Introduction to Athletic Recruitment

What do I do first?

- Talk to your Loomis coach and/or club coach to help identify the level of collegiate program you might be able to compete for and ask him/her for some recommendations of schools, leagues, etc. Do not wait for them to approach you!
- Share this conversation with your college counselor
- Write an email to introduce yourself to a number of coaches. This should include as much of the following as possible (see samples):
  - Name, school year and position
  - Awards/Honors you or your team has received
  - Statistics, when appropriate
  - Current/past coach contact info
  - Academic information/ scores if appropriate (or upcoming test dates)
  - Opportunities to see you play (current LC schedule or upcoming tournaments or camps)

Then What?

- If you get a response asking you to send more information (fill out a recruiting questionnaire, sending a transcript- see below, etc), follow up and complete these tasks.
- If you do not, be patient and do not take it personally! These coaches get dozens of emails like yours each day. Go on the website and look for a recruiting questionnaire and submit that as well.
- Keep the coach updated with timely (but not overwhelming) updates. For example, if you win a big game, reach a scoring milestone, earn player of the week in your league, these are all great things to use an excuse to reach out again. Similarly, if you get your SAT/ ACT scores back, updated grades or have new opportunities for them to scout you this summer, send an update.
- Plan a visit to campus and reach out to the coach in advance to arrange a visit. If they don’t respond, stop by and introduce yourself if you find their office in the gym.
- If you are lucky enough to have coaches interested, maintain communication with many coaches. Do not put all your proverbial “eggs” in one basket. Even if you hope to play D1, do not dismiss the D3 opportunities until you have a sure thing at the D1 level. Be polite, respond and be honest.
- Keep your college counselor and Loomis coach up to date on your conversations with the college coaches. This will assure they are all on the same page regarding your ability/opportunity to be recruited.
- Sending Transcripts: For underclassmen this is done through the academic office. For juniors/seniors, this is through The College Office. You must request/give us permission in an email and provide the coach’s email address; only unofficial transcripts can be sent. The College Office is open all summer to help you with this.
- Read the signs. If you have emailed the coach five times and have received nothing in return, then it is safe to think that at this point, he/she will not be supporting you in the admissions process. Although it is very sport dependent, most D1 coaches will have a good idea on who their recruits are by the summer, and D3 coaches have a bit of a later schedule, going into next fall. (There are of course exceptions here, like football).