

NEU College Selection Prep Sheet



A Definitive Plan

1. PROFILE - Be Honest
 - 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
- ✓ Start Doing 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 list coaches to games
- ✓ Use the selection matrix

College Prep Resources

- NEU College Selection Prep Site – Access thru NEU Website (see documents – sample resources)
- NCAA Eligibility Center - <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
- Princeton Review Website www.princetonreview.com
- Student Federal Aid – www.studentaid.gov
- National Assoc. Intercollegiate Athletics www.naia.org
- National Junior College Athletic Assoc. www.njccaa.org
- College Board – www.collegeboard.org
- Niche – www.niche.com
- The Princeton Review - Best 387 Colleges (book)
- 2021-2022 Guide for College Bound Student Athletes

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

- Start now, you can't go back...
- 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 Matters
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6MD0UBNk74A>

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