

College Recruiting

PSVC has published this recruiting timeline below to help our athletes and their parents to better understand the recruiting process. Additionally, the American Volleyball Coaches Association has put together some short videos regarding different recruiting topics.

There are so many minor details for athletes to know about the recruiting process that thousands will never know. Recruiting classes are typically 200-300 players per year. Most recruiting is finished by April each year. Many coaches attending USA Volleyball tournaments and Recruiting Showcases are looking at Juniors and Sophomores, as well as standout Freshman. *No matter what any one person, club or organization claims, nobody can guarantee you or your child an athletic scholarship.*

PSVC and our coaches will provide guidance for players who communicate their intent to play in college, but ***you must realize that this is YOUR life and that you and your parents have to do everything in your power to make your dreams a reality.***

We hope that you take time to explore the timeline, tips, handouts as well as the videos! There is a lot of information below, and we will continue to add more resources and update the site as needed.

Freshmen/Sophomore Year:

- Make it a point to research 2-3 schools a week.
- Create a list of prospective schools. Consider both athletics and academics.
- If you think you are interested in attending a college for a sport, send an introduction letter in your freshman year. Send an update at the end of the season, along with your club schedule.
- Sign on to **University Athlete** and keep your info updated. [click here](#)
- Register with the **NCAA Eligibility Center**. [click here](#)
- Film your skills highlight tape. Send it to coaches, post it on University Athlete.
- Attend summer camps for your schools of interest.
- Fill out college recruiting questionnaires.
- Prepare your athletic resume.
- Make unofficial visits while traveling during club season or while on vacation.
- Contact the coach via e-mail or phone letting them know your interest.
- Send your school and club schedule inviting them to watch you play.
- Continue to build relationships by making calls, sending letters, emails.
- Narrow your list of schools.
- Get an evaluation of your skills tape.
- Continue to research prospective schools.

Junior Year

- Keep investigating colleges and send [your skills highlight video to more coaches](#).
- Continue to update your profile and send coaches your school and club schedule, particularly for big tournaments.
- Call coaches you are interested in to find out what positions they are recruiting in your graduating class.
- Send out updates as your season closes. Include your new stats and any special recognition's you may have earned.
- Follow-up with the coaches you have contacted. Do this in a TIMELY manner.
- Narrow down your prospective schools list.

- Find camps to join at schools of interest.
- Continue to call, email, and send letters to coaches.
- Ask coaches where you stand on their recruits list.
- Fill out questionnaires.
- Respond to EVERY coach.
- Make unofficial visits during their college tournaments in the Fall, Spring and Summer.
- Make sure your core classes are ALL complete and you have the best possible ACT and SAT scores.
- Request that ACT/SAT test scores be sent to the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse.
- Recognize when a school is NOT interested in you and MOVE ON.
- This may or may not be the time you get a "verbal" commitment.

Senior Year

- If you need to re-take the ACT and/or SAT for a better score, then do it!
- Be VERY proactive!
- Apply to the schools and make official visits to your top choices. You have a total of 5 official visits.
- Call coaches to see if their rosters are full or what positions are they still looking to fill.
- Follow-up with coaches and respond in a TIMELY manner.
- Signing period for Seniors can be mid-Fall to late Spring.
- Apply for **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** starting Jan. 1st
- Sign and commit to a school and program (Signing period in April, last date is August 1st).
- Find out the summer workout schedule, and prepare.

For you to be successful in the recruiting process. Be sure to:

- Identify your ultimate goals as a student-athlete.
- Know what you want academically, athletically, and financially.
- Initiate contact and communicate through e-mail, phone calls, and visits.
- Keep yourself organized with corresponding information from coaches.
- **Commit to your goals if you desire to play collegiate volleyball.**

Recruiting Rules and Tips to Remember:

- Coaches are watching your development throughout high school at camps, in school and on the court.
- Standouts are proactive. It's never too early for YOU to write a letter or make a call to coaches.
- DI and DII coaches can't personally contact you until Junior year, but YOU can contact them.
- DIII and NAIA coaches can contact you at any time.
- It is important to be familiar with schools both athletically and academically.
- September 1st of your Junior year marks the first day DI and DII coaches can send you personalized letters and emails.
- DI and top DII programs will make offers to top recruits during Junior year.
- DIII, NAIA and Junior Colleges do most of their recruiting during Senior year.

Navigating the Recruiting Process Videos

[Important Dates](#) by Anne Kordes, University of Louisville

[Division I Recruiting Calendar](#) by Jill Wilson, Louisiana State University

[Division I Contacts and Evaluations](#) by Erin Appleman, Yale University

[NCAA Eligibility Center](#) by TJ Meagher, University of Houston

[NCAA Official/Unofficial Visits](#) by Tonya Johnson, Georgia Tech