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NCAA RECRUITING CHECKLIST



FRESHMAN YEAR (9TH GRADE)

- Focus on strong academic performance; take NCAA-approved courses.
- Begin compiling an academic and riding resume.
- Start collecting photos and videos of your riding.
- Research colleges with NCAA equestrian programs.
- Attend equestrian camps to observe formats and team dynamics.
- Inform your trainer about your collegiate riding aspirations.
- Send introductory emails to coaches.

SOPHOMORE YEAR (10TH GRADE)

- Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- Continue updating your riding resume and compile your best videos.
- Send regular emails to coaches, including competition highlights.
- After June 15: Coaches can initiate contact via email, phone, or text.
- Plan unofficial visits to colleges (note: no coach contact until August 1 before junior year).
- Attend equestrian camps or clinics to gain exposure.

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JUNIOR YEAR (11TH GRADE)

- Take the ACT/SAT; send scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center (use code 9999).
- Request your high school transcript be sent to the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- After August 1: Begin official visits to colleges (up to five for Division I schools).
- Maintain regular communication with interested coaches.
- Ensure you're on track with NCAA core course requirements.
- If you receive an offer, congratulations! Make sure to comply with the required response timeline, and show your appreciation by sincerely thanking your recruiting coaches.

SENIOR YEAR (12TH GRADE)

- If you have not received an offer, finalize your college list and submit college applications.
- Continue to show interest in your top choice teams and ask coaches if they still have any recruiting spots to fill. If any become available, indicate that you are still interested in riding on their team).
- If desired, complete the FAFSA for financial aid consideration.
- Continue correspondence with coaches; update them on any new achievements.
- Sign the National Letter of Intent during the designated signing period.
- Graduate on time, ensuring all NCAA eligibility requirements are met.