

When Should You stop looking for a Sports Scholarship?

Episode 77 – Shownotes

There are certain points in time where you may need to reconsider what you are doing. Re-evaluate your decision to look for sports scholarships in the US. It may be a case of you stopping altogether. Which is what we are touching on in this week's episode. When should you stop looking for a sports scholarship...?

Now we will start at the very beginning and go ever further. Don't worry about stopping, but don't even bother starting:

- if you aren't going to hold yourself accountable,
- don't bother starting if you don't want to sacrifice time,
- don't bother starting if you are prepared to learn about the system and how it works etc.
- There are a few other reasons why you shouldn't even start. Because it will just be a waste of your time. You have to be committed.

You do need to be committed. Which is why we only look at recruiting committed student athletes who understand the importance of their academics, who genuinely want the opportunity, or at least know that they want the option after finishing year 12.

If you aren't committed, then we won't join you onto our program very simple. Because when it comes time for you to do something, chances are you won't do it. There are still things that you need to do in order for us to do our job. They are simple things. If you can't do that then we won't be able to help you.

It is safe to say you can stop looking for a sports scholarship if you are not eligible to compete in college. Now this is in the early stages of starting the process because you can determine your eligibility pretty quickly.

But if you are ineligible to compete in college sports. You can stop. Because there is nothing you can do. Whether it be you have been too long out of high school, so age. Or because you have been a pro athlete, or you have been paid too much while competing previously. Safe to say you should stop.

There is nothing you, or the coach, or anyone can do about it. That is the rules. You should stop searching and wasting your time. This next one is also in the earlier stages. Of starting the process.

If you have nothing to show a coach, no footage, no references, no past achievements. Then you should stop. This usually happens when an athlete is starting the process in year 12 or later. Less time to put together everything and gather footage and information. You could maybe get away with it if you just have footage and proof that you graduated high school. But other than that, without footage, you won't get recruited and you won't get a scholarship

This next one is one of the main reasons people stop looking for a sports scholarship. Now I don't think it is a reason to stop, but people stop because it happens. Which we will explain.

People stop searching if they do not hear back from coaches. They send a few emails to different coaches, maybe try to call and no answer. People stop because of this. Which I can understand maybe it is a little demotivating, but you can let that stop you.

So, people stop searching for sports scholarships because of this, but they shouldn't? Is that correct?

This is what we do on a daily basis, follow up coaches, miss them in their office, send second third and fourth emails. Call another coach to get onto the other coach. If we sent one or two emails to coaches then gave up on contacting that coach, none of our kids would go over. We would never place anyone.

A lot of people give up or stop because they don't hear back. There are thousands of colleges in the US. Try a different coach at a different school. Then try again. Then send follow up emails. And call and do whatever you can to hear back. Don't give up

Now another reason you should stop searching for a sports scholarship, is more to do with particular schools. Not necessarily stop with the whole opportunity in general. But stop searching for scholarships at specific schools.

And this can happen after looking through a roster. If, after looking through a college roster, there are no internationals....red flag. But, check other rosters at the same school. If there are very little or no internationals at all, you should stop looking for scholarships there. If when looking through a roster, the internationals were competing at a higher level than you are currently, then it may be time to look elsewhere. Stop looking for scholarships at that school.

If you start the process. And after a certain amount of time, you find your heart just is not in it. You should stop searching. If your heart isn't in it, if you aren't motivated by the opportunity like you once were, if you haven't been completing tasks and no one is holding you accountable. You should stop. Its pretty self-explanatory isn't it Marco. You will not get a scholarship. Plain and simple. If you get to the stage of speaking with coaches, they will pick up on it pretty quickly.