



## Five College Recruiting Tips for the Spring

### **1. One Day College Clinics -**

Looking for the most time effective way to get evaluated by college coaches this Spring?

Keep your eyes open for one day college soccer clinics.

One day clinics are quickly becoming one of the best ways to get evaluated by the college soccer coaches, and many schools will be offering these clinics in March, April, and May.

These clinics are a great opportunity to visit a college campus, meet the players and coaching staff, and to get evaluated.

Be sure to ask coaches for clinic opportunities in your correspondence.

Also, because NCAA rules mandate that all camps and clinics must be open to all, you will most likely find information on these programs on the college websites.

### **2. Communicate with Coaches Prior to Events -**

Coaches get inundated with contacts prior to events.

As a result, it is vital that your correspondence stands out from the pack.

Below are 3 simple ways to effectively communicate prior to events:

- Personalize emails and keep it simple - It's the quality of the information in your email, not the quantity.
- Consider a phone call - NCAA rules state that many college coaches can only respond to prospects after certain dates. Prospects, however, can call a college coach at anytime.

- Include the following information in your emails:
  - Your Graduation Year
  - Team Name and Age Group
  - Jersey Number and Position
  - Link to Schedule
  - Club Coach Contact Details

### **3. Watch College Soccer -**

Watching college soccer is one of the simplest ways to help your recruiting process.

Unfortunately, most prospects fail to do this as often as they should.

Watching college soccer will help you gain a better understanding of the level of and style of play that might be a good “fit” for you.

Try to watch Division I, II, and III matches so that you can begin to understand the difference between each level.

Most college soccer programs play spring ball in March and April.

Do your best to get out and see as many games as possible this spring.

### **4. Visit Campuses -**

If you are attending clinics or watching college games, then there is a good chance you will get to see college campuses.

If not, try to use April vacation and other dates free on your calendar to take in some campus visits.

Get a sense for what you may be looking for - campus size, urban vs rural, academic level, etc.

Also, when traveling this spring for soccer or with your family, try to take in some of the local schools to build a more diverse understanding of college campuses and their locations.

## 5. Contact College Coaches At the Appropriate Time -

Prospects often feel that after they have emailed a coach then their job is done - not so!

You have to be persistent.

A question we hear frequently is “how do I know when to contact a coach?”

The answer to this is simple.

Anytime something changes in your soccer or academic world you should update the coach.

Examples are:

- You get SAT Scores
- You Receive your new GPA
- You make Honor Roll
- You get named Captain
- Your team has been accepted into an event
- Your schedule comes out for an event
- As follow up after an event
- You received an accolade
- You participated in a community service project
- You have a recruitment video to share

## The Best of Luck

The college soccer recruiting process can be pretty daunting, but it doesn't have to be. Be sure you utilize the tips provided above so that you can instantly start improving your recruiting process this season.

On behalf of our team at College Soccer Advantage, we wish you the best of luck in all your soccer endeavors this spring!

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