

# Your Spring Recruiting Checklist

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

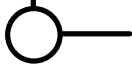
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## Come up with a backup plan.

Got wait-listed at your dream school? Didn't get any athletic scholarship offers? Whether you decide to develop athletically and academically at a [junior college](#), [explore other types of financial aid](#) or join the [46% of D1 athletes who are walk-ons](#), always keep your options open.

April



## Explore all your options.

[College coaches recruit well into senior year](#)—yes, even in the spring—especially at NCAA D3, NAIA and junior colleges. Opportunities may be limited, [but they still exist](#). Still eyeing a spot on an NCAA D1 or D2 roster? Decommits and coaching changes have been known to happen, but your best bet would be to ask a college coach if walk-on spots are available or if they host open tryouts during the school year.

April 1



## Request your final Amateurism Certification.

Enrolling and competing at a D1 or D2 college this fall? April 1 is the first—not the only—day you can log in to your NCAA Certification Account and [request your final amateurism certification](#).

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## D1 Basketball Regular Signing Period Begins.

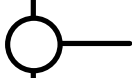
This is the first day D1 basketball recruits can sign the National Letter of Intent if they're enrolling in college during the 2025-26 academic year. The Final Signing Date for D1 basketball is May 21.

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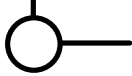
## Let NCSA know where you're going to school.

[Completing your College Decision Survey](#) lets other college coaches know that you are officially off the market and allows us to help the next class of college student athletes!



## Humble brag—we'll allow it.

Let your friends and family know where you're going to school by posting on your social media channels. Tag [#NCSACCommit](#) for your chance to be featured on our [Facebook](#), [X](#) or [Instagram pages](#)!



## [Celebrate your college commitment!](#)

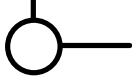
Take a step back and reflect on what you've accomplished on your recruiting journey. Pick up some swag from your new school and wear it with pride! You achieved your dream of becoming the next college student athlete, and we can't wait to see where you go next.

End of Senior Year



## Check in with your high school guidance counselor.

Have them send your final transcript to [the NCAA Eligibility Center](#) at the end of the school year.



## D1 and D2 Signing Period ends on August 1.

For all sports other than D1 football (April 1) and D1 basketball (May 21), August 1 is the final day you can sign the National Letter of Intent if you are enrolling in college during the 2025-26 academic year.