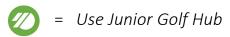


**COLLEGE GOLF CHECKLIST** 

## Early Years



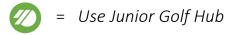
Prior to high school, focus on fostering a love of the game and a desire to compete. Play in age-appropriate tournaments. It's unlikely that prospects will be recruited prior to high school, although for a select few top players this may be the case. Start to work regularly with a trusted coach or advisor who can steer you along the right developmental path as you enter high school.

#### Freshman Year

Freshman year is key towards setting yourself up for long-term success in the recruiting process. This is a perfect time to develop proper study habits, conduct initial research on colleges and golf programs, set goals and create a long-term plan to attain them, and play in skill level appropriate tournaments. The level of coach contact in Freshman year varies by association, division and athlete skill level, although in general it tends to be limited. Prospects are free to reach out to coaches to introduce themselves if appropriate, however, coaches in NCAA D-I and D-II are not allowed to initiate contact with prospects during Freshman year. Here is Junior Golf Hub's Freshman year checklist:

Academics		
	Check with guidance counselor to ensure you are on track to take NCAA core courses Prioritize academics and develop strong study habits	
College and Golf Program Research		
_ _ _	Consider creating initial target college list (30+ colleges)  Conduct initial research on target colleges and their golf programs  Understand scoring stats at golf programs of interest and set a goal to be at this level	
Golf Readiness		
	Create long-term development plan with trusted coach Ensure plan addresses key elements of success (golf skills, physical, mental)	
Tournaments		
	Play an active tournament schedule (ideally 8-12 tournaments)  Recognize the difference between Local (18-hole events close to home), State/Regional (36-hole events, often Ranked) and National (AJGA, HJGT, USGA) events.	
	Play in events appropriate to your skill level	
College Visits		
	Consider unofficial visits to school campuses when you are traveling for tournaments  Note that for NCAA Division I only, as of May 2019, there can be no in person meeting with the coach during an unofficial visit before 8/1 prior to junior year in high school	
Resume		
	Create Profile on Junior Golf Hub so coaches can track your progress	
Other		
	Understand basics of recruiting rules and regulations across divisions and associations  Consider a college golf camp	

# Sophomore Year

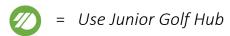


Sophomore year marks an important turning point. The preparatory phase of Freshman year is over, and prospects should move into full swing researching colleges and conducting initial outreach to coaches. On the tournament front, many players will move up and play in 36-hole ranked Regional events and even begin considering National events if appropriate. On the academic front, prospects should take the pre-SAT or pre-ACT to adequately prepare for the exams in Junior year. Be careful not to push too much of this into junior year, as that will leave you short of time.

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	e and Golf Program Research  Create and/or refine initial target college list (30+ colleges)  Conduct initial research on target colleges and golf programs (if not done in Freshman year)  Understand scoring stats at golf programs of interest and set a goal to be at this level
Acader	mics Start to take preparatory tests including pre-SAT, pre-ACT
	eadiness Execute long-term development plan
	Play an active tournament schedule (ideally 10-12 tournaments)  Play in 36-hole Regional and Ranked events (Junior Golf Scoreboard, GolfWeek)  Consider the AJGA, HJGT, USGA and other National tournaments (if skill appropriate). Orient Regional tournament schedule to AJGA PBE map to start earning Performance Stars to carry over into junior year
Resum	
	Create and refine Junior Golf Hub Profile 🕖
	Start your proactive outreach to college golf coaches  Note that for NCAA Division I only, as of May 2019, electronic correspondence can begin 6/15 after sophomore year  Target programs where your scoring average is within ~10% of fifth player average Use 'triple threat approach' of e-mail, phone call and hand-written note  Request that the coach 'Follow' you on Junior Golf Hub to track progress Maintain correspondence log to track messages out and in. Be punctual and professional Respond to all inbound communication, even from coaches and programs that may be off your radar Target two coach-friendly windows for outreach: Winter (Nov – Feb) or late spring/early summer (May – Aug)
	Prepare a list of questions for the coach and a list of questions that the coach may ask you prior to meeting Role play with parent or other authority figure by phone or in person prior to meeting with a coach
College	■ Visits  Take unofficial visits when traveling to your Local / Regional / National events  ■ Note that for NCAA Division I only, as of May 2019, there can be no in person meeting with the coach during an unofficial visit before 8/1 prior to junior year in high school
Other	Understand basics of junior golf rankings Understand basics of recruiting rules and regulations across divisions and associations Consider a college golf camp Understand social media do's and don'ts Understand social media do's and don'ts

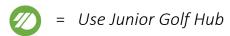
## Junior Year



Junior year is crunch time in college golf recruiting. Prospects register for the appropriate Eligibility center(s), take standardized tests (SAT, ACT), move into full swing on college visits, and play an active tournament schedule. Coach communication is in full swing and coaches at NCAA D-I and D-II can initiate contact with prospects. In addition, many prospects verbally commit to their program of choice in Junior year. Here is a Junior year checklist:

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Acader	mics
	Take core standardized tests (SAT, ACT) and other standardized tests (SAT II etc.) if applicable
Eligibil	ity
	Register for NCAA eligibility center (D-I, D-II) and or NAIA Eligibility Center - \$90
College	e and Golf Program Research
	Refine and narrow initial target college list based on current academic and golfing performance
Resum	e e
	Update Junior Golf Hub Profile regularly 🕖
Coach	Communication
	Players conduct proactive outreach to college golf coaches  Target programs where your scoring average is at or below the #3-#5 players on team  Request that the coach 'Follow' you on Junior Golf Hub to track progress  Use 'triple threat approach' of e-mail, phone call and hand-written note  Maintain correspondence log to track messages out and in. Be punctual and professional  Respond to all inbound communication, even from coaches and programs that may be off your radar  Target two coach-friendly windows for outreach: Winter (Nov – Feb) and late spring/early summer (May – Aug)  Carefully prepare list of questions for your discussions with the coach  Create list of questions that the coach may ask you prior to a meeting and role play with parent or other authority figure to prepare  Send coaches your summer tournament schedule. Ask them what events they will be attending and plan on playing in those events
College	e Visits
	Take unofficial visits when you are traveling for tournaments Official visits for NCAA D-I, D-II and D-III
Golf Re	eadiness
	Continue to execute long-term development plan
Tourna	aments
_ _ _	Play an active tournament schedule (ideally 10-15 tournaments)  Continue to play in 36-hole Regional and Ranked events (Junior Golf Scoreboard, GolfWeek)  Consider moving up to AJGA or National tournaments (if skill appropriate).  If playing in AJGA, orient Regional tournament schedule to AJGA PBE map to earn Performance Stars

## Senior Year



Senior year is the last mile in the recruiting process. Players will refine their college choices, submit applications, and apply for financial aid and scholarships. Players in NCAA D-I and D-II may participate in the National Letter of Intent process during designated windows and players in other divisions or associations will finalize their offer letters. Get ready for college golf!

Colleg	e and Golf Program Research	
	Finalize target college list (5-10 colleges)	
Applications and Financial Aid		
_ _ _	Finalize and submit all college applications  Complete FAFSA form (financial aid) and submit by January 1  Apply for scholarships	
Eligibility		
	Keep information in Eligibility center(s) up to date	
Academics		
	SAT or standardized test retakes (if applicable)	
Coach Communication		
	Last mile communication with coaches (be transparent)  Finalize offer letter or National Letter of Intent (NCAA D-I and D-II) in designated windows	
College Visits		
	Conduct official visits and unofficial visits	
Resume		
	Keep Junior Golf Hub Profile updated 🕖	
Golf Readiness		
	Continue to execute long-term development plan	
Tournaments		
	Continue to play an active tournament schedule (10-18 tournaments) to keep skills sharp for college golf	