

# SENIOR YEAR CHECKLIST

## Summer Before School Starts

Sign up for some sort of recruiting event. Some may only be 1-day ID camps, either at a school or through a third-party.. Look for ones at schools on your list and that you hopefully have a relationship with at this point. If third party, make sure coaches of schools on your list are there. If you are invited to camps, be sure to communicate with the coaching staff, even if you aren't able to attend for whatever reason.

Have your calendar in order for the year. College applications take time, thought and effort. Find out all dates you need to be aware of for school, eligibility, testing, etc. You want to be as organized as possible.

Tour some schools if you are able. Get to know the campus. If you can't be there in person, most schools have excellent virtual tours you can do. Make sure if a school is on your list, it's a school you've at least had some exposure to and would feel comfortable attending.

Hopefully you are now able to hone in on your target list of schools. These should be the ones you think will be the best fit athletically, academically, socially, financially, etc. After all this work, that list should be coming tight and you've had conversations with those schools already.

## Fall of Senior Year

Check in with your guidance counselor. Once you start your 7th semester of high school, 10 of your core courses are locked in, meaning you can't retake them or replace them in order to boost your GPA.

Update your recruiting profile with grades, etc. Add more highlights if you can to your video. It will be an ever changing video. Publish it live and make it public. You'll want to link to it when you contact coaches.

If you need to improve your SAT/ACT scores, plan when you're going to re-take the exam. Remember, high test scores can equal good academic scholarship money.

Get that target school list locked in. You're going to need to focus your efforts, so that list should be very manageable at this point. It's time to drop some schools if you haven't heard from them or progressed in conversations by now.

Plan your campus visits, either virtual or in-person. Hopefully you've already done that with your targeted list, but if not, now is the time to get that done.

OCTOBER 1 - the FAFSA application is now open. The sooner you complete this the better. Many forms of aid that use the FAFSA are first come, first served.

Start those applications. Whether it's the common app, or a school specific one, get out in front of it. Some schools you may want to do early action for, and those deadlines will be sooner.

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## Winter of Senior Year

November 10th is the preliminary signing day for soccer. If you are signing, CONGRATS! If not, don't worry. There's still time.

Complete any applications you haven't yet. Be sure to focus and plan your essays and gathering any other materials they may ask for.

If you haven't completed your FAFSA yet, get it in ASAP.

Make sure your amateurism questionnaire is completed. This is part of the NCAA Eligibility Center. Double check everything is on point there, as well as the NAIA if you registered there.

Best case - think about how you might negotiate with schools as you get multiple offers. Also think about what's most important to you when weighing all your options.

Worst case - have a plan B. Are there other schools you could reach out to that you'd be happy at that you know are still recruiting? Is JuCo an option?

## Spring of Senior Year

If you're not committed and still looking, reach out to NAIA, D3 and JuCos. Many will still be recruiting or might be holding back a spot for someone just like you.

After April 1st you can request your amateurism certificate from the NCAA.

Once you've graduated, be sure to have your guidance counselor send in your final transcripts to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

**TIME TO CELEBRATE** - no matter what, you've earned a celebration. You've worked hard and followed the steps. Although we can't guarantee you got exactly what you wanted, we're sure that the fruits of your labors have been worth it.