



FREE GUIDE

Free Slides for Parent Meetings

The Parent Recruiting Talk

The slides we use when we sit down with travel-ball parents — yours to use.





College Baseball Recruiting

What Every Family Needs to Know

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Clarity for families. Opportunity for athletes.

Why This Matters

11.7

DI Scholarships Split
Among ~35 Players

2%

HS Players Who
Play DI Baseball

\$40K+

Average Annual
College Cost

The earlier you prepare, the more options your athlete has.



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Understanding the Levels

NCAA DI Highest competition. 11.7 split scholarships. Strict academic/recruiting rules.

NCAA DII Strong athletics. 9 split scholarships. More flexibility.

NCAA DIII No athletic scholarships. Strong academics. Merit aid available.

NAIA Up to 12 scholarships. Flexible rules. Play right away.

JUCO 2-year path. 24 scholarships. Great for development.



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Academic Eligibility

NCAA DI & DII

- 16 core courses
- Register with NCAA Eligibility Center
- SAT/ACT required
- DI min 2.3 GPA (sliding scale), DII min 2.2 GPA

DIII / NAIA / JUCO

- DIII: Meet college admission standards
- NAIA: 2-of-3 rule (GPA, test score, class rank)
- JUCO: Open admission, HS diploma/GED

The NCAA DI sliding scale means a higher GPA can offset lower test scores.



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The Recruiting Timeline

9th Grade

Build academics, attend local camps, start video, create NCAA account

10th Grade

PSAT/SAT prep, update video, research 20+ schools, email coaches

11th Grade

SAT/ACT scores, unofficial visits, narrow to 8-12 schools, attend showcases

12th Grade

Official visits, compare offers, sign NLI, commit



Contact Rules

Restricted (DI & DII)

- Calls/texts after June 15 of sophomore year
- In-person during contact periods only
- Dead/quiet periods exist — check calendar

Open (DIII, NAIA, JUCO)

- Coaches can call, text, and visit anytime
- No dead/quiet periods
- Unlimited unofficial visits

Rules change. Always verify at ncaa.org



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Scholarships & Money

DI: 11.7 Scholarships

Split among ~35 players means most get 25-50% of tuition covered. Full rides are rare.

DIII: \$0 Athletic Money

But merit aid can cover more than DI scholarships. Academic fit matters.

ALWAYS fill out the FAFSA. **ALWAYS** ask coaches about the full financial aid package.



What You Can Do Now

- Start a highlight video (even a phone video works)
- Register at NCAA Eligibility Center (eligibilitycenter.org)
- Research 15-20 programs that fit academically AND athletically
- Attend camps and showcases where college coaches are present
- Keep grades up — GPA opens more doors than bat speed
- Talk to your athlete about what kind of college experience they want



Common Mistakes

Waiting too long

The recruiting process starts earlier than most families think.

Focusing only on DI

DII, DIII, NAIA, and JUCO programs can be better fits and better financial deals.

Ignoring academics

A 3.5 GPA is worth more than a 90 mph fastball in recruiting.

Not communicating with coaches

Coaches recruit players who show genuine interest.

Skipping the FAFSA

Free money left on the table every year.





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Questions? Let's talk.