

COLLEGE PREPARATION CALENDAR FOR USTA JUNIOR PLAYERS

Grade	Academic Requirements	Tennis Requirements/ contacting Schools	Recruiting Rules for DI (see below for DII & III)
Grades 9-12	<p>Meet with your high school counselor to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select courses that meet high school graduation requirements and meet NCAA initial-eligibility requirements (see NCAA initial-eligibility requirements for your graduating year) Keep up your grades Research academic requirements for colleges you are interested in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work out a playing schedule that will allow you to play enough tournaments to keep up your ranking (national, sectional, district or ITF) Keep your USTA Player Record updated 	
Grade 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make a list of colleges you are interested in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work out a playing schedule that will allow you to play enough tournaments to keep up your ranking (national, sectional, district or ITF) Keep your USTA Player Record updated 	<p>Recruiting Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may receive brochures for camps and questionnaires <p>Phone Calls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make calls to coaches at your own expense College coaches cannot call you <p>Off-campus contact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No off-campus contact is allowed <p>Official Visits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No official visits are allowed <p>Unofficial visit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits
Grade 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take the SAT or ACT or both (test scores must be submitted to the Clearinghouse) When you register for the ACT or SAT, mark code "9999" and the testing agency will send your scores to the Clearinghouse Keep up your grades 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work out a playing schedule that will allow you to play enough tournaments to keep up your ranking Keep your USTA Player Record updated Coaches will look at national & sectional USTA rankings as well as ITF rankings Coaches will look at results in national and sectional events Research possible school selections Send letters of introduction to coaches Submit your profile to the USTA Player Database (available August 06) Attend college nights/college expos offered in your section or at tournaments Follow up on your letters to coaches Take time to visit the schools you are interested in make an appointment for an interview with the coach (you may make as many unofficial visits as you like, however you cannot take an official visit until your senior year – check recruiting rules under senior year) If you are competing in Pro Circuit events or other events where prize money is involved remember to keep a file of your Amateurism Reimbursement Forms click here to download form www.usta.com <p>Refer to <i>The USTA Guide To Tennis on College Campuses</i> for more information</p>	<p>Recruiting Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may begin receiving September 1 of junior year <p>Telephone Calls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make calls to coaches at your own expense <p>College Coaches May contact you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once per week starting July 1 after your junior year <p>Off-campus contact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed, once only during April on your high school campus Allowed starting July 1 after your junior year <p>Official visit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No official visits allowed <p>Unofficial visit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits
Grade 12	<p>Summer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After you <u>complete</u> grade 11 you should register with the Clearinghouse (if you plan to attend a DI or II college and play tennis) Ask your high school counselor to send your academic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep your Player Record up to date Narrow down your list of colleges to 5-8 Send college applications to schools you are interested in, and schools that are interested in you – note: you must be accepted by the school before a coach can officially offer you a 	<p>Recruiting Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed <p>Telephone Calls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make calls to coaches at your own expense <p>College Coaches May contact you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once per week <p>Off-campus contact</p>

	<p>transcripts to the Clearinghouse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request college applications and information packets Keep a calendar of admission deadlines Register early for fall SAT and ACT tests <p>Fall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you haven't done so already - register with the Clearinghouse Meet with your counselor to go over your plans Get started on your college applications Take SAT and ACT tests and make sure your scores are sent to each of the schools you are interested in or enter code "9999" and the testing agency will send your scores to the clearinghouse Your test scores (SAT, ACT, etc) must be presented to your school of choice BEFORE you can take an official (paid) visit <p>Spring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up on your applications to ensure they were received and they have all the necessary materials Most admission decision letters arrive during April After Graduation have your counselor review and mail your transcripts to the clearinghouse 	<p>scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit the schools you are interested in – make an appointment for an interview with the coach (you may make as many unofficial visits as you like, however you are limited to one official visit per college up to a max of 5 official visits to DI & II colleges) Tennis has two signing dates (November and April) refer to www.NLI.com for signing dates and details on the National Letter of Intent (not all conferences subscribe to the National Letter of Intent) Your test scores (SAT, ACT, etc) must be presented to your school of choice BEFORE you can take an official (paid) visit If you are competing in Pro Circuit events or other events where prize money is involved remember to keep a file of your Amateurism Reimbursement Forms (download from the resources area) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed <p>Official visit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed beginning opening day of classes your senior year You are limited to one official visit per college up to a maximum of 5 official visits to DI & II colleges <p>Unofficial visit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may make an unlimited number of unofficial visits <p>Evaluation & Contacts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 7 times during your senior year <p>How often can a coach see or talk to you off the college's campus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May contact you or your parents/legal guardians no more than 3 times during your senior year
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This calendar is only a general guide and may not apply to all colleges. Check each institutions application materials and websites for specific deadlines and requirements.

Recruiting Rules for Division II and III

	Division II	Division III
Recruiting materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After September 1 of your junior year coaches are allowed to begin sending you printed recruiting materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may receive printed recruiting materials at anytime
Phone calls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College coaches may call you once per week beginning June 15 between your junior and senior year Coaches may contact you once during March of your junior year You may make calls to coaches at your own expense 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no limit to the number of calls a coach can make to you DIII coaches may contact you as early as your freshman year You may make calls to coaches at your own expense
Off-campus contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning June 15 after your junior year college coaches may have off-campus contact with you or your parents/legal guardians Coaches are limited to 3 in-person contacts off-campus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After your junior year coaches may have contact with you or your parents/legal guardians
Unofficial visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unlimited 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unlimited
Official visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed beginning opening day of classes your senior year You are limited to one official visit per college up to a maximum of 5 official visits to DI & II colleges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed beginning opening day of classes your senior year One official visit per college

Refer to the USTA Guide To Tennis on College Campuses for guidelines on making a list of colleges, letters to coaches, questions to ask, etc.