



TEAM ONTARIO BASEBALL

The Recruiting Timeline - From Freshman to Senior Years

The following was provided by Perfect Game who reminds all baseball players to work on their school grades, as playing college baseball requires solid academics.

FRESHMAN (9th)

- * Settle into the high school environment ... get to work developing good classroom and home study habits. Learn to manage your time.

September

- * Play fall baseball, if available
- * Long toss after school
- * Run sprints and medium distance
- * Read the articles on Making the High School Team follow this link

SOPHOMORE (10th)

- * Continue to "hit the books" hard your grades these years count as much as any other year
- * Follow the same off - season schedule as last year.
- * Meet with your high school guidance counselor -- tell him/her of your desire to play college baseball ... you want to be "on track" with the required core courses, as well as other needs, such as foreign languages.
- * Follow the same spring and summer schedule as last year.
- * Play as many summer baseball games as possible ... the more you play the more experience that you will get. and the more you should improve.

July - August

Attend a Pro Try-Out Camp in your area -- these will be listed in the message section of your daily newspaper's sports section.

- * Start learning about Showcases and make contact with several of the directors -- find out if they may be interested in including you in one of their events.

JUNIOR (11th)

September

- * Send out your first contact letters --
Ask your high school coach to write letters to a few preferred colleges
Include a copy of your fall schedule (if available)

SEPTEMBER 1

- * Written contact by college coaches is allowed
Register with the NCAA Initial - Eligibility Clearinghouse
Register for the fall SAT standardized tests ...a player should write early and often, most students take these tests at least twice ... try to avoid the spring dates, as they may conflict with your high school season. Check into pre-SAT study groups in your area. Request that your SAT test scores be sent to the NCAA Clearinghouse (there is a box on the application form that you check for this)
- * Find more information about the NCAA Clearinghouse follow this link

DO NOT LET UP ON ACADEMICS

- * Familiarize yourself with the NCAA admission / eligibility requirements NCAA Online or review the previous section

Feb -March

- * Send out your spring schedule
- * Prepare a videotape to be sent out when requested (do not send unsolicited tapes. Plan visits to as many schools as possible this spring and summer
- * Some schools have "Junior Days" during the spring season ... don't be shy write a letter to the coach and ask about them.
- * All of these visits are "unofficial" this means that the college cannot pay for any part of the visit. These are done on your own. Summer
- * Play a top schedule against strong opponents where you will be seen
- * In this environment you will be able to gauge yourself against some of the best players, at each camp. The college coaches will be able to do the same.



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JULY 1st

- * Phone contact from college coaches is permissible

SENIOR (12th)

July - August

- * Seek out a team that plays fall "showcase" tournaments (pro scouts can be helpful with this)

DO NOT LET UP ACADEMICALLY

- * Review core academic requirements with your guidance counselor. Make sure you are "on track"
- * Send out your fall baseball schedule
- * Request information on Christmas camps ... especially from schools that you are most interested in or those that have shown an interest in you.

November

- * Early signing period -- dates vary slightly from year to year -- Update college coaches on any changes to your fall schedule
- * You can contact college coaches (by phone) at any time (prior to July after your Junior year they can not call you)
- * Continue your fall and winter schedule as you have in previous years

Official Visits

- * If you are offered an official visit -- prepare for your visit with a list of prepared questions. Be prepared for any questions the college may have for you.
- * See the Recruiting Tips section for information about official and unofficial visits.