



This program is designed to assist any Palatine Celtic high school player that has the desire to go on and play college soccer. There are many opportunities for soccer players in college and we are here to help guide you in the right direction and educate you on the process of college recruiting.

YES, scholarships are out there, but should not be the only reason for choosing a school, both athletically & academically. We look at 5 areas when evaluating a school & soccer program.

1 – Cost / 2 - Location / 3 - Size / 4 – Athletically / 5 - Academically

NCAA College Soccer Varsity Programs (click links to see details)

** Click on either the Men's or Women's program for each division to see # of universities or colleges that sponsor varsity soccer.*

NCAA Division 1 *	Men's programs	Women's programs
NCAA Division 2 *	Men's programs	Women's programs
NCAA Division 3 **	Men's programs	Women's programs

* These programs have the ability to offer athletic scholarships, if the funds are available to their program.

** Regardless of what you've heard, all D3 schools are NOT allowed to offer any type of athletic scholarship – just academic scholarships can be offered and other college grants to assist with financial aid.

Keys to effectively getting yourself recruited:

- 1 - Take the time and write / email the school yourself. College coaches prefer a more personal approach to getting a player's name out there. It shows that you've taken the time to prepare a playing / academic resume for their viewing and that you've researched the school a bit. Once again, MAKE IT PERSONAL.
- 2 – Please keep your player resume to no more than one page if at all necessary. Palatine Celtic does make player profile sheets for its players.
- 3 – Please make sure to PROOF READ your letters to each college you write. Nothing is more embarrassing than having a different school name on a letter to a program you really have a strong interest in.
- 4 – Know the NCAA soccer rules: 1 – Coaches are only allowed to call seniors players only (one time a week) / 2 – You can call or email a coach as often as you'd like (refer to #1 though) / 3 – ONLY seniors are allowed to make OFFICIAL visits to colleges and you are only allowed 5 of those / 4 – You can make as many UNOFFICIAL visits as you want.
- 5 – Really think it over if you plan on using a recruiting service. They tend to be rather costly and don't do much to really personalize your interest in the school. They also tend to do mass mailings which plenty of college coaches tend to ignore.
- 6 – WE are providing a service through YOUR club team. No one knows you better, as a player, than your coaches and we do have some personal connections with college coaches throughout the country.

Websites to help make the search a little more easier:

- 1 – [NCAA Recruiting](#)
- 2 – [NAIA College Program](#) This is very similar to NCAA D1 / D2, but governed by a different collegiate athletic association. Average age of players tends to be a bit higher than NCAA programs, due to less restrictions.
- 3 – [Junior College Soccer](#)
- 4 – [Division 3 Soccer](#)
- 5 – [Top Drawer Soccer College Search Directory](#)
- 6 – [Captain U College Search Assistance](#)