College Track & Field Recruitment Timeline



Freshman Year (9th Grade)

- Focus on **grades** establish a strong academic foundation
- Join your high school track & field team and/or local club team

- Begin logging performances and personal bests
- Start learning about NCAA, NAIA, and NJCAA divisions

Sophomore Year (10th Grade)

- Continue improving **academics** and athletics
- Take practice SAT/ACT or PSAT
- Record meet results and update your stats sheet
- Create a **recruiting profile** (NCSA, FieldLevel, or personal website)
- Start researching colleges (location, programs, team performance)

Junior Year (11th Grade)

- Take SAT/ACT and keep grades strong
- Create or update your highlight video
- Draft an athletic résumé (academics + performance)
- Begin emailing coaches with times, marks, and video links
- Attend track & field showcases/camps if available
- Register with the **NCAA Eligibility Center** (for D1 & D2 athletes)

Summer Before Senior Year

- Reach out to more coaches and update them on summer results
- Visit campuses (official/unofficial visits if invited)
- Narrow your list of schools and programs
- Stay in peak shape for senior season

Senior Year (12th Grade)

- Finalize **highlight video** with best performances
- Apply to schools (meet all application deadlines)
- Continue contacting coaches and update them with senior-season results
- Review scholarship and financial aid options
- Take official visits if offered
- Commit to a school (National Letter of Intent for D1/D2 or offer acceptance for others)
- Finish strong academically and athletically