

GOOD ADVICE FROM COLLEGE COACH/RECRUITER

This club year will be an enlightening one for you. Many, many college coaches will be seeing you. There are a few things you should be doing:

- 1. Go to Universityathlete.com and register. It is free. This is the Palm software ALL the college coaches use. Make sure that your information is current and correct. Go back and check your registration before EVERY big tournament.**
- 2. Whenever you to to a “big” tournament, make sure that you email ALL colleges that you are interested in attending. You should email them the Monday or Tuesday before the tournament letting them know her team name, number, etc.**
- 3. Whenever you parents travel to a tournament do your best to take your daughter to a college campus ‘on the way or on the way back’. At least, walk around campus. At most, all the college coach early in the week or week before, tell them you are coming, can you meet with them, will they show you around campus, can you meet some of the players. This can all be done in 2 hours or less. Tell them you only want to spend 2 hours, or 2 hour, whatever you want. The more times your daughter can see different college campuses the more knowledge she will gain about what she wants, which brings me to.....**
- 4. Find our about different colleges volleyball coaches and players. School academics, buildings, dorms, off campus housing, cafeterias, etc and locations, city, weather, airports, population. These are THE three areas of concern. For different girls the value of each area of concern is different. The way your daughter finds out which areas are important is for her to experience them as much as possible. She may know something about how important dorms are to if she has lived in dorms in camp. She may not know anything about airport location inless omeone points out to her that to get to that school she has to fly to a Bog City A then drive 2 hours to get to her school.**

Remember, everywhere, playing time should be earned. Logically speaking the better the team you are joining the more difficult it is to earn playing time (i.e. you have to be more skilled, more experienced, more intelligent). S you find out: how good am I and how good is the team I am joining....really, truthfully, how good am I? That will give you an idea about how soon you will get on the court (barring injury to a teammate, transfer, etc). A player can sway their odds of playing time by joining a team which is better or worse. This is not rocket science fout information has to be gained. If you are THE BEST high school senior setter and you g to a school which just won the national championship with a sophomore ALL American Setter who was also named MVP of the NCAA Championship who is training with the national team in the summer, you are in for a fight for playing time for a couple of years. Again, not rocket science and likely something you have already discussed.

I feel that ‘freshman playing time’ should not be one of the MAJOR FACTORS in your decision on where to go to school, but that it is extremely rare that a freshman plays as they have not invested enough in the team by the time they play their first match. In many cases matches are won by teams which have invested so much that as a group each individual will fight for their teammates beyond what they would for themselves.