

Collegiate Athletics



Objectives...



- Self-Reflect on whether college athletics is for you
- Understand basic requirements
- Identify ways to start your recruiting process

STEP 1: Decide if the experience is right for you



A "typical" day for a student-athlete



- **7.30am** Wake up, go through your morning routine, before packing your bag with what you need for the day.
- 8.30am Breakfast with teammates or friends at a dining hall on campus.
- 9am First class of the day (typically 1 hr to 1.5 hrs)
- 10am Second class of the day (also lasting 1 hr to 1.5 hrs)
- **11.30am Video coordinating** meeting: Going through previous days performance or watching scouting videos on your next opponent. Video meetings are typically designed to improve performance through visual means.
- **12.30pm Lunch** with teammates and friends, at one of the various food halls available on campus.

- **1.30pm Third and final class** of the day (also lasting 1 hr or 1.5 hrs)
- **3pm Arrive at the Training Room** to prepare for practice. You may warm up muscles on an electro-stimulation machines, or get stretched out or taped by an Athletic Trainer.
- **4pm Practice typically begins** and usually lasts for two hours. Some days will be very intense or you may undergo fitness testing. Other days, you may be recovering from a game or competition the day before. If you have a game/competition coming up, your session is likely to be lighter and focused on preparation.
- **6pm Training Room** to make sure you cool down properly and take care of your body. You may take an ice bath, stretch or massage after practice.
- **7pm Dinner** with teammates and friends before getting some studying or homework done, depending on your school workload.
- **9.00pm Yay** you made it to the evening and it is yours! You might decide to hang out with friends, watch tv or get an early night if competing the next day.

On the Road Again!





Human vs Food!

Team Table

Per Diem

Fast Food



Away Game Meals

Hotel Meals

The Gear











STEP 2: If I decide I want to play what options are available?



What options are available









STEP 3: Do I only need to qualify for school admission?













Tracking your coursework

(Always recommended to see your counselor if you have questions)

NCAA HS Search

Enter HS Code to see list of approved courses:

- Sun Prairie East HS (502242)
- Sun Prairie West HS (853316)

STEP 4: Recruiting



Please talk to me afterward if you figured it out!



Be Realistic

Knowing yourself and understanding what you want out of college can help you find the right fit at the next level.



EXPOSURE! EXPOSURE! EXPOSURE!

Email coaches

Individualize emails to programs

Social Media Accounts

- Sport specific Follow coaches from colleges
- Keep it clean

Collegiate Athletic Questionnaire



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Athletic Recommendations

Off-Season Camps and Invites

<u>Increasing your</u> <u>Exposure</u>

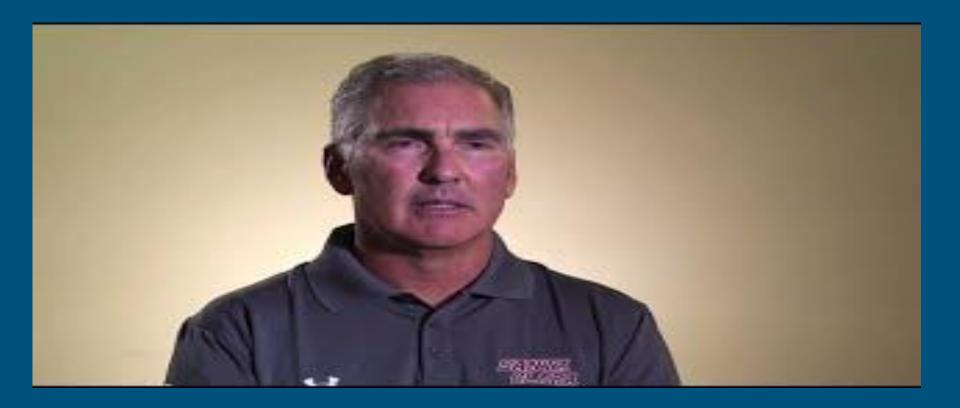








Maintain Positive Attitude

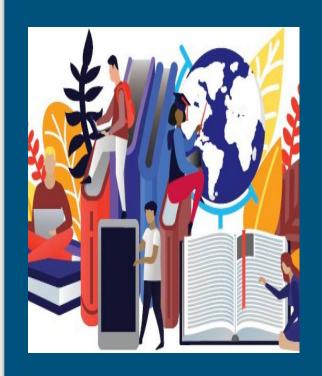


Be willing to ask questions



Academics

- Do I get to pursue the major I want?
- Is there athletic academic supports on campus?
- Does team have academic advisors?
- What is the balance of athletics and academics?



The Team

 What does the current roster look like & are they recruiting transfers?

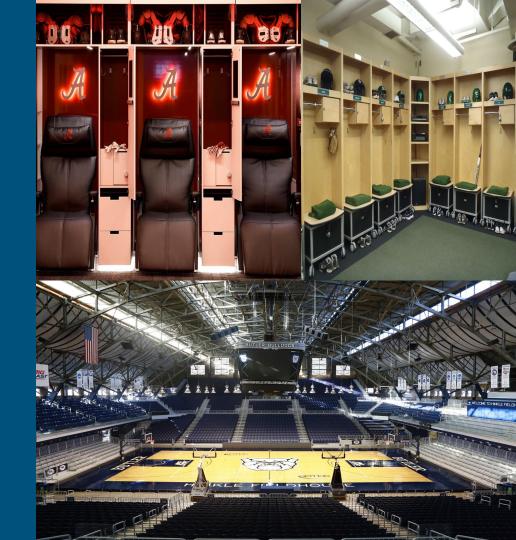
 Coach relationship with current players

Rooming with other athletes



The Facilities

- Are the facilities modern or older?
- Are there shared locker rooms or practice fields/courts?
- How close are facilities to campus?





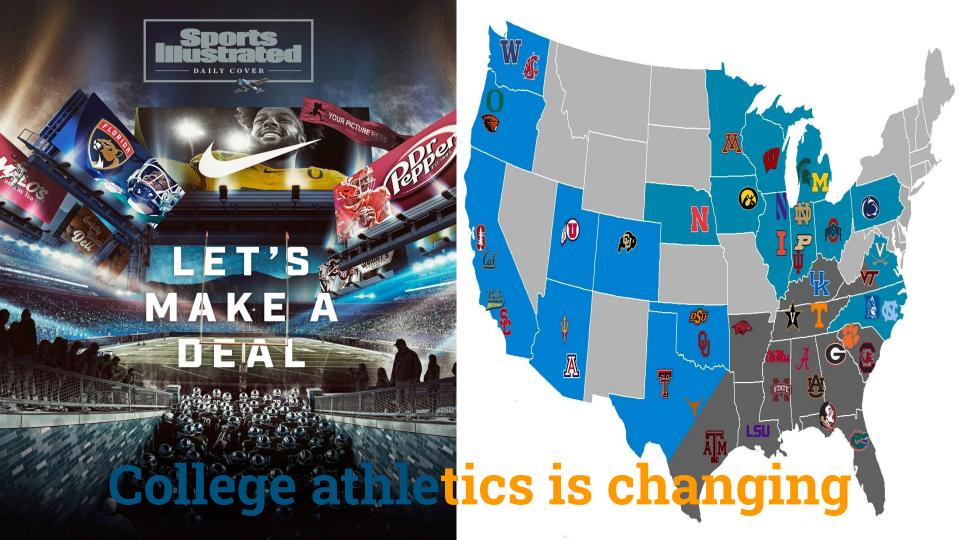
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Travel

- Where does team travel for games during the season?
- How often does team travel during school year?
- Are there supports while traveling on road?
- Are games close enough to family, friends, classmates?

Visit When Possible





- Online coursework for NCAA
- Transfer Portal
- Conference realignment
- NIL Deals for student athletes in college
 - Sorry still no law for HS students in Wisconsin
- Division I Scholarships for all sports are set to increase



Remember that every journey is different and not every single athlete has the same process. Your experience is unique to you. Only you and your family will be able to determine your goals.

In the end make sure you are doing what you would like to do and that you are enjoying the process.

Resources

NCAA Registration

Guide for College Bound Student-Athlete

<u>Division I Academic Flyer</u>

<u>Division II Academic Flyer</u>

Division III Athletic Homepage

NAIA Athletic Homepage

NAIA Registration

NJCAA Athletic Homepage

