

BUILT TO BE RECRUITABLE

PREPARATION OVER PRESSURE.

Why GPA Matters in the Recruiting Process

When student-athletes think about college recruiting, they often focus on highlight videos, statistics, and tournaments. While athletic performance is important, one of the first things college coaches review is a student-athlete's academic record. Your GPA can play a major role in determining whether recruiting opportunities are possible.

GPA Helps Determine Eligibility

- Student-athletes must meet academic eligibility requirements to compete at the college level.
- NCAA guidelines require minimum GPAs in core courses for Division I and Division II participation.
- These are minimum standards, and many college programs prefer recruits with stronger academic records.

Coaches Recruit Student-Athletes

- A strong GPA shows discipline, responsibility, and commitment.
- Coaches want athletes who can handle the academic demands of college.
- Academic performance often reflects work ethic and preparation.

GPA Can Create More Opportunities

- When athletes have similar athletic ability, academics can help separate one recruit from another.
- A strong GPA can expand the number of schools that may recruit you.
- Academic performance can also open doors to academic scholarships.

Academics Matter for College Programs

- College teams must maintain strong academic performance across their roster.
- Programs monitor athlete academic progress to remain eligible for postseason play and scholarships.
- Because of this, coaches prioritize recruiting athletes who are prepared academically.

Athletic ability may get a coach's attention – but academics often determine whether the recruiting process can move forward.

