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Football Recruiting & Student-Athlete Advising

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GRADE 12 | SENIOR | FAMILY GUIDE

Senior Decisions

Keep the next decision clear, not rushed.

Triage each college's actual deadlines, compare written admissions and aid information, and preserve affordable alternatives with or without football.

Start with these priorities

1. Separate confirmed options, open questions and unavailable paths.
2. Verify school-specific admissions, financial-aid, athletics and enrollment deadlines.
3. Compare net cost and written conditions rather than verbal expectations.
4. Keep a realistic academic and financial backup that the athlete would choose without football.

A private family readiness check

Mark what is true today. An unchecked item is a useful question, not a failure.

- ☐ Each live deadline has an official source and an owner.
- ☐ Admissions, eligibility, aid and roster information are separate.
- ☐ Verbal or conditional information is labeled clearly.
- ☐ We compare actual family cost and renewal conditions.
- ☐ An affordable alternative remains visible.
- ☐ We will verify terms before signing, depositing or changing enrollment plans.

Choose the right amount of help

Begin with the real deadline and the question that needs an answer. A short scope, free school support or a direct referral may be more useful than a long package. No service can promise a last-minute scholarship rescue.

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Your next seven days

Choose a manageable pace. The athlete leads; adults help with logistics and questions. These are planning suggestions, not recruiting contact dates.

- Day 1** Put every known deadline beside its official source.
- Day 2** Confirm what is complete, missing or still only verbal.
- Day 3** Ask admissions and financial aid for unresolved requirements.
- Day 4** Review current athletics status with the college's authorized staff.
- Day 5** Compare family cost and renewal conditions for viable options.
- Day 6** Identify one affordable backup and its actual deadlines.
- Day 7** Choose the next decision only after the athlete and family review the facts.

Our next decision and deadline sheet

Complete privately. Do not post student records or identifying information.

Option and next verified deadline

What is confirmed in writing

What is missing and which office can answer

Expected family cost and unresolved conditions

Backup option and the next action owner

When to pause and verify

If a deadline is imminent, contact the appropriate college office directly. If no football path is currently viable, protect an academic and financial college plan rather than buying a rescue promise.

Rules depend on the pathway

An admissions offer, aid award, coach conversation and roster opportunity are different. Verify each in writing. Before signing, paying a deposit or changing enrollment plans, confirm the current terms with the institution.

Grade is a planning stage, not permission for coach contact. Verify the current association, division, football, activity and calendar rules with the college compliance office. Admission, athletics eligibility, aid and roster decisions are separate.

Official starting points: [NCAA recruiting](#) | [NCAA eligibility](#) | [NAIA](#) | [NJCAA](#). Consult the current rules for the student, not a universal grade checklist.