

RECRUITING FROM A COLLEGE COACHES PERSPECTIVE:

1. **RECRUITING IS NOT A RACE, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE OFFERS SOMEONE ELSE HAS**
2. Don't be concerned about how many "stars" you have on the recruiting sites, I assure you we don't
3. Do work for yourself, make phone calls, send emails and create videos or video links, it shows us responsibility on your part.
4. **Your high school coach will not get you a scholarship, your talent as a student athlete will**
5. **Your high school coach will be honest** with you and with college coaches, he wants what is best for you
6. The more game footage we see the better we feel about our evaluation of your talent as a student-athlete
7. A highlight film is important please back it up with game footage
8. Music on a highlight film is up to you; **we mute it**
9. Include your academic information on anything you send us, **GPA and TEST SCORES** are what we need. Be honest about this information it is critical to this process.
10. Be the best student you can be, challenge yourself with the courses you take
11. Test the **SAT** and or **ACT** early and repeat it at least two times
12. Don't jump between tests; take one or the other
13. Sign a transcript release form in guidance so we can access your unofficial transcript
14. Many high schools do not include **SAT/ACT** info on transcripts, have copies that you can provide to us
15. There are specific times during the year when we can call you or return a call, be aware of them as many times when young men or their parents call and leave a message to return the call, we can't
16. You being a junior will not be able to receive calls from most colleges until May of 2014
17. See as many schools as you can especially in the spring, understand these are unofficial visits
18. Call the schools prior to your visit so we know you are coming
19. Be selective about your camp schedule, one day camps are the best for rising seniors
20. Go to camps at schools that have shown an interest in you, where there will be coaches from a variety of schools and where you will learn the game; **IN THAT PRIORITY ORDER**
21. **Be careful about combines, college coaches cannot attend them**
22. Understand we only trust a 40 time we get on our own watches
23. Your height and weight is like your 40 time, we trust our measurements
24. Your strength and speed numbers are important, your functional strength (**football strength**) and on-field speed are what counts. These will show on film
25. Be first in line at camps, that means a lot
26. Compete in camps, one on ones are a great indicator of who you are
27. Your senior year performance is critical to your future success as a **STUDENT-ATHLETE**
28. Remember an offer is only an offer if it is in writing
29. Once an offer is made it does not last forever, you will need to make a choice and at times schools fill up positionally without you knowing it
30. Remember that the word "**commitment**" has special meaning, we take it seriously, "soft, silent, partial" really do not fit in well with a word as strong as **commitment**
31. Use the knowledge and experience of your parents your siblings and your coaches and teachers; they have the advantage of having been there already
32. Enjoy the process, don't let it overwhelm you
33. Pick the school where you will thrive as a student, as a player, and more important; **AS A PERSON**
34. Be thorough in your search, ask questions
35. The only question that is a bad question is the one you don't ask
36. Be careful to listen to hear what College Coaches are telling you, sometimes it's not what you think you hear
37. Be real careful about the coach who guarantees you something, or tells you what he feels you want to hear
38. Be a good filter when it comes to hearing college recruiters, everyone has their own method of recruiting, you do it once, we do it every year
39. On your highlight film, **don't repeat highlights, don't slow motion anything**
40. Be very cautious about recruiting services that tell you they will get you a scholarship, they charge you
41. When it comes down to it.... **YOU GET YOU RECRUITED**
42. **Enjoy being in high school. It is one of the best experiences in your young life**