

Your Spring Recruiting Checklist

Follow these steps to ensure you find the best athletic, academic, social and financial college fit.

March



Compare colleges on your target list.

From college costs and types of scholarships offered to national rankings and more, comparing colleges can be a time-consuming process. See what types of criteria you should be looking for by downloading our [college comparison chart](#).



Schedule a college visit.

Both virtual and in-person [unofficial](#) and [official visits](#) provide a great opportunity to check out a college's campus, meet the coach and take a tour of a program's athletic facilities—and maybe even catch a game or team practice.



Insider Tip:

Between paying for your travel, accommodations, meals and more, visits can get expensive. [Check out our money-saving tips](#) for your college visit or consider [taking tours online](#) before choosing a select few to visit in person.

April



Take—or retake—the ACT or SAT.

By now, you should have already taken your first ACT or SAT or completed a practice test. Don't forget to [add your best score to your profile](#). Keep in mind that [the ACT changed its testing experience](#) in September 2020 and [the SAT is transitioning to digital testing](#) in March 2023.



Meet with your high school guidance counselor.

Map out how many core courses you have left to take to [meet NCAA eligibility requirements](#) and ask them to send your transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center at the end of the school year.



Attend a college camp or recruiting event this summer.

Make sure you know [what type of camp is best for you](#) by doing your research ahead of time. Narrow down your options by reaching out to coaches on your target list of schools to see if they're hosting or attending any upcoming camps, combines or showcases.



Insider Tip:

Even if you're not attending camps this summer, you can still [build a relationship with the coach](#). Not interested in a camp or the coach's program? Always respond back to a coach and politely decline their invite—making a good impression matters!

May



Learn how to navigate the college application process.

You'll be [applying to schools](#) in just a few months—which means it's time to start preparing now. Staying focused and knowing the steps you'll have to take will make going through the process less stressful and overwhelming come fall.



Update your NCSA profile.

From your most recent transcript, grades and ACT/SAT test scores to a new highlight video or skills footage, [updating your profile now](#) will give you more time to focus on college application prep this summer.