

7 things that will stop you from getting a sports scholarship

Episode 75 – Shownotes

There are a number of different things that will stop you from getting a college scholarship. We are going to talk about 7 things that will hinder your chances or stop you in your tracks. Some of these you are in control of and others you are not.

The first thing that can stop you is your attitude. Your attitude towards the opportunity, towards your sport, and towards your academics. Attitude is everything. You won't get very far with a bad attitude. Not only with this particular opportunity but with anything in life.

If you have a bad attitude towards your grades and your subjects, and we will stop you right there, don't bother about this opportunity because you won't get very far. And by very far we mean you will get nowhere.

If you have a bad attitude towards coaches' feedback, and a bad attitude in training. Don't bother because the coach will kick you off their college team straight away and you will be home.

We have all been there. Teenagers, that period in your life from 14 to 19, pretty rebellious. Not all of us, but sometimes our attitude can be a bit sour. Which look, I guess is pretty normal. But the earlier you can snap out of it and realise that no one is out to get you, and everyone wants what's best for you the better off you will be.

2 is your academics. Your academics can certainly stop you from getting a scholarship. In the US you are a student always before athlete. If you aren't passing classes, you won't be competing.

Exactly and your academics coming out of high school really determine where you can and can't go. If you don't pass high school, then there won't be any options in the US. So of course, if you don't pass high school and graduate then yeah, that will definitely stop you from getting a scholarship or an opportunity at all.

Academics really are everything. The sooner you realise that the better. To have that education backing you is massive. So, the quicker you can understand that your academics are everything the better off you will be.

Timing can make or break you. Timing can certainly stop you from getting a sports scholarship. The time in which you start the process of searching for opportunities and scholarships can have a big impact on the end result.

We say it all the time. It can never be too early to start the process, but it can certainly be too late. The time in which you start the process will determine the outcome. If you do start too late then it can be detrimental to your opportunities and the scholarships that you may be eligible for.

Timing sort of ties into the next one, number four. Which is deadlines. If you aren't meeting certain deadlines, then you may miss out. There are certain deadlines you need to be aware of. If you miss application deadlines, then there is nothing you or the coach can do about it.

If a coach gives you 2 weeks to make a decision on whether or not you are committing, and you forget, or you aren't sure if you want to take it or not, then sorry but you have missed the coach's deadline. Both timing and deadlines are very important because they can certainly stop you from getting scholarships if you start late or miss deadlines.

Number 5. Coaches. Coaches can certainly stop you from getting scholarships. Coaches in the US and coaches in your home country. Coaches in the US should be pretty obvious. They have power to choose who they give scholarships to. So, it's obvious that they can stop you from getting scholarships.

But coaches in your home country. Your coach in your home country can stop you from getting a scholarship. We have spoken about this in previous episodes, but if your coach thinks that you should stay here and work on your game more, or continue to train under them until you are ready, then that is stopping you.

We always say it, you can't afford to wait. If your goal is to improve, then you need to get over there as soon as possible. What the coaching and training can do for you in college far outweighs what most coaches can do here for their kids. Your coach in your home country isn't going to train you twice a day every day like they do in college.

If they do that, then it is going to cost you an arm and a leg. Coaches may have their own agenda as well. But it is always best to get a second opinion on things.

Number 6. Parents. And this is a big one. Parents can sometimes be the biggest hinderance. If you are constantly asking your son or daughter, are you sure you want to go, are you sure this is what you want. If you are constantly creating doubt in their minds. Then chances are they won't go.

You will create doubt. They will second guess themselves and probably wont go. That will stop you getting a scholarship for sure. And its something that you may not even realise.

As parents we always want to make sure we are doing the right things for our kids. And this is such a massive undertaking that it makes sense to reconfirm. But constantly reconfirming and 'asking are they sure'. It will only create doubt.

last but not least number 7. Is accountability. Accountability is big. Who is holding you accountable? Are your parents following up and holding you accountable for tasks that need to be completed? Are you holding yourself accountable?

Because if no one is holding you accountable, chances are you won't do anything, and you will miss deadlines and wont complete certain tasks that need to be completed. We all know what teenagers are like. Not all but most. We procrastinate we put things off, we do things last minute.

Someone needs to hold you accountable. Because you will miss out on opportunities and scholarships if you are held accountable.