



“A Simple Guide On How To Get Recruited”

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Preface

Hello and welcome to the “How To Get Recruited” eBook! I really appreciate your purchase. Let me first start off bluntly by saying that this *will not be easy*.

The recruiting process is long and tough. Sometimes getting ahold of coaches you'd like to speak to is difficult. They always seem have busy schedules, whether they're playing games, traveling, recruiting elsewhere, coaching, or spending time with their family.

Sometimes, as a player, you find out some harsh realities about yourself. If you put together a video and send it out to a bunch of coaches, you may get some positive feedback. But you also may get a bunch of negative feedback.

Coaches will tell you they don't have a spot for you. Coaches will tell you that you need to improve before re-considering their institution. They may even tell you that you're only good enough to play at a junior college, community college, or D3.

It's a tough pill to swallow, but you have to take it with a grain of salt. It's constructive criticism, and it should just fuel your fire during the season and when you're training in the off-season to get better.

All of those coaches that told me “NO” have pushed me harder and harder throughout my baseball career.

In fact, one of the coaches who told me I wasn't good enough to play for their school is actually now one of my rivals within my conference. Every year, I look forward to going up to their college and proving to him that I'm good enough.

Look, whether you're a freshman in high school or a senior trying to get recruited at the very last second, this guide should help you tremendously.

However, just like anything else: you get out of it what you put into it. You're gonna have to apply these principles and work on this process daily.

No matter how good you are, coaches are not going to find you. You need to go out and search for them! (obviously if you're really good, you'll have some

coaches attention, but for our purposes you need to act like you're not even on their radar.. Better results that way.)

So sit back, relax and read away. Get ready to take your recruiting process to the next level!

Let's get started...

Creating A Video

The very first thing I recommend almost all players do is to create a video of you showcasing your skills. I believe that a practice session, whether it be fielding ground balls, throwing or hitting in the cage can be more beneficial than just in game highlights.

Personally, I videotaped myself working on skills in practice and then added about two minutes of game film at the end of my video.

You need to realize that you don't need anything super fancy to make a video. I think a lot of players shy away from because they don't have a professional camera or they don't have someone to hold it for them. You can use a tripod to hold up an iPhone and make a basic video that way!

Do I recommend you do that? No, not really. The better quality video you can create, the better off you are. It makes it easier for coaches to see exactly how you move and your fundamentals. Plus, higher quality video is just a better experience while watching, wouldn't you agree?

Something I can't stress enough is to not put music in your video. Many athletes put their favorite rap songs or a compilation of traditional highlight music, like songs from the movie Rocky, in their video.

Coaches don't want to hear that!

Most of the time, they probably just mute your video altogether. My suggestion to you is to just use the audio that is produced with the video! If you're hitting and taking batting practice, let them hear the crack of the wood bat or the ping of the aluminum!

The only time music should ever be used is for a possible intro and outro, which we will discuss right now.

Your intro and outro should be very similar, if not the same. They should have your name, your high school, your contact information, your coaches name, his contact information etc.

You should also try to list your height, weight, and 60 yard dash time if you know it.

This will help the coaching staff get a better evaluation of you from the get-go.

When shooting your footage, try to attack it from different angles. Even if you're just taking batting practice, make sure you film yourself from behind, from the side, even maybe from the front! This makes it easier to see.

Once you create your video, you can edit it with basic software that's probably already on your computer. If you don't have any editing software, there're plenty of free options available online.

Once you are finished editing your video, it's time to upload it to a video hosting website. I highly recommend YouTube for this. It's easy to make an account and uploading is a breeze.

Plus, most coaches and people in general are familiar with their software.

Make sure your video is public and make sure your name is in the title. Your title should be something similar to, "Your Name Here- Class of XXXX - Baseball Recruiting Video."

Once your video is live, make sure you grab the URL, or link to your video because it will be very important as far as sharing it with coaches.

Okay, you have your video up and running, let's move onto the next step...

Compiling Your List

Is now time to start compiling your list of schools that you are interested in attending.

Here's something to think about: It is very important to consider more things than just baseball. This is a lesson that I had to learn the hard way. I was searching for schools all over the country, at every single level. I even searched schools that had nothing related to what I wanted to do as far as my major.

I got some response from coaches and even some scholarship offers, but they were to schools that I really didn't want to go to. It sucks telling a coach that you don't want to go there when you were the one who reached out to them in the first place.

Doesn't make much sense, does it?

Very few college players ever get the opportunity to play professional baseball. You need to have a backup plan. You need to have an education under your belt besides just a degree in baseball.

That's the first thing. Look at schools that have something you're considering studying.

If you're an absolute stud baseball player, at this point you can start gathering a list of Division I schools that you'd be interested in.

Just a little side note, this is the point in time that you need to get real with yourself. If you're not absolutely playing lights out in high school and producing massive numbers, you're most likely not going to be a little play D1 out of high school. Get real with yourself and evaluate your skill set. Compare yourself to the college players you see on TV. Ask your high school coaches for an evaluation on where they think you're at.

One of the best ways I started compiling my list was just putting in a simple Google search, "Division II Colleges."

You can do this for every level and find a huge list of institutions all over the country.

Now comes the time-consuming part. Now you need to start going to each and every schools website that you're interested in and ensure that they have a baseball program.

I recommend making an Excel spreadsheet or even handwriting a document to keep track of all this information.

If they have a baseball program and the school looks appealing to you, make sure you jot down the head coaches name, the mascot, the state, the level of play, etc.

This is a big mistake I made when I first started the process of searching for schools... I didn't write down any information about them.

This caused me to have to go back and re-look up the information I already visited, wasting time.

Avoid this mistake and your school searching process will go much smoother. Compile list of 50-100 schools that you would consider going to.

After you have that list, it's time to move onto the next step...

Grabbing Contact Info

We briefly talked about this in the last chapter, but now is we need to get serious about obtaining the head coaches contact information from each school. You should aim to gather at least their e-mail address, but hopefully their phone numbers as well.

Make sure you spell their name right!

This is obviously a massive turn off for any coach to have his name misspelled. I can't lie, I've accidentally had this happened to me before. I misspelled the head coaches name and even put in the wrong mascot because I was working too fast.

He replied to me and just simply told me that he wasn't interested. Not a good result. Pay attention and be careful.

I believe the easiest way to grab their contact information is to go to Google, search the school and then add the word "baseball."

If they have a baseball program, it will probably be the very first link. Click on that, and then most of the time you can go to 'coaching staff' on the menu tab.

Make sure you find the head coach and jot down his info. If they have a recruiting coach for coordinator, that may be beneficial to know as well. Like I said, the easiest way to do this is in an Excel spreadsheet, that way you can just simply copy and paste the e-mail addresses when you start to send out your letters.

Creating Your Personal Materials

The last step before you start officially contacting baseball coaches is to create your personal materials detailing your athletic as well as academic statistics.

I've included an example resume and cover letter that you can model yours after. These are the exact ones that I used to get a bunch of exposure from different schools.

Make sure you change the letters accordingly and add your own flair to them.

Creating these is not hard at all, you can just do it in a simple word processor. Make sure all the information is accurate and up-to-date.

Definitely include a picture of yourself so they can see what you look like. Also, if your video is already on YouTube then make sure you throw the link in there somewhere as well.

The cover letter and resume has a very basic purpose of introducing yourself, explaining your goals, and showing yourself off. It's just like you're applying for a job only more fun!

I'm not to spend a ton of time talking about how to create these materials, because I included the exact replica of what I used below:

Example Cover Letter

First name Last name – phone number (home) – phone number (cell) – email
address

Date
Coach XYZ
XYZ University

Dear Coach XYZ:

I am writing to express my interest in playing baseball for the (mascot here.) I am currently a (grade level) at (school) in (city, state). Last season as a (grade level), I was able to hit (batting average) in our (# of games) regular season games. I led the varsity team as well as the entire program in stolen bases. Our team finished in the top 8 in the state tournament.

I am interested in (XYZ) University because it has both a commitment to a strong baseball program and the academic standards and major that I am looking for.

Attached is a résumé that details my academic and athletic accomplishments. I am currently involved with ... (list details here)

I am always trying to improve my game and consider myself a fast learner and a coachable player. I know I would represent (XYZ) University in a positive way. I hope you will consider me as a future (mascot) and I look forward to hearing from you soon. Good luck next season!

Sincerely,
[Signature Here]
(Typed Name)

Example Résumé



Name
Position
Class of -

Contact Info:
 ADDRESS HERE
 Phone number (home)
 Phone number (cell)
 Email address (NAME'S email)
 Email address (parents email)

DOB: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____ 60 Yd. Dash: _____

ACADEMIC

School: (school here) – (City, state) – (school phone number)

GPA:	Class Rank:
ACT:	Honors:
Counselor:	

ATHLETICS

Head Baseball Coach:

Baseball and OTHER SPORT(s) Awards:
 (list here)

REFERENCES

(List here along with contact information)

Initiating The Process

Alright, it's finally time to initiate the process of actually contacting coaches.

At this point you should have the following information:

- 1) Your edited video on YouTube with the link or URL handy
- 2) Your list of potential schools
- 3) A narrowed down version of your list
- 4) The contact information for all coaches of those schools
- 5) Your Cover Letter and Resume ready to go

If you have all that information, you're all set to go.

Go to your e-mail inbox and compose a new message.

Enter the first coach of the first schools' E-mail address in the "To" field. In the subject line, write something along the lines of, "Potential *MASCOT HERE* Baseball Player."

Finally, simply copy and paste your cover letter into the message. You'll have to change the information in the message according to each school. This way it is customized and tailored towards that school, mascot and coach.

When you're done with that, make sure you proofread all the information in the e-mail and don't forget to attach your resume!

Then, simply hit the send button and you're off to the races. All you need to do now is rinse and repeat with the other 50 to 100 schools. Remember me saying this was time-consuming? ;-)

Eligibility and Paperwork

The biggest thing we've discussed in this e-book is how to directly contact coaches. I didn't go over any of the critical information regarding the NCAA clearinghouse or eligibility center, filling out paperwork, etc.

The biggest reason I didn't do this is because confidentiality as well as personalization.

With each school comes different paperwork and different requirements. This is something that you will have to talk with your head coach about.

For most institutions, you must have a profile on the NCAA eligibility center. You'll need to submit things like official ACT scores, official transcripts, you'll have to declare final amateurism, etc.

These are all fairly basic things to do and it's stuff you're going to be able to do after you've already been recruited inside your scholarship.

My goal is to just get you there — you're in charge of the rest! LOL

Thank You!

Thank you so much again for your purchase and I wish you the best of luck with your recruiting endeavors. This is the way that I did it, and hopefully it'll work for you as well. I truly believe that if you implement the material taught in this e-book, you will see success and results!

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