

# NEU College Selection Prep Sheet



## **A Definitive Plan**

1. PROFILE - Be Realistic
  - Profile: You/College/Parents
  - Create Personal Search Team
  - Know Your Soccer Level
2. DISCOVER - Be Prepared
  - NCAA Academic Requirements
  - Know Recruiting Violations
  - Research Colleges of Interest
3. ENGAGE - Be Visible
  - Create a "Marketing Me" Plan
  - Develop a Visit Plan
  - Build & Leverage Network

## **College Selection Checklist:**

### **Freshman/Sophomore Year**

- ✓ Take required NCAA Courses
- ✓ Select & Engage Search Team
- ✓ Do Personal & College Profiles
- ✓ Consider Eligibility Center
- ✓ Do College Showcase Camps
- ✓ Start "Marketing Me" Plan

### **Junior Year**

- ✓ Final College List to Research
- ✓ D1 or D2 – Register with NCAA Eligibility Center
- ✓ Invite Coaches to Games
- ✓ Video, Social & Contact Plans
- ✓ Do Showcase & Elite Camps (Select Based on Final List)
- ✓ Final Target List: 2-3 Colleges

### **Senior Year**

- ✓ Lean on your Selection Team
- ✓ Complete visits: academic, see games, sleep-over visit
- ✓ Invite coaches to games
- ✓ Use the selection matrix

## **College Prep Resources**

- NEU College Selection Prep Site - [www.neu-college-selection.com](http://www.neu-college-selection.com) (see documents – sample resources)
- NCAA Eligibility Center - [www.eligibilitycenter.com](http://www.eligibilitycenter.com)
- New NCAA site: [www.2point3.org](http://www.2point3.org)
- Princeton Review Website [www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com)
- Student Federal Aid – [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- National Assoc. Intercollegiate Athletics [www.naia.org](http://www.naia.org)
- National Junior College Athletic Assoc. [www.njccaa.org](http://www.njccaa.org)
- The Princeton Review - Best 381 Colleges (book)
- 2016-2017 Guide for College Bound Student Athletes
- College Board – [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

## **High Level Eligibility Requirements**

1. Graduate High School
2. Meet NCAA Academic Requirements (Core courses, GPA, Timing)
3. Attain Hurdles on SAT and ACT Testing
4. Maintain Amateur Eligibility and Recruiting Requirements

## **Final Thoughts**

- Academics is critical to your success in sports
- Don't do it all by yourself, leverage your team
- The only thing worse than losing is not playing
- Write everything down, review it often, share it
- Remember to use the "Power of Three"
- This decision is about the rest of your life
- Always be First!

Get Perspective: Jon DeCasanova – A True Warrior!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w55U60n6X5c>

UConn Soccer: Every Game Matter

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6MD0UBNk74A>

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