

Notes/Highlights from June, 2014 Coach Q&A

Communication w/ Coaches

- Coaches want to see/feel commitment
- Personalize e-mails
- Include graduation year in communication
- Be honest & punctual in communication
- Avoid generic e-mails and include school-specific notes
- If inviting to Tournament – Include graduation year, team name, jersey #, level of play, and game schedule
- Coaches can now communicate directly w/ players on/after June 15th of Junior year

California Players – National recognition

- East coast, mid-west universities are taking notice. Are you willing to move away from CA?

College ID Camps – Good/Bad

- A good showing – Really good news
- A bad showing – Could place you on a “don’t recruit” list and word spreads!

Div I Athlete – A “job”

- Time management is critical and athletics is one of your (2) priorities while in college, besides academics!

Soccer scholarships are partial

- Only Basketball & Football are FULL scholarships

Position – Be ready to move positions and be flexible re: where you play on the field

Recruiting Trends

- Recruiting is taking place earlier, Junior year. However, “official” college visits are not available until Senior year
- Visit colleges you’re interested in

Soccer Resume

- Include 3-4minute highlights (different game-time plays)

Do College Coaches spend more time @ Academy games or league games (NPL)?

- Coaches spread their time amongst multiple events
- Coaching team will spread scouting/ID activities

High School & Club Coaches as References

- Having your Club & High School Coaches write on your behalf is CRITICAL
- This will help expand the network of people who know/speak of you in a favorable manner