

AN INTRODUCTION TO COLLEGE GOLF IN THE U.S.



Why Go to College?

- A “back-up plan” to professional golf
- Get an education and prepare you for life
- Compete on a golf team – Best way to prepare for a professional career
 - Get better
 - Higher level of competition
- Have an amazing life experience

1	Brooks Koepka - Florida State	\$9,684,006
2	Rory McIlroy – Did not attend	\$7,785,286
3	Matt Kuchar –Georgia Tech	\$6,294,690
4	Patrick Cantlay – UCLA	\$6,121,488
5	Gary Woodland –University of Kansas	\$5,690,965
6	Xander Schauffele – San Diego State	\$5,609,456
7	Dustin Johnson – Coastal Carolina	\$5,534,619
8	Justin Thomas – University of Alabama	\$5,013,084
9	Jon Rahm – Arizona State	\$4,990,110
10	Webb Simpson – Wake Forest	\$4,690,572

Critical Success Factors

- Hard Work – competing against kids from around the world
- Realistic Expectations – find the right fit
- Focus on the Process
- Be Accountable
- Tactical Plan –must start early

Things to Start Thinking About

- What is the most important thing that you want in a school?
 - Golf? Location? Size? Division? Academics?
- What do you want to major in?
 - Which school has your major?
- What do you need to work on in golf?
 - Strengths? Weaknesses? Current Score vs University Team – Major difference between junior golf and college golf
- What can you do now to give yourself a better chance at obtaining a scholarship?

Athletic Associations & Divisions

NCAA®

NAIA®





National Collegiate Athletic Association

- D1 (Division I)
 - Must support 14 sports
- D2 (Division 2)
 - Must support 10 sports
- D3 (Division 3)
 - Only offers financial aid for athletics

All have great golf!





- Schools vary in size, up to 60,000 students
- Limited number of golf scholarships allowed per team
 - Varies between divisions and are different between men and women's teams
- Specific academic requirements to be eligible to play and practice with your team, as well as receive a scholarship
 - Must complete 16 core high school courses
 - GPA and SAT/ACT requirements based on Division



National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics

- Competitor of the NCAA
- 259 member schools, with more than 60,000 student-athletes
- Limit of 5 golf scholarships available per team
- Many international athletes
- Smaller, private schools





National Junior College Athletic Association

- National program of sports for junior colleges and two-year institutions
- Two-year commitment, with the expectation of transferring to a four-year institution
- Only eligibility requirement is graduating high school
- Why do athletes choose to go to a Junior College?
 - Low high school GPA/Test scores, not NCAA eligible
 - Started the recruiting process late or a late bloomer

Schools Offering Men's Golf

Athletic Org.	Number of Schools with Golf Teams	Scholarships allowed per team	Total Potential Scholarships Available	Total Number of Golfers
NCAA Division I	294	4.5 per school	1363.5	2941
NCAA Division II	217	3.6 per school	774	2470
NCAA Division III	289	0 per school	0	3265
NAIA	169	5 per school	905	1706
NJCAA	180	8 per school	1440	1284
Total	1149		4482.5	11,666

NUMBERS WILL FLUCTUATE FROM YEAR TO YEAR

Schools Offering Women's Golf

Athletic Org.	Number of Schools with Golf Teams	Scholarships allowed per team	Total Potential Scholarships Available	Total Number of Golfers
NCAA Division I	269	6 per school	1536	2176
NCAA Division II	189	5.4 per school	777	1561
NCAA Division III	194	0 per school	0	1556
NAIA	142	5 per school	700	1049
NJCAA	52	8 per school	416	280
Total	846		3429	6622

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What Is A Scholarship?

- Most colleges/universities will pay for part or all of your schooling to have you come and play for their golf team
- Financial aid includes:
 - tuition and fees
 - room and board
 - required course
 - related books
- School's can also award academic scholarships in addition to athletic to help offset the difference
- Scholarship amount can be increased but never decreased. This is at the discretion of the head coach

Tournament Scores Quiz

TEAM 1	SCORES
PLAYER 1	73-68-70
PLAYER 2	73-73-77
PLAYER 3	75-73-76
PLAYER 4	73-69-84
PLAYER 5	81-78-80

TEAM 2	SCORES
PLAYER 1	66-70-67
PLAYER 2	71-75-74
PLAYER 3	69-73-78
PLAYER 4	85-75-79
PLAYER 5	79-79-83

TEAM 3	SCORES
PLAYER 1	74-69-70
PLAYER 2	73-72-69
PLAYER 3	75-72-67
PLAYER 4	74-78-75
PLAYER 5	79-71-81

Which Team is NCAA Division 1?

TEAM 4	SCORES
PLAYER 1	79-78-76
PLAYER 2	79-77-77
PLAYER 3	83-76-78
PLAYER 4	81-81-81
PLAYER 5	83-78-85

TEAM 5	SCORES
PLAYER 1	71-69-70
PLAYER 2	67-67-83
PLAYER 3	72-74-73
PLAYER 4	75-71-75
PLAYER 5	82-71-73

Johnson and Wales
NAIA

TEAM 1	SCORES
PLAYER 1	73-68-70
PLAYER 2	73-73-77
PLAYER 3	75-73-76
PLAYER 4	73-69-84
PLAYER 5	81-78-80

West Florida
NCAA D II

TEAM 2	SCORES
PLAYER 1	66-70-67
PLAYER 2	71-75-74
PLAYER 3	69-73-78
PLAYER 4	85-75-79
PLAYER 5	79-79-83

Odesa Comm. Coll.
NJCAA

TEAM 3	SCORES
PLAYER 1	74-69-70
PLAYER 2	73-72-69
PLAYER 3	75-72-67
PLAYER 4	74-78-75
PLAYER 5	79-71-81

Florida A&M
NCAA D I

TEAM 4	SCORES
PLAYER 1	79-78-76
PLAYER 2	79-77-77
PLAYER 3	83-76-78
PLAYER 4	81-81-81
PLAYER 5	83-78-85

U of Texas at Tyler
NCAA D III

TEAM 5	SCORES
PLAYER 1	71-69-70
PLAYER 2	67-67-83
PLAYER 3	72-74-73
PLAYER 4	75-71-75
PLAYER 5	82-71-73

Typical Day in the Life of a College Golfer

6:45 AM	Strength and Conditioning with Team
7:45 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	Classes Begin for the Day
1:00 PM	Lunch
2:30 PM	Practice with Coaches and Team
5:00 PM	Complete Practice/Downtime
6:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	Study
10:00 PM	Bed

Weekends are likely filled with playing 18 holes or competing in tournaments to avoid missing much class. One day off is required per week.

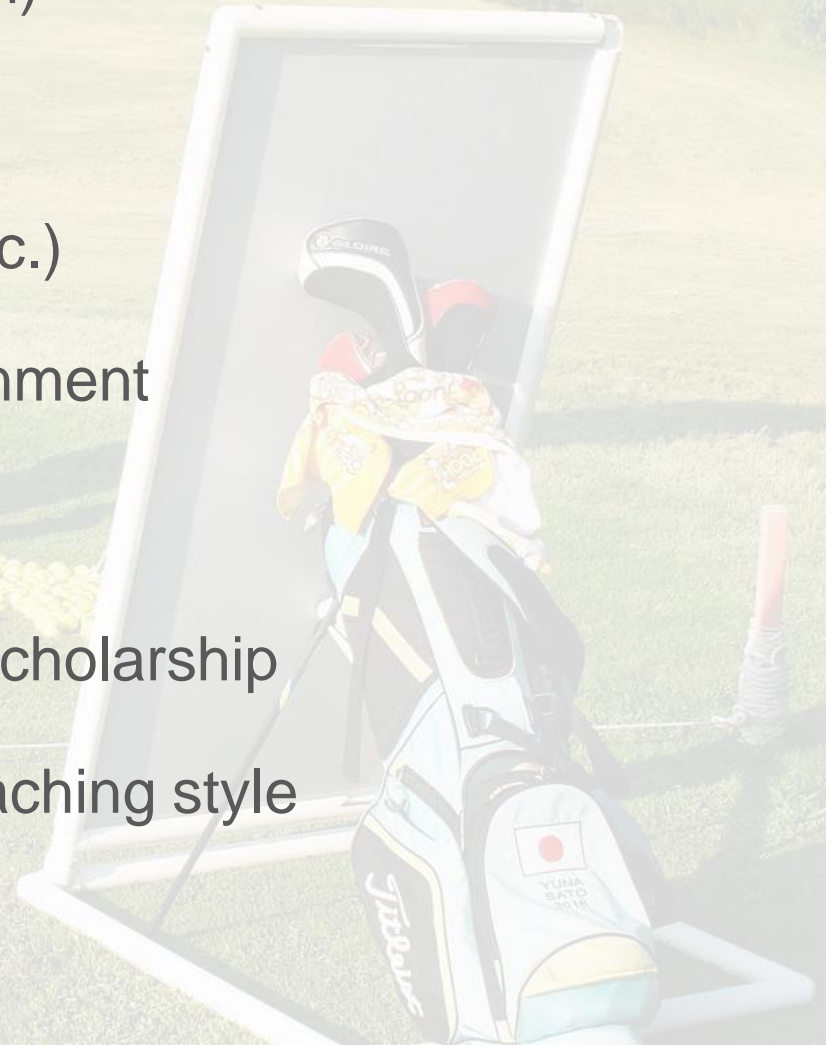
How Do I Start My Search?

Stay Realistic but Optimistic!

Find the “best fit” for you
by doing the research and
asking the right questions

What is the “best fit” for you?

- Playing ability (You vs. The Team)
- Golf and practice facilities
- Location (State, City, Climate, etc.)
- School Size and campus environment
 - Does it “feel like home”?
- Cost
 - Opportunity for partial or full scholarship
- Personality of the coach and coaching style

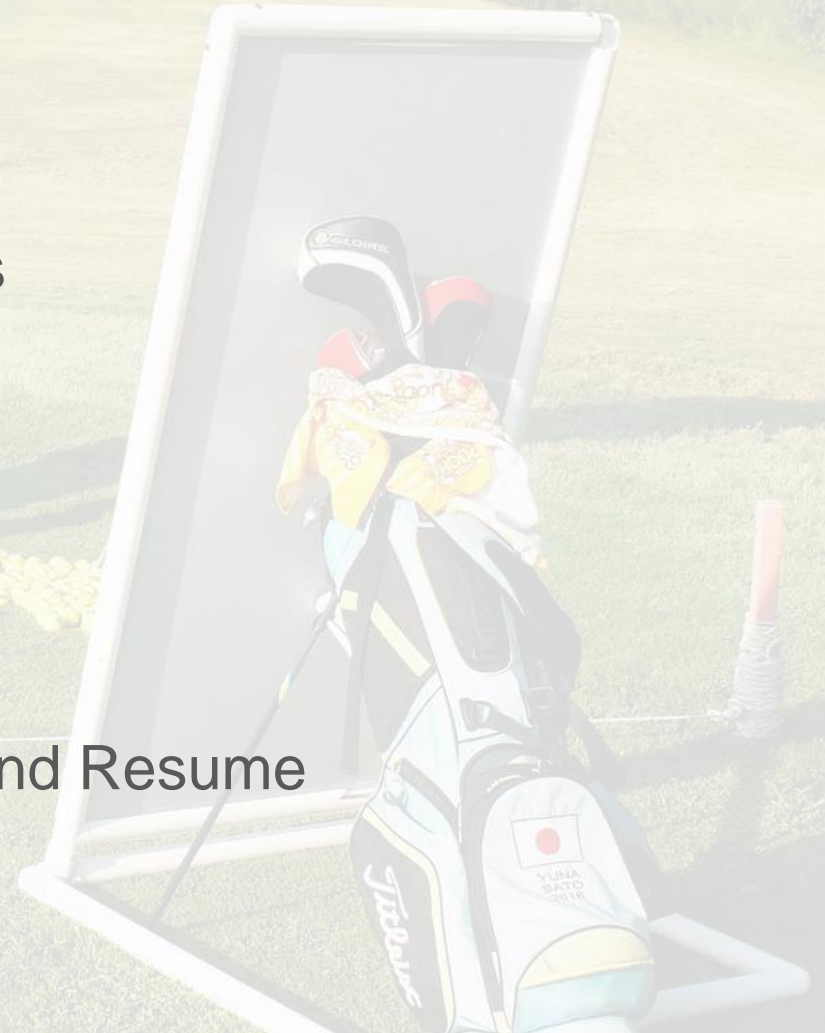


What Are Coaches Looking for in Prospective Players?

- Strong Fundamentals
- Winning Percentage in Tournaments
- Tournament Averages
- Ability to Exhibit Course Management and Shot Selection
- Attitude and Internal Motivation
- Demonstrated Success in the Classroom
- Team Player – Someone Who Understands How to Work with Others
- Ability to Balance and Manage Time
- Investment into Other Sports/Activities/Community Service
- Ability to Set Goals and Prioritize
- Strong Communication Skills

Importance of Competing

- Visibility
- Networking Opportunities
 - Coaches
 - Recruiting/Education Services
 - Top Level Players
 - Academics
- Invaluable Experience
- Opportunity to Build Your Skills and Resume



Timeline of Recruiting

Grade 9

- Play National/International Tournaments
- Introduce Yourself to College Coaches via Email or Phone
- Start Strength and Conditioning Program
- Become Informed about NCAA Academic Requirements

Grade 10

- Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center
- Continue to Play in High-level Tournaments
- Send Resume and Swing Video to College Coaches Regularly
- Start Planning Possible College Visits
- Continue Getting Stronger Physically and Mentally

Grade 11

- Take SAT or ACT
- Continue Pushing on Competitiveness of Tournament Schedule/Possibly Play in US
- Make Arrangements to Visit Schools
- Invest in Regular Strength and Conditioning Program
- Prepare to Verbally Commit

Grade 12

- Continue Competing and Performing Athletically and Academically
- Communicate with College Coach to Prepare Appropriately for Attending College and Playing Golf in the US

Can I attend the school I want?

You must meet academic standards
for that school as well!

- GPA (grades)
- SAT and/or ACT scores (Entrance Exams)
- Every class in high school counts toward GPA
- A = 4.0, B = 3.0, C = 2.0, D = 1.0
- 2.2 GPA required (D II, NAIA)
- 2.3 GPA for NCAA D I

Aim for 3.0 or better!

What Should I Do Now?

- Start playing in competitions in the U.S. early – coaches start to follow players as early as age 12 to 14
- Get good grades
- Invest in yourself by finding great instruction/programs
- Start the recruiting process as early as possible
- Don't be afraid to contact coaches – Be proactive!
- Market yourself now – Make yourself stand out
- Create a swing video – This is important!
- Build a golf resume
- Start planning (eligibility and golf schedule)
- Research and contact schools
- Establish national golf ranking

Resources Available to You

NCAA Requirements

- NCAA.org
- NCAA Eligibility Center

School Specific Information

- University Websites
- University Athletic Websites

Rankings

- Golfstat.com
- Golfweek.com

