

FC Arizona College Recruitment Timeline Priorities

Freshman Year of High School

Begin to Identify a list of schools that match your profile.

Location, Academics, Athletics, Cost, Team Personality, Coaching Staff

Research and attend affordable College ID Camps for the experience.

Sophomore Year of High School

Begin to tour college campuses and watch the soccer teams play and the coaching staff coach.

Visit with professors on campus during tours and meet with financial aid counselors to determine financial feasibility.

Identify and attend college ID camps that your schools will attend.

Work with a high school counselor/academic advisor to ensure you take the core credits (HS Classes) to meet the minimum requirements for NCAA Division I.

Junior Year of High School

*After June 15th you can begin emailing and communicating openly about recruitment with college coaches (the coach can respond directly expressing interest).

Send introduction emails to college coaches with resume, game schedule and highlight film.

Attend Residential College ID camps and train with the college team where possible.

Senior Year of High School

Narrow down your list of schools and apply for admissions.

Begin to take second visits to get to know the team and coaching staff better.

Complete your FAFSA and add your schools.

Request and review scholarship offers in the summer/early Fall

Commit by the February signing period.

If still open in the new year then reevaluate options and consider Junior Colleges if you were not before.

Insider Tip: While neither athletes nor coaches can initiate phone conversations until June 15 after an athlete's sophomore year, college coaches are still going to build their recruiting classes prior to that date through online research, attending events and communicating with athletes' coaches.

Having an online profile is critical for athletes to get evaluated early. Athletes can also initiate communication by emailing coaches of programs they are interested in as early as possible. Send them your athletic resume, which includes:

- Your highlight video
- Any sport-specific stats
- Your academic information
- Why you are interested in their program.

When the NCAA recruiting rules allow coaches to contact you, you will already be on their radar. Once your sport's contact period begins, be sure to follow up communications with a phone call.