**Tips for Recruiting Visits**

- Meeting the minimum requirements of the NCAA and NAIA for athletic participation at a college/university does **not** guarantee that you will also meet the minimum admission standards of that college/university. UC’s, CSU’s, out-of-state universities, and private college **all vary** in their admissions requirements.

- Recruiting coaches from 4-year colleges are **not** responsible for your admission to a college/university. They are not the decision-makers regarding your acceptance. They refer your name/transcripts to the admissions office for a determination of your qualifications. They may make promises to you that are **not** valid. Always check your admission status with the admissions office.

- The transfer institution must be able to fit your classes into a major program of study in order to admit you. **It is imperative that you work with your athletic counselor on a regular basis to determining the best courses to take.** It is especially important to obtain a copy of the catalog from the prospective transfer institution as soon as possible and to meet with the counselor to plan courses carefully.

- You are responsible for your performance in the classroom and in your sport, for understanding and following the transfer and admission requirements of NCAA and NAIA, for meeting the academic and transfer requirements for admission to a college/university, for meeting athletic participation standards, and for attending education planning and counseling sessions through your matriculation at Mt. San Jacinto College.

- **Transfer rules within CA public universities are carefully articulated.** All courses that are listed transferable will transfer

- The number of physical education units counted toward admissions and athletic participation requirements varies from **none to unlimited** depending on the college/university. The higher the status of the university, the fewer PE units that will count towards admission.

- **Transfer admission rules outside of CA vary widely.** Public universities generally accept all transferable courses with the exception of those that are not applicable either to a specific major, or to a general education pattern. If you have a course that is not accepted by the transfer institution, **ALWAYS** contact your athletic counselor for help. Interventions are often successful in education admissions officers and major advisors as to CA course content and transferability.

- Courses from other institutions, in combination with those taken at Mt. San Jacinto, can be applied towards transfer if they are from accredited programs and are accepted by the transferring institution.

**Preparing for a Visit**

- Fax or mail a copy (or copies) of your transcript(s) to the university prior to your visit

- **Obtain a copy of your transcript and current classes from your athletic counselor for your own use. Obtain copies of all transcripts from other institutions you have attended. Take transcripts with you**
• Take with you a copy of the Mt. San Jacinto catalog with its complete course descriptions
• Obtain (dated and in writing), any promises made to you by the recruiting coach
• Ask for an appointment with the Athletic Academic Counselor to find out about the support services for student-athletes on that campus
• Ask for an appointment with a person in Admissions who will be reviewing your transcript(s) for admissions purposes. Review the requirements with them and obtain a copy of the college catalog with specific admission requirements listed.
• Arrange for an opportunity to meet with resident student athletes
• Make a list of questions you wish to have answered. Be prepared

  **Ask the Following Academic Questions:**

  *(Recruiting Coaches, Academic Counselors and Admissions Officers)*

  *Hint: talk with your coach to make up a list of specific questions to ask about the sport program and philosophy*

  • How many PE units do you count in the total units required for admission? (both NCAA or NAIA rules and general admission)
  • Do you count “D” grades? (NCAA and for general admission)
  • Do you count repeat PE credits more than once? (NCAA and for general admission)
  • How many total elective units will I have? How many of my PE credits will count toward my degree?
  • Who will advise me in my education planning?
  • What kind of support services do you have?
  • Do you have my major? Will my courses fit into your major course of study?
  • Do you have a major that will use the courses I have completed
  • How long will it take to complete me degree?
  • How much will it cost me to come here?
  • How much will you pay for me expenses? (tuition, room and board, books, etc) Ask for everything in writing-signed and dated
  • What other types of funding are available?
  • Where will I live? (ask to visit the dorm or housing facility and talk with the students who live there)
  • Will my scholarship carry over until I finish my degree? Is there a time limit? (e.g. injuries, red shirt year, extra time needed to complete degree)
  • What kind of job placement support do you have for me when I graduate?
  • What is your graduation rate for athletes in my sport?
  • What is the general community like outside of campus?
  • Ask yourself: “do I feel comfortable on this campus? Does it feel like a good fit for me? Do I feel comfortable with the coach and the way the program is run? Would I like to attend classes on this campus and live in this community for 2 or 3 more years?”