

EPSC College Soccer Info Night

PREPARATION

- Be Honest with the Coach: they will ask questions, and you should answer honestly
- Be Honest with Yourself: follow dreams, but have attainable goals
- Define your Parameters: what can you afford, distance from home, legacy influence
- Don't compare yourself to others: every situation is different in the recruiting process

ACADEMICS

- Degree Options: major/minor degrees, graduate school, flexible curriculum for athlete
- Faculty: student-teacher ratio, relationship with student athletes, teaching faculty vs. research faculty
- Internships: when/where, advanced training in major, study abroad options
- Job Placement: success of university graduates finding jobs, school alumni network, soccer alumni network
- Support Services: school or team mandated study hall, tutors, learning centers

SOCCER PROGRAM

- Facilities: fields, trainer, weight room, video access – necessities for growth as a player
- Philosophy of Head Coach: teaching methods, goals, expectations, scholarships, academics, player development
- Present Team: assistant coaches, roster size, positional needs, class breakdown
- Recruiting Procedures & Scholarships: when/where/how players evaluated, player profile-resume, video, ID camps
- Yearly Training Schedule: level of commitment in season, non-traditional season, summer program-workouts

ADMISSIONS

- Admission Deadlines & Procedures: published information by specific university
- Cost: tuition, room, board, books, student fees, travel
- FAFSA – Financial Aid: need based grants, loans, work-study
- Scholarships: academic scholarships, athletic scholarships, option to have both

STUDENT LIFE

- Campus Setting: small vs large, urban vs rural, state vs private, diversity of student body
- Living Accommodations: on/off campus, dorm/apartment/house, roommates,
- Religious Options: locations on/off campus, affiliation with university
- Student Engagement Opportunities: weekend activities, club organizations, fraternity/sorority

PROMOTE YOURSELF

THE BEST COLLEGE FIT

- Make a list of 6-10 important questions, unique to yourself, and ask every university the same questions to compare.