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TEN THINGS TO DO TO NOT GET RECRUITED!

#10 DOING POORLY IN SCHOOL

There is little doubt that doing poorly in school will scare many colleges away. Regardless of your talent as an athlete, if you want to impress a college coach take care of business off the field or court first.

#9 TALKING BACK TO OFFICIALS/ REFEREES/ UMPIRES

College coaches want to find athletes who just play the game and not have an on-going sideshow with the officials or other athletes. The more you focus on succeeding in the game and playing the game the better off you will be.

#8 GETTING IN TROUBLE OFF THE FIELD OR COURT

With the world the way it is today EVERYBODY can get information on you with the click of a button. Coaches will look on web sites like My Space, Face Book, and others like them. So if you currently have something inappropriate on your space you need to get rid of it now. This could be one reason a coach will not recruit you. The last thing you want to do in high school is GET IN TROUBLE.

#7 TREAT YOUR TEAMMATES POORLY

Why would a college coach want to recruit an 18-year old who thinks that they are better than their teammates and believes it is all about them? You can be assured that coaches will watch your actions and demeanor on the field and off the field if they are considering recruiting you.

#6 DISRESPECT YOUR PARENTS

We have talked to many coaches that have told us that when they have home visits and interact with the student/athlete and the parents at a meeting or an event they are always looking and listening to the way you talk to your parents. Treating your parents poorly is a huge sign of DISRESPECT towards those around you, and most coaches will move on as soon as they see this type of behavior.

#5 SKIPPING WORKOUTS / PRACTICE / TEAM MEETINGS / CLASSES

College coaches do not want to deal with players who are HEADACHES off the field or court. When you skip workouts, practice, team meetings and classes you're sending a message to the coach and your team that it's all about you.

#4 DEMONSTRATING BAD SPORTSMANSHIP

If you are someone who feels that it is necessary to trash talk or taunt your opponent every time you can, you are demonstrating bad sportsmanship. You will not help your case with college coaches - ever. STOP IT NOW!

#3 LYING ABOUT WHO'S RECRUITING YOU AND YOUR GAME

Athletes want to make themselves feel important about who is recruiting them and just how good their game is. Lying about who is recruiting you and who is talking to you, and putting information up on web sites that is not true is a sure way to get the coaches that may have looked at you to walk away fast. Remember, it is a very small world of sports.

#2 HAVING A POOR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR COACHES

When college coaches call about an athlete they won't initially be talking to you or your parents. They will call your coaches first and ask about your attitude and what they think about you. If the answer is negative – GOOD LUCK getting recruited.

#1 DISMISS ANY RECRUITING CALLS BECAUSE OF THE LEVEL OF THE SCHOOL

This one just kills us. You may believe you are a Division I player. But the reality is the RIGHT FIT for you may be a D-2 or D-3 school. So don't ever think you are better than a school or program that is currently recruiting you. Do your homework, because YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW!