

COLLEGE RECRUITING AT FORCE

1. Overview for College Soccer

The cost of a college education continues to rise all across the US. Fortunately, individuals have pursued sports in college in hope of gaining scholarship money to offset some or all of the costs of attending college. Every year several students get recruited to play college sports all around the nation and receive good scholarship money to do so. Soccer provides the opportunity for student/athletes to make it affordable to get a college degree. College soccer also provides an invaluable experience for student/athletes.

There are three main college sports affiliations:

NAIA – Smaller private universities around the country.

NCAA – DI – DII – DIII – A mixture of large state schools, mid size schools and small private universities.

NJCAA – Junior Colleges or community colleges.

2. Success Rate for CL Force

To date, CL Force Elite has proven to facilitate the college soccer experience for its club players. Our success rate proves at 85%. Our coaching staff at Crystal Lake Force does a great job training our players so that they can achieve the highest level of performance. These coaches also start the college recruiting process for those players who are interested in continuing their soccer career into college.

You can access the list of our alumni and where have they gone to play college soccer on our website under the FORCE tab.

3. Rules and Regulations per Affiliation

Every affiliation with its particular division and level of play has its own rules and regulations as far as the recruiting process goes and the

scholarships they can provide. You can access these regulations on our website.

In order to participate in a college sport through NAIA, student/athletes must register to the NAIA Clearing House. www.naia.org

In order to participate in a college sport through NCAA, student/athletes must register to the NCAA Clearing House. www.eligibilitycenter.org

4.Scholarships/Financial Aid

Most institutions require prospect students to complete an application for financial aid. You can find this application at www.fafsa.ed.gov

Prospect college students may qualify for Federal and State aid via grants or student loans. Government aid may be combined with any other scholarships.

Scholarship amounts vary from school to school. The scholarship also varies based on the academic performance of a student. The better the grades are, the better the scholarship will be and will result in a better total financial aid package.

NAIA, NCAA DI and DII schools usually have a great amount of scholarship money available for student/athletes. They can give provide athletic scholarships and academic scholarships.

NCAA DIII schools cannot offer athletic scholarships but do offer great academic scholarships.

5.Academic Emphasis

Each high school student must have a priority for academics for 4 main reasons:

Eligibility – To be eligible for competition each student/athlete must meet the requirements for eligibility given by the affiliation.

Earn more scholarship money – College coaches expect a good score on SAT or ACT plus a good GPA so that coaches can combine academic money with athletic money.

To maximize the value of a student/athlete – A student/athlete that has great levels both academically and athletically will be worth more to a coach.

Graduation – The main purpose of attending college is to graduate with a degree.

6. Recruiting Process

The college recruiting process must be started by the prospect student/athlete. He or she must be engaged from the beginning of the process to ensure his/her success. Each individual player will be guided through the process and assisted by our college recruiting staff.

At Crystal Lake Force, our coaching staff will facilitate the college recruiting process for every player interested in pursuing soccer in college. We provide the tools, the procedures, and the knowledge to maximize the exposure for our players.

FORCE provides soccer knowledge, training and playing experience and some of the best college showcase tournaments in the country for our players to compete and showcase their talent.

7. Being Recruited

Each college prospect student/athlete must be proactive throughout the process from start to finish.

These prospects must be in charge of contacting coaches and establishing a relationship with them via email, phone or by visiting the university. Once this relationship has been established, the coach will proceed with the recruitment.

Force encourages our players to be PROACTIVE and to have the initiative to start this process.

We discourage families from hiring recruiting agencies and their services. The money that is spent with these agencies can go to better use like covering the costs of college visits or saved for college.

College coaches will prefer a personal email from a prospect recruit than a mass email from a recruiting agency.

8. Expectations

Prospect Student/Athletes: Expectations have to be REALISTIC!!!!

Expectations are met based on the amount of investment you put in.

Don't expect to be able to perform at the highest level if you are not putting in the right amount of training. **BUT instead get extra training!!!!!!**

Don't expect to be recruited by a great program if you haven't achieved a great level of performance. **WORK to earn everything you want to achieve!!!!**