



FCE College Meeting

Welcome Parents and Athletes

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What can FC Europa offer?

- Great Coaching
- Advice – strengths & Weaknesses
- Great ‘team’ environment
- College showcase exposure
- References
- Coaching network



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“Scholarship Athlete” The Process

- First of all DECIDE if your athlete is serious about playing in College. (your athletic ability is a TOOL to get a Great Education).
- Investigate the NCAA Clearinghouse and the NCAA web site.
- Prepare student athlete profile resume and student athlete cover letter for the college coaches
- Direct mail and e-mail profile and cover letter to Athletic programs and coaches
- Junior year is ‘key’ but sophomore and senior years are also opportunities



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“Scholarship Athlete” The Process cont.

- Visit Athletic Program facilities, watch a practice, talk to Coach and visit your Academic Program Department
- Prepare to Negotiate, be positive, & compare offers against each other.
- Make sure the College is a nice fit for your athlete and that it offers the major your student athlete is interested in.
- Review rules of the National Letter of Intent and Sign it! YES!
- Work hard to keep your scholarship each and every year.



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To play or not to play, that is the question?

- 1. Life in the shoes of a University Athlete**
- 2. Unexpected realities of the Job as an athlete**
- 3. Level of play in Division I. II. III. NAIA, NJCAA**
- 4. Club soccer is a great option**



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National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)

- ▶ The NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse is an organization that works with the NCAA to determine a student's eligibility for athletics participation in his or her first year of college enrollment.
- ▶ Students who want to participate in college sports during their first year of enrollment in college must register with the clearing house for D1 and D2 register with the Clearinghouse for Division I, and Division II.



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NCAA Members

- 326 active Division I members;
- 281 active Division II members; and
- 421 active Division III members.

One of the differences among the three divisions is that colleges and universities in Divisions I and II may offer athletics scholarships, while Division III colleges and universities may not.



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Academic-Eligibility Requirements

- ▶ **You will be a qualifier** if you meet the academic requirements
- ▶ As a qualifier, you:
- ▶ Can practice or compete for your college or university during your first year.
- ▶ Can receive an athletic scholarship during your first year of college; and
- ▶ Can play four seasons in your sport as long as you maintain your eligibility from year to year.



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Soccer Stats, Resume, Cover letter

- Keep performance stats on your athlete
- Prepare student athlete stats profile and resume
- See example
- Prepare cover letter
- See example



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What do College Coaches Look for in an Athlete

- National, Regional, State or Division playoffs, Travel Team, Premier Club Experience.
 - Tournament experience
 - Preferred Grades 3.0 GPA
 - Preferred ACT score of 24.
- If the coach asks for a tape:
Game footage should be 15 min of unedited play with view of entire field so coach can see plays develop.
- Goalkeepers athletic ability: shot handling, footwork and mobility, diving ability, ability to stop an array of shots.
 - Game footage: quickness, agility, jumping ability, timing and quickness off line, shot stopping, crosses from end line.
 - Field Players: Speed, Quickness, dribbling, passing receiving, heading, shooting, work ethic, decision making.

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Athletic Resume/Profile

Soccer Profile

Athlete's Name

High school & jersey #
Kickers & jersey #

Add
picture or
delete this
box

Add
picture or
delete this
box

Personal Information:

Address: Date of Birth:
Address line two Height:
Parents: Weight:
E-mail: parents email Phone: (630)

Academic Information:

High School: Year of Graduation:
Address: Counselor:
Phone: Phone:
GPA/Scale: NCAA Clearinghouse: Registered year in date
Academic Interest: ACT:
Academic Honors: Non-Academic Involvement:
Academic Involvement: Athletic Involvement:

Athletic Information:

Primary Position: Secondary Position:
Travel Coach: name (630)000-0000 email
Varsity Coach: name (630)000-0000 email
Trainer: name (630)000-0000 email

Club Statistics:

Please visit our club web site: kickersoccerclub.org

List year, join club soccer, team records and any personal stats you may have

Athletic Awards & Achievements:

List your involvement with your high school team starting with your freshman year

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Athletic Cover letter

Introductory Letter

Date

1201 W. New York Street
Aurora, IL 60506

Coach Anyone Anderson
123 College/University
Anywhere, USA 12345

Dear Coach Anderson:

I am currently in the process of researching Universities/Colleges. I have a strong interest in your University/College and would like to participate in your program. As a (put year in school) student-athlete, I would like to request additional information on your program and would like to see if you have interest in my athletic talents for your program. I have attached an academic and athletic profile for your review.

If you would like to contact me further, please call 630-123-4567 or E-Mail me at Andrew.Franklin@Kaneland.org . You can also go to my (Web Site) (Blog) at Ilovesports.com

Thank you for your time and consideration, I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Andy Franklin

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Student to Coach contact

- ▶ It is OK for a student athlete to call, write or e-mail a college coach.
- ▶ In fact, coaches prefer to hear from the student, not the parent.
- ▶ Overzealous parents can ruin their child's recruiting chances.



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Reminder...Treat your college search like a job search.

- ▶ Visit college Web sites, study the background of the coaches and the team's recent history.
- ▶ Send thank-you notes.
- ▶ Create a professional player profile with your athletic and academic history.
- ▶ Craft a custom cover letter for each coach you mail information to.
- ▶ Good letters of reference from your coaches are very valuable.



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The Process, Other Ways

- Don't Forget About COACH!!
- Your coach at the High School may have many College contacts.
- Your Coach at the Travel Team may also have many College contacts
- Networking your talents in many different ways will get you noticed more often.



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The Process, Other Ways

- Go to Athletic web site at the university, look up your sport, then fill out the Athletic Questionnaire for the athletic department
- Use on-line recruiting service.. inexpensive, or FREE recruiting service. Examples within this presentation



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