

## How to Identify a Potential Best-Fit College(s)

→ Perspective - What's the best part of college golf?

→ Take an inventory

- Evaluate your current academic resume (GPA & SAT or ACT) and your future academic goals.
- Evaluate your tournament results and competitive experience.
- What is your commitment to both academics and golf?

→ Do your due diligence

It is **CRITICAL** and **ESSENTIAL** to perform in-depth research on schools/golf programs.

- Utilize on-line resources
  - Research school's respective website (academic profile, coach's bio, roster, team stats, tournament schedule, etc.) as well as college golf websites (listed below).
  - *Pay particular attention to the scoring averages of the top 4-5 players.*
- Visit campuses
- Attend a college golf tournament –
- Know the NCAA rules
  - Visit [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) to familiarize yourself with the NCAA recruiting rules and eligibility requirements. *Guide for the College Bound Student-Athlete* is a must resource.

→ Determine Criteria

→ Understand all your options

- DI, DII, DIII, NAIA, junior college & NCCGA
  - It's about what fits YOU
  - It is essential to be happy with the school without golf

→ Be Proactive

- YOU must take ownership of this process
- Develop a preliminary list of schools based on your research and initial college criteria.
- Send coach an introductory letter, golf & academic resume, swing video and upcoming tournament schedule.
  - Include a few “reach” schools and a few “safety” schools to compliment your list of potential “best-fit” schools.
- Follow up emails (personalize communication), calls, and visits, and continue to COMPETE.
- List of schools is fluid & process is ever changing.

→ Summary

It is essential to be positive, remain open to all possibilities and be **proactive** throughout the recruiting process. Remember, there is a place for everybody to play college golf.

### Useful Websites:

- [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)
- [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- [www.collegegolf.com](http://www.collegegolf.com)
- [www.golfstat.com](http://www.golfstat.com)
- [www.birdiefire.com](http://www.birdiefire.com)
- [www.njgs.com](http://www.njgs.com)
- [www.playnaia.org](http://www.playnaia.org)
- [www.nccga.org](http://www.nccga.org)

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