

If you're dreaming about playing college softball, this is a resource you must have!

Preparing to Play Softball at the Collegiate Level is a comprehensive guide to the college search process, and it will be an invaluable tool for players, parents and youth coaches alike.

Offering a step-by-step approach to finding a college team, *Preparing to Play Softball at the Collegiate Level* examines:

- ✓ Collegiate fastpitch, the different levels of competition, and what's expected of college players at each level.
- ✓ How to establish priorities so you can decide whether playing in college is right for you.
- ✓ The academic requirements - what it takes to be eligible to play.
- ✓ How to prepare yourself experientially.
- ✓ When and how to start contacting college coaches; how to identify your "wow factor" schools; and why marketing yourself effectively is the key to a successful college search.
- ✓ Why a well-made skills video is vital to your college search and how to make the kind of video coaches want to see.

- ✓ What to expect during the recruiting process and what questions you should be asking coaches.
- ✓ What to consider when choosing a community college.
- ✓ The realities of softball scholarships — what it takes to earn one; how colleges administer their funding; and how to take advantage of other types of financial aid that are available.
- ✓ Plus much, much more!

"This book helped guide our family through the complicated maze of collegiate recruiting and finding the right school for our daughter."
— *Parents of a Division I college player*

***Preparing to Play Softball at the Collegiate Level* also provides readers with:**

- ✓ An appendix that examines topics related to those discussed in the body of the book, including a checklist to take on college visits; ways high school coaches can strengthen their programs; and how to ensure you understand the NCAA and NAIA eligibility certification process.
- ✓ A list of over 1,200 four-year colleges currently fielding softball teams, including the coach's name, the school size and setting, athletic affiliation, and so on.

Who should use *Preparing to Play Softball at the Collegiate Level*?

- ✓ Student-athletes who are just beginning their college search and who want step-by-step guidance during the process.
- ✓ Student-athletes who are in the midst of their college search and who want to know what to expect and what to do next.
- ✓ Student-athletes who aren't sure if they want to compete in college, but who want to know more about what it takes to make the cut.
- ✓ Parents of college-bound softball players who want to ensure their daughter covers every base during the college search process.
- ✓ Youth, high school and JC coaches who want to be sure the information they give their players about college softball is up to date.
- ✓ Softball teams and organizations who want to educate their coaches and players about the college search process.
- ✓ High school athletic directors and counselors who want a handy resource to offer players interested in pursuing collegiate softball careers.





Although *Preparing to Play Softball at the Collegiate Level* focuses on the needs of college-bound softball players, much of the book applies to any student-athlete. It thoroughly covers NCAA/NAIA academic and recruiting guidelines, information on financial aid sources, establishing collegiate priorities, contacting coaches, athletic resumes, etc. Annual updates reflect the latest information on regulations, coaching changes and more.

Order your copy today!

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“The recruiting process can be both exciting and challenging for softball players and parents as the landscape surrounding recruiting changes rapidly. The NFCA supports this book as it provides great insight and information to help navigate the ‘once in a lifetime’ recruiting process.”

— Carol Bruggeman, Executive Director
National Fastpitch Coaches Association