

# The Recruiting Process

# Recruiting is...

- A Process: it's not something that happens overnight
- Communication: from both you and the college coach
- Daunting at times: you will hear “no” more than you hear “yes”
- Fun at times: when done correctly & efficiently it can be very exciting

# Be Efficient

- First and foremost, make an honest & realistic evaluation of yourself as a player and student.
- Make a list of what you want in a school and what you don't want in a school.
  - Academics
  - Location (City vs Rural, area of the country)
  - Size of school
- Don't write to schools that make your "No" list. Don't waste your time.

# Communicate

- Be proactive! There is no such thing as writing too early.
- Write letters, send emails, use IM, or pick up the phone to communicate.
- Make a tape to send out. Mix a skills portion with unedited game footage. Nothing professional is needed.
- Knowing the rules that affect coaches will help you understand the process better.
  - 9/1 of your junior year is when coaches can start writing you.
  - 7/1 after your junior year is when they can start calling you.

# Recruiting Timeline

- Sophomore Year
  - Send out introductory letters and resumes to colleges. Get your name out there!
  - Send out your club schedule
  - If financially feasible, attend a few summer camps at schools you are interested in.
- Junior Year
  - Send out HS schedules and update schools on the progress of your season.
  - Put a video together to send out from your HS season.
  - Continue communicating with coaches and know that some respond more than others.
  - Get your club schedule out as soon as you have it finalized.
  - Start prioritizing the list of schools who have communicated with you.
  - Make unofficial visits when time permits.
  - **SELL YOURSELF!!**

# Information Links

- NAIA Guide to the College Bound Athlete
  - <http://www.naia.org/local/collegebound.html>
- NCAA Guide to the College Bound Athlete
  - <http://www.ncaa.org/library/general/cbsa/2003-04/index.html>
- PrepVolleyball
  - <http://www.prepvolleyball.com>

# How Much Volleyball Is Out There?

- NCAA Div. I: 311 schools
- NCAA Div. II: 260 schools
- NCAA Div. III: 406 schools
- NAIA: 252 schools
- NJCAA: 304 schools
  
- Total: 1533 schools