

## Responsibility of Parents – matching academics and athletic ability

- 1) Sit down with your son or daughter and find out what they want to do with their life. (Please do not try to live your life through them).
  - a. Can your son or daughter handle the life and demands of a student athlete.
- 2) Do not put your son or daughter in a college that would put them in a situation that they would not succeed.
  - a. Academically too hard.
  - b. Competition too great.
  - c. Socially, not compatible with the surrounding environment of the school and the city.
- 3) Do your homework. Check out the college on the website. You can find out just about anything you want to know about the school.
  - a. Academic requirements – GPA and test scores.
  - b. Does the school offer the major of study your son or daughter would be interested in?
  - c. Reputation of the school.
  - d. What are the scores the players are shooting in tournament play and does your son/daughter shoot those scores?
- 4) Research the coach.
  - a. What is his/her reputation?
  - b. What are their coaching philosophies?
  - c. Can they teach and train your son or daughter?
  - d. Develop a relationship with the coaches you are interested in through emails.
  - e. Ask yourself, will this coach treat my son/daughter fairly?
  - f. Find a past player and ask what it was like to play under this coach?
- 5) Take unofficial visits when you get the chance.
  - a. Take a tour of the campus.
  - b. Visit the student athlete academic center.

- c. Visit with a counselor.
  - d. Visit with the physical trainer of the team.
  - e. Visit the practice facilities.
  - f. Ask yourself, would I be happy going to school here?
  - g. Find out how many players are on the team and how does the student qualify to play on the travel squad.
  - h. Visit the housing and cafeteria arrangements.
- 6) Scholarship availability
- a. What percent is available for your son/daughter each year. (This can change from year to year).
  - b. Remember, the question is not how much is the scholarship worth but how much will I have to pay.
- 7) Son or daughter should be making this decision on their own as much as possible.
- a. When your son/daughter makes their decision – as the parent you need to support their decision as much as possible.