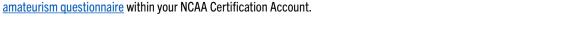
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## **Your Winter Recruiting Checklist**

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

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$\overline{\Box}$	Continue applying to schools.
	Keeping up with <u>admissions standards and deadlines can be tough</u> —by now, you should know which of the schools on your target list offer rolling admissions vs. set admissions deadlines and whether they <u>use the Common App</u> .
$\bigcirc$ —	Register with the NAIA Eligibility Center.
	Are you applying to NAIA programs? Every student-athlete has to <u>create an account with PlayNAIA.org</u> in order to play sports at an NAIA college or university.
$\frown$	Compare college offers.
	From knowing the difference between <u>verbal offers and commitments</u> to <u>preferred and recruited walk-on offers</u> , review these terms now so you have a better understanding of the offers you may receive.
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$\bigcirc$	D1 football early signing period
	Football recruits can sign with D1 schools between December 4-6, 2024 ahead of the regular signing period beginning February 5, 2025.
January	Complete your FAFSA ASAP.
	If you haven't submitted your FAFSA, now is the time. Financial aid is awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. This form determines your eligibility for federal grants, loans and work-study funds. The Department of Education announced that the FAFSA would have a soft launch on October 1, 2024 to allow for testing and error correction, and then gradually allow more users until the full launch on December 1, 2024.
$\bigcirc$	Become a master negotiator.
	What happens if you receive multiple scholarship offers? Not all offers are the same, so it's a good idea to <a href="learn how to negotiate">learn how to negotiate</a> to maximize your total financial aid packages.
February	1
$\bigcirc$	D1 and D2 football regular signing period begins
	This is just the first (not the only!) day in the regular period football student-athletes can officially sign with D1 and D2 schools. This period ends on April 1 (D1) and August 1 (D2).
February	
$\bigcirc$	Complete your amateurism questionnaire.





Whether you're signing with an NCAA D1 or D2 college or still narrowing down your options, make sure you've completed your