



## SOPHOMORE YEAR TO DO LIST

*What You Should be Doing to Prepare for College and College Soccer*

- Start NOW!
- Study - Study - Study
- Improve your GPA
- Read the NCAA publication - *Guide for the College-Bound Student Athlete*
- Read the NCAA publication - *NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse*
- Meet with your guidance counselor to discuss your academic curriculum
- Concentrate on the core courses - GPA based on these classes
- Take “academic” electives - languages / mathematics / sciences
- Involve yourself in extracurricular activities - clubs / honor society / church group
- Take the PSAT - Experience taking tests
- Consider ACT and SAT study materials and/or tutoring services
- Identify schools that interest you
- Assess your abilities (academic and soccer) - find schools that “FIT” your needs
- Develop your college “wish-list” - 10-15 schools
- Questions to ask yourself:
  - Will I enjoy attending this school if soccer does not work for me?
  - Do they have the academic field I want to study?
  - Will I be able to play at this level or will I be sitting on the bench?
  - Is the school too big/small?
  - Is it too far or close to home?
  - Will you like the social atmosphere?
  - Will I enjoy the style of play?
  - Will I enjoy working with this coach?
- Do **NOT** place too much emphasis on athletic scholarships
- Prepare a cover letter
- Realize that coaches do very little scouting of high school games
- Coaches rely on what they see and hear
- Consider attending a school’s summer soccer camp
- Practice *on your own* - fundamentals and ball skills
- Know the consequences - be a good citizen