



FleetForge College Baseball Recruiting: Parent Quick Guide

Clarity for families. Opportunity for athletes.

Key Dates & Contact Rules

- NCAA DI: Most direct contact starts August 1 after sophomore year; official visits start September 1 of junior year.
- NCAA DII: Earlier contact allowed; coaches can call June 15 after sophomore year.
- NCAA DIII: No recruiting calendar restrictions; coaches can contact anytime.
- NAIA: Contact allowed anytime; no NCAA-style dead/quiet periods.
- JUCO: Contact allowed anytime; flexible transfer rules.

Note: Exact NCAA calendars change each year. Always verify current dates at naia.org.

Eligibility at a Glance

Level	Eligibility Center	Core Courses	Test Scores
DI	NCAA Eligibility Center	16 core courses	Required (SAT/ACT)
DII	NCAA Eligibility Center	16 core courses	Required (SAT/ACT)
DIII	No central clearinghouse	Meet college admission standards	College-specific
NAIA	NAIA Eligibility Center	Meet 2 of 3 NAIA requirements	Varies
JUCO	No central clearinghouse	Open admission	Varies

How FleetForge Supports Families

FleetForge Athletics provides families with clear, honest information about the college baseball recruiting process. We help athletes and parents navigate timelines, eligibility requirements, and coach communication — so you can focus on development, not confusion.

Your Recruiting Checklist & Glossary

Grade-by-Grade Recruiting Checklist

8th–9th Grade

- Build a strong academic foundation (GPA matters early)
- Attend local showcases and camps
- Start a basic skills video (hitting, fielding, throwing)
- Register with NCAA Eligibility Center (free account)

10th Grade

- Take PSAT; plan SAT/ACT timeline
- Update highlight video with current footage
- Begin contacting coaches at schools you're interested in
- Attend prospect camps at target schools
- Research academic and athletic fit for 15–20 programs

11th Grade

- Take SAT/ACT (retake if needed)
- Send updated video and academic info to coaches
- Schedule unofficial visits
- Narrow list to 8–10 serious programs
- Attend showcases where college scouts are present

12th Grade

- Finalize official visits (DI allows 5 paid visits)
- Compare financial aid and scholarship offers
- Sign National Letter of Intent during signing period (if applicable)
- Commit and celebrate

Glossary for Parents

NLI (National Letter of Intent)

A binding agreement between a recruit and an NCAA DI or DII school.

Walk-On

A player who joins a college team without an athletic scholarship.

Preferred Walk-On

A coach-invited walk-on with a roster spot but no athletic scholarship initially.

Redshirt

A year where an athlete practices but doesn't compete, preserving a year of eligibility.

Transfer Portal

An NCAA database that allows athletes to transfer schools while maintaining eligibility.

Verbal Commitment

A non-binding agreement between a player and a school. Not official until NLI or financial aid agreement is signed.

Dead Period

A time when coaches cannot have in-person contact with recruits or their parents.

Contact Period

A time when coaches can meet with recruits in person, on or off campus.

Quiet Period

Coaches can meet with recruits only on the college campus, not off campus.