



Tips for College-Bound Athletes

Research Potential Colleges

Compile a list of items that might interest you about a college. Use this list to determine potential colleges that might fit your interests. Some items to consider include:

- Size of school (big or small? Think about class sizes and professor availability)
- Is having a football program important to you?
- Location (close to home? North/South/East/West, etc.)
- Do you want to major in a specific subject?
- Do you plan to join Greek Life? (make sure the golf coach is ok with this)
- Do you want to live on or off campus?

Research Potential Golf Programs

There are many things you should consider about a golf program. Here are some details to help get started:

- In which Division does the school compete? NCAA I, II, III, NAIA, NJCAA?
- In which conference does the school compete?
- Is the coach the men's AND women's coach or are there separate coaches for each?
- What is the coach's history and track record? Is he/she a good recruiter?
- Is there swing assistance/training? Team workouts?
- How many players are on the team? Is it a young or old team or a mix?
- What are the players' stroke averages and where does your average fit?
- What practice facilities do they have access to? What is their practice schedule?
- How does the coach conduct qualifiers before tournaments?

Organize Your Golf Resume

Give the coaches as much detail as possible about the events you have played; be certain that the information is organized and easy to navigate. Coaches like to see the following information, in chronological order starting with most recent:

- Name of the tour & tournament
- Name of the golf course
- Yardage played
- Tournament scores
- Where you placed and the size of the field (e.g. 3 of 28)
- Any challenging weather conditions that were present during the tournament
- It's a good idea to include all of your scores (even the bad ones!) so a coach can see that you have worked on your game and have potential for the future

Send Your Information to Coaches

Put together the following information to mail or email to coaches. Make sure it comes from YOU, the junior, not a parent or a recruiting firm. Coaches want to see that you're organized, outgoing and proactive (be sure to follow up after the initial mailing!).

- Cover letter/email introducing yourself (make it personal and show that you've done your research about each school; no "dear coach" or "to whom it may concern")
- Resume - include a picture, personal info, school info, GPA/SAT if taken, past tournament info
- Schedule of upcoming competitions

Need help getting started? Call Atlanta Junior Golf (770.850.9040) for a free college golf consultation. We'll be happy to help you begin the search for the college that fits your unique interests.