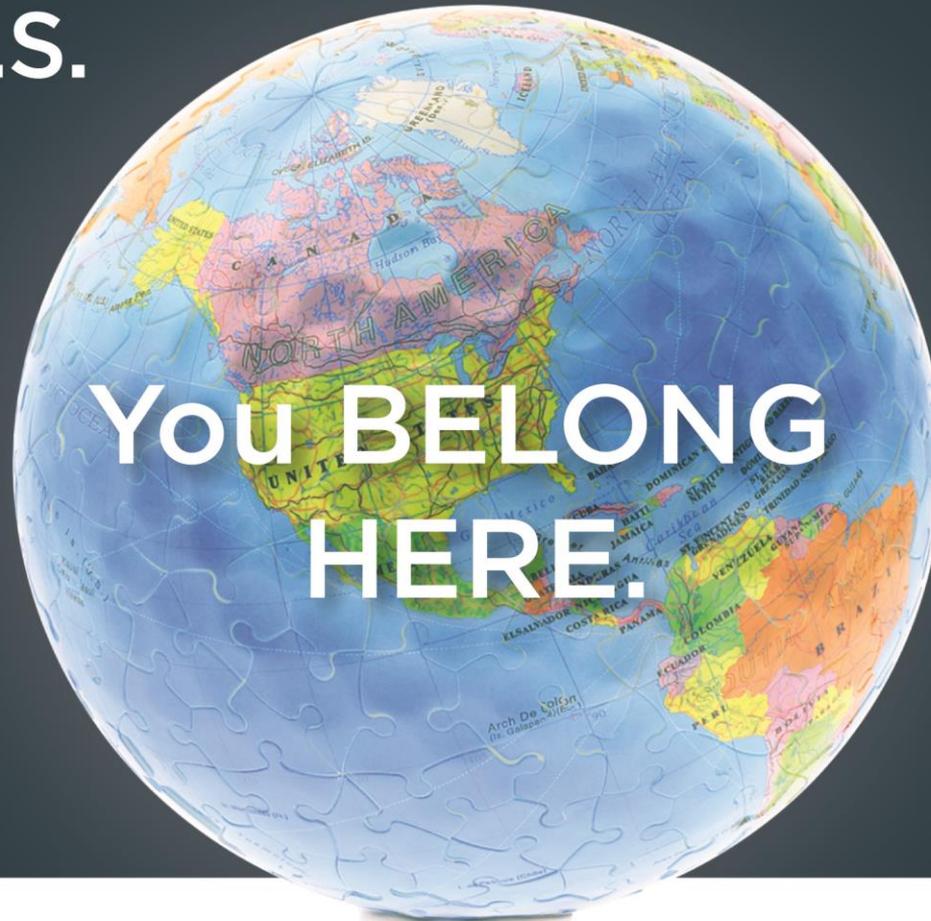


# AN INTRODUCTION TO COLLEGE GOLF IN THE U.S.



# 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

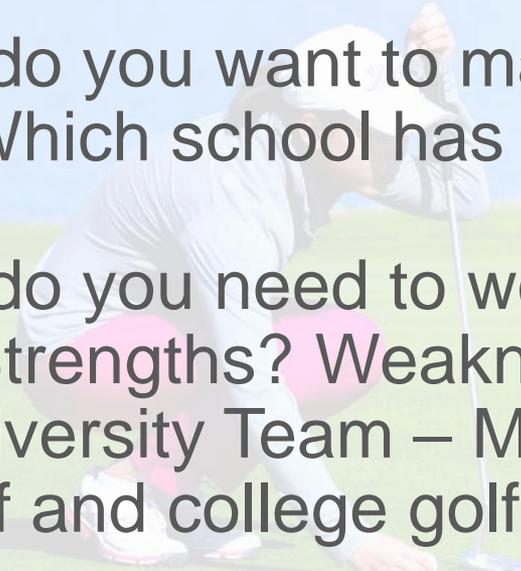
1	<a href="#">Brooks Koepka</a> - Florida State	\$9,684,006
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3	<a href="#">Matt Kuchar</a> –Georgia Tech	\$6,294,690
4	<a href="#">Patrick Cantlay</a> – UCLA	\$6,121,488
5	<a href="#">Gary Woodland</a> –University of Kansas	\$5,690,965
6	<a href="#">Xander Schauffele</a> – San Diego State	\$5,609,456
7	<a href="#">Dustin Johnson</a> – Coastal Carolina	\$5,534,619
8	<a href="#">Justin Thomas</a> – University of Alabama	\$5,013,084
9	<a href="#">Jon Rahm</a> – Arizona State	\$4,990,110
10	<a href="#">Webb Simpson</a> – Wake Forest	\$4,690,572

# Critical Success Factors

A background image of a golfer in mid-swing on a golf course. The golfer is wearing a white TaylorMade cap, a red polo shirt, and white pants with a blue belt. The golfer is holding a golf club, and the background shows a green field and some buildings in the distance.

- 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?
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# Athletic Associations & Divisions



**NCAA**®

The NCAA logo is rendered in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. A registered trademark symbol (®) is located to the right of the letters 'A' and 'A'.

**NAIA**®

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**NJCAA**®  
NATIONAL  
JUNIOR COLLEGE  
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The NJCAA logo is a shield-shaped emblem. The top portion of the shield contains the letters 'NJCAA' in a stylized, blue, outlined font. Below this, the words 'NATIONAL JUNIOR COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION' are written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. A registered trademark symbol (®) is located to the right of the letters 'A' and 'A'.



# 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!



# NCAA®



- 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





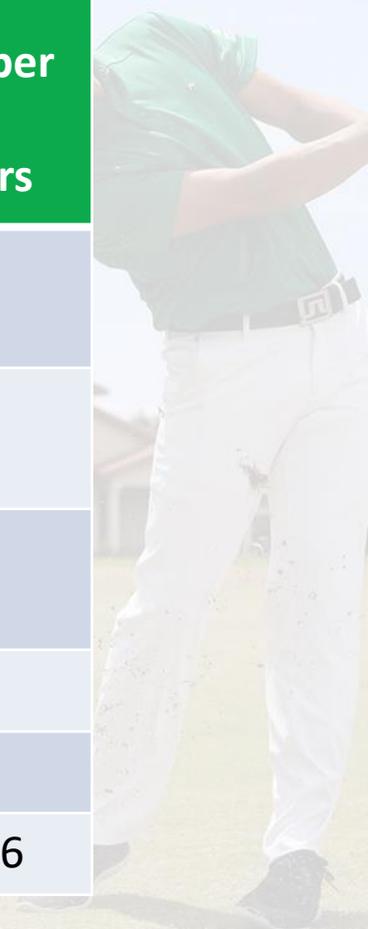
# National Junior College Athletic Association

- 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

NUMBERS WILL FLUCTUATE FROM YEAR TO YEAR

# 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.

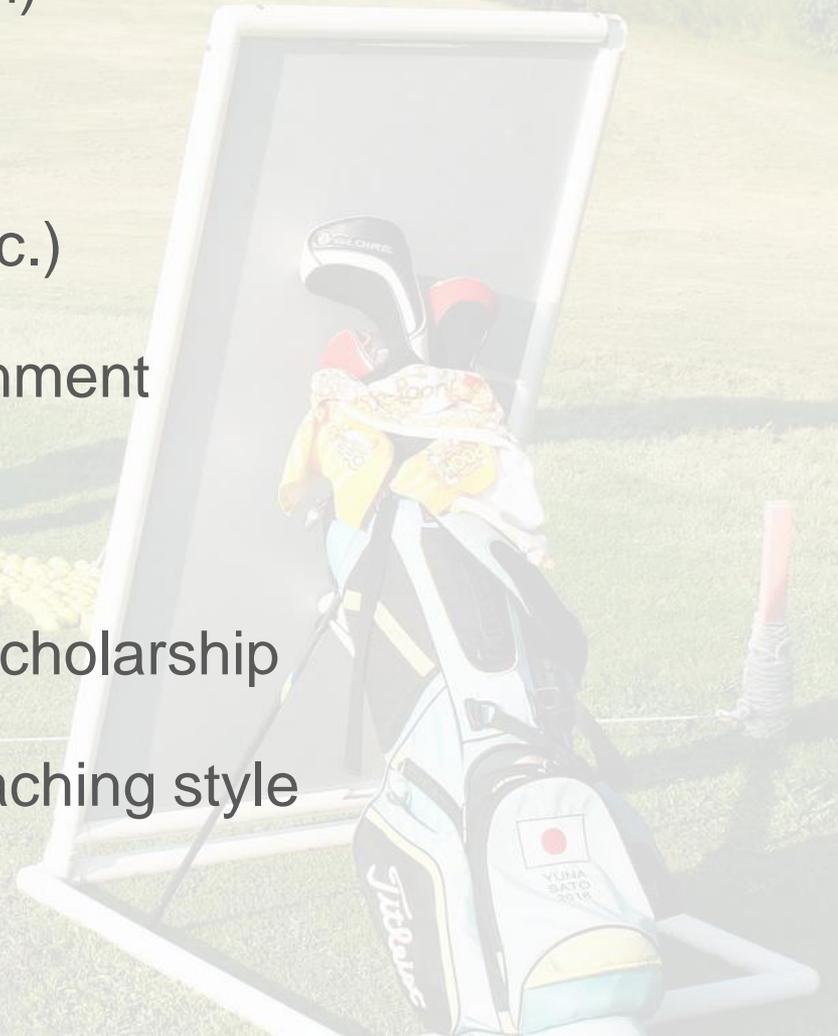
# How Do I Start My Search?

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

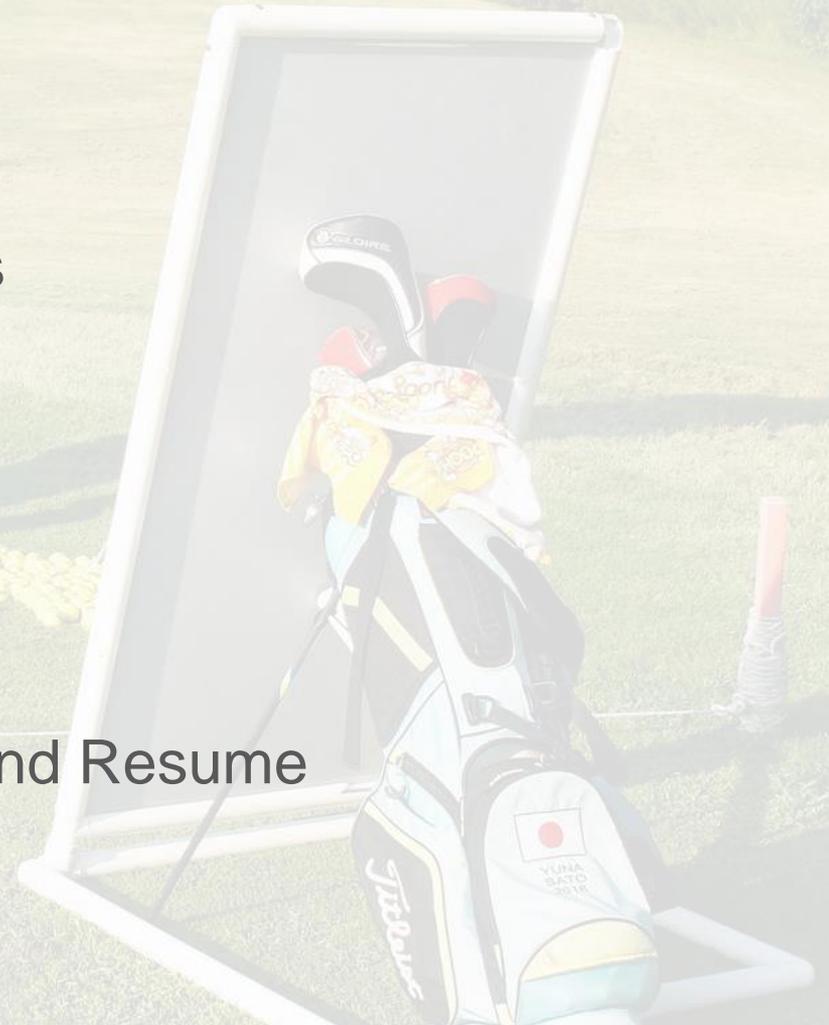


# What Are Coaches Looking for in Prospective Players?

- 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

A female golfer is shown in profile, wearing a white polo shirt, purple shorts, and a dark cap with a white 'G' logo. She is smiling and has her right fist clenched in a celebratory gesture. The background is a blurred golf course with trees in the distance.

## NCAA Requirements

- [NCAA.org](http://NCAA.org)
- NCAA Eligibility Center

## School Specific Information

- University Websites
- University Athletic Websites

## Rankings

- [Golfstat.com](http://Golfstat.com)
- [Golfweek.com](http://Golfweek.com)