

FPOS Online Course - The Recruiting Roadmap to Success



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The Road Map to College Recruiting Success - Finding the right fit.

Introduction: This course will assist the student in finding the right fit in a college where they would like to attend and play softball. It will give them a timeline of when they need to complete various recruiting items. This course will require reading assignments as well as watching on demand videos. Each chapter will be accompanied with assignments for the student to complete. Weekly emails will be sent to the student to assist with staying on track. In the end, it is up to the student to take responsibility for their college path. No one knows a player better than themselves do (and their parents). It is strongly suggested that parents participate in this course and share the experience with their daughter.

Instructor Kim Gwydir: Kim Gwydir was a Division 1 softball head coach at Florida International University for 10 years leading the Golden Panthers to multiple top 25 rankings and top conference finishes. Kim also participated on several "Top 25" committees and won multiple coach of the year awards. Prior to coaching at FIU, Coach Gwydir was the head softball coach at CW Post College on Long Island where she won the NFCA Regional Coach of the Year Awards and had top 25 rankings in Division 2 and a regional appearance. Kim has worked extensively in travel softball – first starting the Long Island Charger Organization then after college coaching she worked extensively with the Gold Coast Hurricanes Organization. In 2008 as a part of the 18U Gold team staff which won the ASA 18U Gold Nationals. During all of her year coaching, Kim worked as a mathematics professor at both Florida International University and U of Miami. She received an "Adjunct of the Year" award at FIU for her teaching.

Couse Requirements: In order to get full use of this class, the student needs to purchase the FPOS Gold membership.

Topics Covered

Chapter 1 - Introduction and overview

Chapter 2 - Does your daughter need to be worried about recruiting now? Is it too soon?

Assignment #2 Watch the FPOS webinar -

"Does my daughter need to think about college recruiting? – A webinar for players in the 8th, 9th and 10th grade

Chapter 3 - Creating the profile of the college you want -

- Assignment #3A Watch the webinar - "Finding the Right Fit"
- Assignment #3B Watch the webinar "Life of a Division 1 Player"
- Assignment #3C Watch webinar "College Coach Round Table - NAIA Schools"

Chapter 4 - Find schools that fit your profile

- Finding your 20
- Safety schools - why you need them

Assignment #4 Create a list of at least 20 schools include "reach" schools and "safety" schools

Chapter 5 - The Marketing Campaign, Contacting Colleges and how to turn a coach off real fast

- Get video
- Watch the webinar - Contacting college coaches
- FPOS email template - this will assist you in creating your first email to a college coach
- FPOS College Coach email database

Assignment #5 - Create your first email and send to college coaches - use the FPOS email database and template as needed

Chapter 6 - NCAA Rules you need to know

Chapter 7 - What if I am not getting the interest I want?

Chapter 8 - Continuing the process

Chapter 9 - Making the right choice- visiting schools

- Types of visits -
- Questions to ask

Assignment #9A - Create a list of schools you are going to visit and schedule visits

Assignment #9B - Create a list of questions to ask the coach on your visit or questions about the school you want answered.

Assignment #9C - Keep a journal of all of your visits - have your important questions listed and write down the answers

Chapter 10 - The NCAA Eligibility Center

Assignment #10A - Read the NCAA Guide for the College Bound Athlete

Assignment #10B - If you are a junior - signup for the NCAA Eligibility Center

Chapter 11 - The SAT/ACT Exams

Assignment #11 - Find where the SAT and ACT exams are in your area and schedule a date to take them. If you are only a freshman this may just be an "anticipated date" and not an actual scheduled exam date.

Chapter 12 - The Final Decision - Some helpful ideas

Assignment #12

Create a list of all schools under consideration and list pros and cons of each

Any questions regarding this course – please contact Kim Gwydir at kim@fastpitchonlineshowcase.com