECRUITS
- BE SEEN -- Consider making a video

AUGUST

- What is your Weighted GPA? _____ Un-weighted GPA _____
- Register with NCAA Clearinghouse Eligibility Center (www.eligibilitycenter.org)
- Meet with your guidance counselor and review your academic curriculum.
- Get Learning-Disabilities documented.
- Confirm you are meeting NCAA core course requirements -- GPA based on these classes.
- Work on your player profile (soccer resume')

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

- Make an "unofficial" visit to a college or university
- Send your cover letter to all schools along with your schedule and player profile
- SEE -- watch college soccer games -- see what it's like at the next level.
- Involve yourself in extracurricular activities -- clubs / honor society / church group.

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

- Meet with your guidance counselor to discuss your academic curriculum for Spring

JANUARY - MARCH

- Send your cover letter to all schools along with your schedule and player profile
- Become familiar with the Financial Aid and Scholarship process.
- Consider ACT and SAT study materials and/or tutoring services.
- Take the SAT – Develop Experience early on in order to improve scores later
- Develop your college “wish-list” – from 4-6 schools.
- Begin making a list of local alumni from schools you are interested in attending

APRIL - MAY

- Schedule to attend 1-3 camps of your top school choices. Be sure it is when the top recruits will be attending and that the head coach will be there.
- Work on your college writing essay
- Make a list of colleges you plan to visit during the summer

NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

www.eligibilitycenter.org/

Below is a list of items that you may want to have prepared prior to beginning your registration with the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Allow at least **15 minutes to one hour** to register completely. If you need to exit and come back at a later time, you can save and exit once your account has been created.

Valid Email Address. You need a valid e-mail address that you check regularly for any possible updates that the NCAA Eligibility Center might send. If you do not currently have one, there are several providers who provide free accounts (e.g., AOL, Gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo, etc.).

Basic Personal Information. This includes information such as your name, gender, date of birth, contact information and a list of any other countries in which you have lived.

Basic Education History. This includes a list of all high schools or secondary schools you have attended and the dates during which you attended them.

Additional Coursework. This includes details pertaining to any coursework you may have taken in addition to your normal high school or secondary school education (e.g., courses taken to improve a grade, summer school courses taken at a location other than your high school or secondary school, courses taken at a college or junior college, or any type of correspondence or internet courses).

Sports Participation History. This includes details for any teams with which you have practiced or played or certain events in which you may have participated, as well as information about any individuals that have advised you or marketed your skills in a particular sport.

Payment. The NCAA Eligibility Center accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. If you are a U.S. resident, you can choose to pay by electronic check. Some individuals *may* qualify to apply for a fee waiver.