

## **THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME THINGS THAT I BELIEVE WILL HELP YOU IN THIS SEARCH TO BE RIGHT**

1. **RECRUITING IS NOT A RACE, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE OFFERS SOMEONE ELSE HAS**
2. Don't be concerned about how many "STARS" you have on the recruiting sites I assure you we don't
3. Do work for yourself, make phone calls, send emails and create videos or video links, it shows us responsibility on your part
4. **Your high school coach will not get you a scholarship, your talent as a student-athlete will**
5. **Your high school coach will be honest with you and with college coaches, he wants what is best for you**
6. The more game footage we see the better we feel about our evaluation of your talent as a student-athlete
7. A highlight film is important, please back it up with game footage
8. Music on a highlight film is up to you; we mute it.
9. Include your academic information on anything you send to us, **GPA and TEST SCORES** are what we need. Be honest about this information it is critical to this process.
10. Be the best student you can be, challenge yourself with the courses you take
11. Test the **ACT** and/or **SAT** early and repeat it at least two times
12. Don't jump between tests; take one or the other, you will improve by test familiarity
13. Sign a transcript release form in guidance so that we can access your unofficial transcript
14. Many high schools do not include **SAT/ACT** info on transcripts, have copies that you can provide to us
15. **SCAN ALL OF YOUR TRANSCRIPT AND TEST INFORMATION TO MAKE IT EASY TO SEND TO US**
16. There are specific times during the year when we can call you or return a call, be aware of them as many times when young men or their parents call and leave a message to return the call, we can't
17. Being a Junior you will not be able to receive calls from most colleges until May of 2017
18. See as many schools as you can. Visit campuses in the spring and go to games in the fall, understand these are unofficial visits
19. Call the schools prior to your visit so we know you are coming
20. Be selective about your camp schedule, one day camps are the best for rising seniors
21. Go to camps at schools that have shown an interest in you, where you will learn the game and where there will be coaches from a variety of schools; **IN THAT PRIORITY ORDER**
22. **Be careful about Combines, college coaches cannot attend most of them**
23. Understand we only trust a 40 time we get on our own watches
24. Your height and weight is like your 40 time, we trust our measurements
25. Your strength and speed numbers are important, your functional strength (football strength) and on-field speed are what counts. This will show on film.
26. Be first in line in camps, that means a lot
27. Compete in camps, one on ones are a great indicator of who you are and your willingness to **COMPETE**
28. **WE MAKE A LOT OF DECISIONS IN OUR CAMPS, THE MORE WE KNOW ABOUT YOU AND YOU ABOUT US THE BETTER IT IS FOR ALL OF US**
29. Your senior year performance is critical to your future success as a **STUDENT-ATHLETE**
30. Remember an offer is only an offer if it is in writing
31. Once an offer is made it does not last forever, you will need to make a choice and at times schools fill up positionally without you knowing it
32. **REMEMBER THAT THE WORD "COMMITMENT" HAS SPECIAL MEANING, WE TAKE IT SERIOUSLY; "SOFT, SILENT, PARTIAL" REALLY DO NOT FIT IN WELL WITH A WORD AS STRONG AS COMMITMENT**
33. Use the knowledge and experience of your parents, your siblings and your coaches and teachers; they have the advantage of having been there already
34. **Enjoy the process, don't let it overwhelm you**
35. Pick the school where you will thrive as a student, as a player, and more important; **AS A PERSON**
36. Be thorough in your search, ask questions,
37. The only question that is a bad question is the one you don't ask
38. **Be careful to listen to hear what College Coaches are telling you, sometimes it's not what you think you hear.**
39. **Be real careful about the coach who guarantees you something, or tells you what he feels you want to hear.**
40. **Be a good filter when it comes to hearing college recruiters, everyone has their own method of recruiting, you do it once, we do it every year**
41. **On your highlight film, don't repeat highlights, don't slow motion anything, YOU DO NOT NEED TO HIGHLIGHT WHO YOU ARE WITH AN ARROW OR INDICATOR ON EVERY PLAY**
42. **Be very cautious about recruiting services that tell you they will get you a scholarship, they charge you and have their best interests in mind.**
43. **When it comes down to it.....YOU GET YOU RECRUITED**
44. **Enjoy being in High School. It is one of the best experiences in your life.**

**MANY HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS LOVE RECRUITING  
I WANT TO RECRUIT PLAYERS WHO LOVE FOOTBALL**