



WEST DE PERE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

RECRUITING PRIORITIZING ACTIVITY



Often, the recruiting scene can become overwhelming for a high school student-athlete. It is recommended that you take some time to sit down and consider what is most important to YOU, not to your family, when selecting the place that you will continue your academic and athletic career. BEFORE and/or AFTER making official and unofficial visits to a campus, please spend a little time reviewing the list below. Prioritize/rank the list from 1-11 with 1 being the factor that is MOST important to you and 11 being the factor that is the LEAST important to you. If you can think of other factors that are not listed, add those to this list and include those in your ranking.

- _____ **Distance from home** – Do you want to make frequent visits home? Do you want your parents to make frequent visits to watch you play and visit you?
- _____ **Quality of the athletic program** – Does the program have a history of success? Is the program respected among its conference/division?
- _____ **Coaching staff** – Do you feel that you are a good fit with the coaching staff and their style of coaching? Do you think that the coaching staff will stay intact throughout your career? How does this coach compare with your high school coach?
- _____ **Campus** – Did you get a good feeling when you visited campus? Did you like the way the campus was set up? Do you need to have access to a vehicle to get around campus/around the city?
- _____ **Financial Offering** – Does your family need a large financial package to make college affordable? Does the amount of the athletic scholarship matter to you?
- _____ **Overall Cost** – Do you have a TOTAL cost of attending this college/university for your college career? Tuition, books, food, housing, etc. Be sure that you are comparing “apples to apples.”
- _____ **Quality of academic programs** – If you know what academic area you are interested in have you visited that department? Have you met with a counselor? If you are undecided, does the school have a wide array of accredited degrees?
- _____ **Amount of playing time** – What will your role be on the team? Will you redshirt? Will you compete for a starting position? Are they recruiting a large number of other freshmen for the same position?
- _____ **Distance from friends/girlfriend/boyfriend** – Do you want to be close enough to frequently visit friends/boyfriend/girlfriend or have them visit you?
- _____ **Timeline to make decision** – Has the coach given you a deadline that you are comfortable with in making a decision?
- _____ **NCAA Division 1-2-3/NAIA** – Is the Division of competition important to you?

Keep this sheet with you throughout the recruiting/decision-making process and refer back to it often. It is not uncommon for you to make slight changes to your list along the way. Your list will help keep you focused on what is most important to YOU. It is easy to become distracted with college coaches who make great sales pitches, or with parents that have goals that are different than yours. Ultimately, YOU are the one that needs to be completely satisfied and happy with your decision. When you have completed this list, share it with your parents, so that you can discuss it with them and they are clear about your priorities.

Finally, enjoy the process and if you have questions.....ASK