

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.