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USNDP Development Program Athletics

**How to identify potential
best fit colleges to pursue
your golf and academic
ambitions.**

Imagine . . .



NCAA Recruiting Rules

Division 1

- **June 15** following sophomore year
Calls, texts, emails from coaches allowed
- **August 1st** prior to Junior Year. Both unofficial and official visits allowed as well as off campus meetings/contacts
- **You can always email information to coaches**

Division 2

- Coaches can initiate phone calls, texts, emails, or regular mail anytime.
- **June 15** following sophomore year.
Official visits, unofficial visits or in person off-campus contact allowed

Division 3

- No restrictions on timing for calls, emails, texts, etc.
- Unofficial visits unlimited and any time
- Off campus contact can occur at the conclusion of PSA's sophomore year in HS
- Official visit no earlier than January 1 of PSA's junior year in HS

How to identify a potential best-fit college(s) to pursue my golf and academic ambitions?

What are the steps and where do I begin?



Step 1

Take Inventory of your academics, golf and commitment to both

- Academics (GPA, Core courses, Test scores when applicable)
 - Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center
 - Know your exact GPA unweighted and weighted and how to access HS transcripts

- Golf Results to Date (Scoring Average, JGS Scoring Differential, level of competition played)

- Your commitment to both of the above
 - Do your daily habits align with your college student-athlete ambitions?
 - How important are academics to you?
 - What are you doing to improve your game?

Step 2

Get educated on the college golf landscape

Learn more about what it would require to be a student-athletes at the colleges you are targeting.

Become familiar with the following websites

- www.collegegolf.com
- www.juniorgolfscoreboard.com
 - "College Signings" under "Rankings & Honors"
 - "Going to College" under "Getting Recruited"
- www.clippd.com

Specific actions to take:

- Review top 3-4 scoring averages of each team.
 - What does it take to TRAVEL
- Know the average GPA for normal admissions and academic selectivity of targeted colleges
- CAMPUS VISITS
- Watch college golf in person/follow online
- Follow interested programs on social media
- Consider a college golf camp

What is currently happening in the world of college golf?

Division 1

May 16–21

DI Women's Golf Championships
Omni La Costa Resort & Spa
Carlsbad, CA

May 23–28

DI Men's Golf Championships
Omni La Costa Resort & Spa
Carlsbad, CA



Division 2

May 13–17

DII Women's Golf Championships
Boulder Creek GC
Boulder City, NV

May 19–23

DII Men's Golf Championships
PGA National Resort
Palm Beach, FL



Division 3

May 13–16

DIII Women's Golf Championship
Kingsmill Resort & Spa
Williamsburg, VA

May 20–23

DIII Men's Golf Championship
Midvale CC
Penfield, NY



NAIA

May 13–16

NAIA Women's Championship
Eagle Crest GC
Ypsilanti, MI

May 20–23

NAIA Men's Golf Championships
TPC Deere Run
Silvis, IL



Step 3

Determine your criteria

Your criteria is fluid and the more you ENGAGE in step #2, the more clearly you will identify what is most important

Activities on campus/school spirit

Cost

Urban / Rural Campus Setting

Teammates and Coaches

Majors offered

On Campus practice facility

Opportunity to travel

Proximity to Home

Academic Support Staff

Size of school

Tournament schedule

Course Availability

Weather

Competitiveness of Program

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Step 4

Understand all your options

- DI, DII, DIII, NAIA, Junior College, Club Golf
- Your distribution of target schools should remain a continuous priority (ever-evolving process)
- What do you want your daily experience as a student-athlete to look like?
- Would you like the school if you took golf out of the equation?
- Most importantly...



It is about what fits

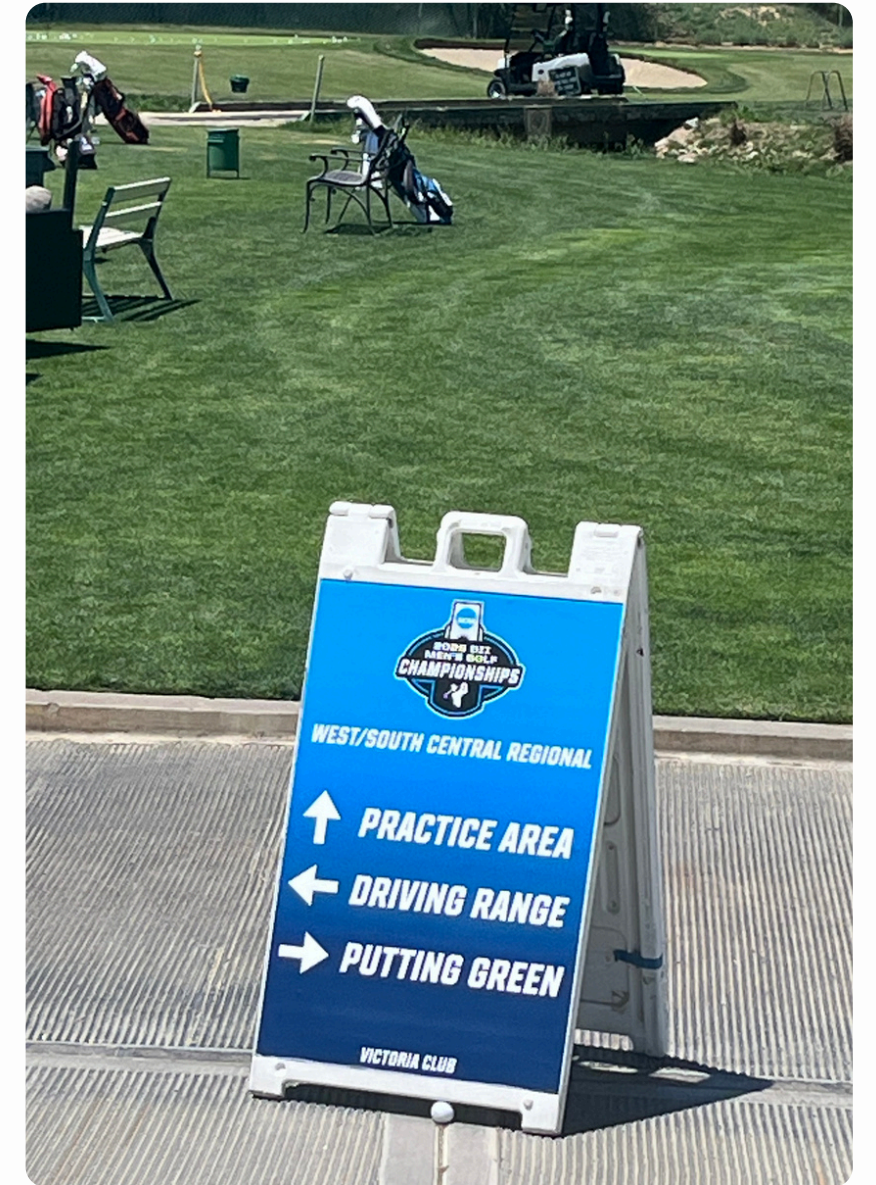
YOU.

The Name and/or Division does NOT define **your** success.

Step 5

Be PROACTIVE & PERSONALIZE

- Take ownership of your process & keep coaches regularly informed
- Emails, swing video, support team, upcoming schedule, & more follow-up
- Your list of schools is FLUID, so continual inventory of your golf and academics as well as the corresponding interest from the coach is suggested.
- As you engage with a coach, try to “qualify” where you are at with respect to their recruiting:
 - How many players are they recruiting for your class.
 - What is the timing for them making their decisions.
 - How are they evaluating your golf and academics to this point.
- Your journey is unique to you as is your potential best fit(s).



“The deeper you dive beneath the iceberg, the more likely you are to find your fit.”



Useful Websites

- www.collegegolf.com.
- www.clippd.com
- <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
- www.juniorgolfscoreboard.com
- www.nccga.org

