



Recruited Program Athletes

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A prime focus of Virginia Elite is the facilitation of placement of graduating seniors onto college volleyball programs. Virginia Elite is committed to providing recruiting assistance in the form of college contacts via phone or written correspondence, skills videotaping and production and development of a personalized recruiting timeline starting with the completion of a player's freshman club season.

John Teifer (VA Elite Technical Director) has successfully facilitated volleyball scholarships for over 150 student athletes over his 20+ years in club ball. John has created a recruiting program modeled after those of some of the most successful programs in the country.

As a testimony to John's and the programs success [here](#) is a partial (NCAA D-I Only (all full rides except Ivy League schools)) of student-athletes John has assisted in procuring college scholarships.

As stated above a key element to the program is the timeline that is developed based upon an individual athletes needs. An example follows:

Freshman (9th grade)

- Choose a club environment that will improve individual skills.
- Learn to manage you're your academic workload while competing in club ball.
- Attend the most demanding summer camps.

Sophomore (10th grade)

- Ensure academic workload includes "core requirements" as required by the NCAA.
- Create a profile of types of colleges (size, geographic area, athletic program, academics) that you think will meet your needs.
- Create first college top 20 lists.
- Again, play at a club committed to individual skill development and one that will provide you visibility.
- Attend private and or small group clinics to improve skills.
- Start college correspondence (intro letter, tournament schedules, etc.)
- Attend multiple summer camps (at least one from your college list).
- Plan unofficial visits to local (driving distance) schools that fit your profile

Junior (11th grade)

- Continue correspondence with potential college programs. Don't be afraid to ask questions.
- Send out HS schedule to colleges.
- Maintain academics enabling acceptance at colleges meeting your academic criteria.
- Produce skills tape (as required)

- Key date **SEPTEMBER 1st** - Coaches are permitted to send letters in writing!
- Register with the NCAA Initial - Eligibility Clearinghouse.
- Take SAT/ACT's early (before club season)
- Send out club schedule
- Update your college profile
- Play with a club that provides the greatest visibility.
- Attend as many high level camps as possible.
- Key Date **JULY 1st** - Phone contact from college coaches is permissible.
- Plan official visit (as required)

Senior (12th grade)

- Don't let down academically.
- Send out HS schedule.
- Key date **first day of school** is the first day you may attend an official visit.
- If you haven't verbally committed, take official visits.
- Create a questionnaire for the visit. Don't be afraid to ask tough questions as to where you stand in the coaches plans.
- Key time frame **early signing period** -- dates vary slightly from year to year -- Check on the NCAA website for the current years dates.
- Continue correspondence. Note: Check NCAA website for rules on phone contact since they are always changing.
- Sign with a program that wants you and meets your profile.