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COLLEGE BASKETBALL RECRUITING GUIDE

A free planning guide for players, parents and coaches

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RECRUITING TIMELINE BY GRAD YEAR

Grades first, then film, school list, coach emails, visits and aid. Classes below are for the 2026–27 school year.

CLASS OF 2030

9th grade

Build the academic base

- [ ] Plan core courses with your counselor and keep your GPA trend moving up.
- [ ] Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center if DI or DII is a real goal.
- [ ] Start filming games now so you build a library, even before a highlight reel.

CLASS OF 2029

10th grade

Film habits and research

- [ ] Request a transcript audit: which classes count toward NCAA requirements.
- [ ] Store at least two full games with your jersey number visible.
- [ ] List the levels you would really attend: D1, D2, D3, NAIA, JUCO.

CLASS OF 2028

11th grade

Outreach on the right calendar

- [ ] Build a 2–4 minute highlight reel with a title slide.
- [ ] Read the NCAA men's basketball recruiting calendar for your target division.
- [ ] Email coaches at schools that fit you, with your film link, and track replies.

CLASS OF 2027

12th grade

Tighten the list and compare

- [ ] Refresh film monthly during your main season.
- [ ] Prepare visit questions on development, academics and housing.
- [ ] Ask for written aid breakdowns and complete FAFSA steps on time.

GRADUATED

Post-grad, transfer or international

Get a path-specific review

- [ ] Ask each school how it certifies eligibility for your exact path.
- [ ] Keep full-game film from your most recent season ready to send.
- [ ] Compare a post-grad year, JUCO and direct-entry options side by side.

Track every step on your device: **floridacoastalprep.com/basketball-recruiting-roadmap**

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HOW TO CONTACT COLLEGE COACHES

Before you email, have a film link ready and know where you fit on that team's roster.

1 Before you send

Host film on Hudl or a direct YouTube link that plays without a login. Check the program's current roster for your position.

2 Subject line

Put grad year, position and your name in every subject line, for example: 2028 PG / [Your Name] / Hudl link.

3 Email body

Four to six sentences: who you are, the film link, an academics snapshot and one real reason you like that school.

4 Following up

One follow-up after 7–10 days. A second only when something new happened, such as updated film or an upcoming event.

WHO TO EMAIL AT EACH LEVEL

D1

Start with the assistant coach who recruits your position, then the head coach once contact is established.

D2 AND NAIA

Email the head coach directly. Staffs are smaller and head coaches recruit actively.

JUCO

Email the head coach. Rosters move quickly, so contact several programs at once.

SAMPLE EMAIL

Fill in the brackets and send from your own email.

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Subject: [Grad year] [Position] / [Your Name] / Hudl link

Coach [Last name],

My name is [Your Name], a [grad year] [position] from [School], [City, State].
My full-game film and highlights are here: [direct link].
Academics: [GPA] GPA, [core-course status].
I'm interested in [School] because [one specific reason].

[Your Name] · [Phone] · [Team / Club]
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Build your email: **floridacoastalprep.com/basketball-recruiting-email-template** · Find coaches: **floridacoastalprep.com/d1-basketball-coaches**

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HIGHLIGHT FILM CHECKLIST



Florida Coastal Prep Spartans in practice

Coaches want a short highlight reel first, then full games to see how you play start to finish.

STEP 1

Before filming

- [ ] Film wide from the sideline or baseline, not only behind the bench.
- [ ] Name files clearly: PlayerName_Date_Opponent_Level.
- [ ] Back up footage to a second drive or cloud account your family controls.

STEP 2

Editing your highlight

- [ ] Open with your most athletic play or your biggest shot, if you have one.
- [ ] Show the plays you make most in games, like catch-and-shoot 3s, drives, rebounds or defense.
- [ ] Add one quick title slide: name, grad year, position, school and email or phone.
- [ ] Update the reel when you add new, better plays during the season.

STEP 3

Full-game film

- [ ] Save at least two full games with your jersey number visible.
- [ ] Note the competition level for every game.
- [ ] When you can't film wide, upload full quarters so coaches can skip to live possessions.

STEP 4

Sharing with coaches

- [ ] Open every link in a private browser window to confirm it plays without a login.
- [ ] Pair film with a short written intro so staff know what to watch for.
- [ ] Send a link coaches can open on a phone.

Don't do this

- No free throws or warm-ups.
- No music with cursing. No music is best.
- Don't make it long. Coaches don't have much time.
- No long intro or title music.
- Don't bury your best plays. Put them in the first 30 seconds.

Interactive version: **floridacoastalprep.com/basketball-highlight-video-checklist**

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SOCIAL MEDIA AND YOUR PROFILE

Coaches check X, Instagram and TikTok. Make your accounts help you.

Clean up your social media

- [ ] Keep it friendly, fun and positive: games, school, team and family.
- [ ] No profanity, fights or anything crazy. Delete old posts you wouldn't show a coach.
- [ ] Use your real name so coaches can find you, and keep your sports account public.
- [ ] Bio: grad year, position, school or club team and your film link.
- [ ] Pin your best highlight and post your game schedule.

Your one-page player profile

Have this ready to paste into emails and forms.

- [ ] Name, grad year, position, height
- [ ] High school and club team, with coach names and contact info
- [ ] GPA and NCAA or PlayNAIA ID, if you have one
- [ ] Highlight link and two full-game links
- [ ] Upcoming schedule: games, events and camps
- [ ] Your email and phone, plus a parent's

Camps, events and visits

- [ ] Ask coaches which events they plan to attend before you pay for one.
- [ ] Choose camps at schools on your list, where those coaches can see you.
- [ ] On a visit, ask about your role, player development, academics and total cost.

How parents can help

- [ ] Let the player write and send coach emails. Coaches want to hear from the player.
- [ ] Compare total cost after aid, not just the scholarship amount.
- [ ] Keep one shared calendar for deadlines, events and visits.
- [ ] Keep copies of transcripts, test scores and your NCAA or PlayNAIA ID.

More social media tips: **floridacoastalprep.com/how-to-set-up-social-media-for-basketball-recruiting**

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DIVISION COMPARISON

Aid, eligibility and contact rules differ at every level.

D1 NCAA DIVISION I

floridacoastalprep.com/d1-basketball-programs

ELIGIBILITY	ATHLETIC AID	CONTACT RULES	WHO TO EMAIL
NCAA Eligibility Center	Athletic scholarships	NCAA recruiting calendar	Position coach, then head coach

D2 NCAA DIVISION II

floridacoastalprep.com/d2-basketball-programs

ELIGIBILITY	ATHLETIC AID	CONTACT RULES	WHO TO EMAIL
NCAA Eligibility Center	Partial scholarships common	NCAA D2 recruiting calendar	Head coach

D3 NCAA DIVISION III

floridacoastalprep.com/d3-basketball-programs

ELIGIBILITY	ATHLETIC AID	CONTACT RULES	WHO TO EMAIL
Set by each school	No athletic scholarships	NCAA D3 recruiting rules	Head coach or recruiting staff

NAIA NAIA

floridacoastalprep.com/naia-basketball-programs

ELIGIBILITY	ATHLETIC AID	CONTACT RULES	WHO TO EMAIL
PlayNAIA, not NCAA	Athletic scholarships	NAIA bylaws	Head coach

JUCO JUCO (NJCAA)

floridacoastalprep.com/juco-basketball-programs

ELIGIBILITY	ATHLETIC AID	CONTACT RULES	WHO TO EMAIL
NJCAA rules	Varies by NJCAA division	NJCAA rules	Head coach

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ELIGIBILITY BASICS

Official sources. Confirm with each school.

NCAA Division I and II

- [ ] Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- [ ] Confirm core-course rules.
- [ ] Follow the official recruiting calendar.

NCAA Eligibility Center
web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3

NCAA resources for high schools
ncaa.org/eligibility

NCAA recruiting calendars (DI and DII)
ncaaorg.sidearmsports.com

NCAA Division III

- [ ] No athletic scholarships.
- [ ] Admission set by each school.

How Division III works (NCAA)
ncaa.org/d3

NAIA

- [ ] Register at PlayNAIA.
- [ ] Separate from the NCAA.

NAIA Eligibility Center (PlayNAIA)
play.mynaia.org

NAIA
naia.org

JUCO (NJCAA)

- [ ] Confirm remaining NJCAA seasons.
- [ ] Register with the NCAA before transferring.

NJCAA eligibility
njcaa.org/eligibility

Financial aid

- [ ] Complete the FAFSA on time.

Federal Student Aid
studentaid.gov

FCP eligibility guides

NCAA Eligibility Center guide
floridacoastalprep.com/ncaa-eligibility-center

NAIA recruiting rules
floridacoastalprep.com/naia-recruiting-rules

JUCO eligibility rules
floridacoastalprep.com/juco-eligibility-rules

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FLORIDA COASTAL PREP POST-GRAD



Florida Coastal Prep post-grad Spartans

For high school graduates who want one more season of development, national games and recruiting support, Florida Coastal Prep runs a post-graduate program in Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

National competition

Post-grad teams compete in the SEHAL and PHSBA prep circuits.

Daily development

Individual skill sessions, team practice and film breakdown with coaches. Every game and workout is recorded.

Strength program

Westside Barbell conjugate programming, five sessions per week.

Training facility

A 14,000 sq ft facility with professional hardwood, a turf performance zone, weight room and film room.

Recruiting support

Individual recruiting plans, game film and exposure events, guided by FCP staff.

Academics and housing

NCAA approved and accredited diploma coursework, plus supervised team housing with a live-in house coach and daily meals.

NBA All-Star Kenny Anderson is FCP's Mentor & Leadership Trainer. Our academic partner will issue the I-20 upon enrollment acceptance.

NEXT STEP

TALK WITH FLORIDA COASTAL PREP

Post-grad program: floridacoastalprep.com/post-grad
Apply: floridacoastalprep.com/apply · Contact: floridacoastalprep.com/contact

FREE FCP TOOLS

- Recruiting timeline by grade
- Highlight video checklist
- Coach email template builder
- College coach contact tracker
- Scholarship offer comparison
- College basketball programs directory