

A photograph of a football trophy being held by several players in a stadium. The trophy is a large, dark, rectangular plaque with a gold-colored top section. The top section features a circular emblem with a star and the text "UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE". The bottom section of the plaque is gold and contains the text "UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE", "STATE CHAMPION", "FOOTBALL", "CONFERENCE AAAAA", and "DIVISION I". The players are wearing red and white football gloves. The background is a blurred stadium filled with spectators.

# ALLEN FOOTBALL RECRUITING NIGHT

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# RECRUITING PROCESS

- D-I Schools (FBS) – 85 Scholarships
  - Allen is recruited Nationally by most Division I schools
  - (Note: some schools do NOT recruit Texas)
- D-IAA Schools (FCS) – 63 Scholarships
  - Most are local (Southland Conference – SFA, SH, UCA)
  - Out of State are usually High Academic (Bucknell, Drake)
  - Most fill their rosters with D-I transfers and Juco players
- D-II Schools/NAIA – 35 Scholarships
  - LSC, MIAA, GAC (Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri)
  - Others are high academic (Colo. School of Mines)
- D-III Schools – No Athletic Scholarships
  - All Local
  - UMHB, Austin Coll., Trinity, Howard Payne, TLU, etc.

# RECRUITING PROCESS

- Right Now – Almost exclusively DI
  - Colleges heavily interested in “early offer” players
    - Game Film, contact through Coaches/Facebook/Email/Mail, Academic info, etc.
  - Collecting info on players to look at in Spring
    - Highlight Videos, recruiting profiles
    - OL and DB coaches look more heavily at full games rather than highlight tapes

# RECRUITING PROCESS

- Spring Practice – DI, DI-AA, DII, DIII, NAIA
  - Over 150-200 schools will come through Allen (all levels)
  - Opportunity to “size-up”, observe practice habits, learn about character, and put players “on the radar”.
  - THIS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN HIGHLIGHTS/VIDEO
- Summer
  - One Day Camps offered by most colleges (\$25-\$40)
    - College Coaches can work with players at these
    - Top players are invited
  - Most D-1s extend rest of their offers in summer



# RECRUITING SERVICES/COMBINES

## Recruiting Services/Websites

- Colleges use these services for 2 reasons:
  - Access to video, access to contact and grade info
  - We offer this info to EVERY school (not just clients)
- Every college coach has access to Hudl.
- “As a side note, we were one of the families that subscribed to NCSA. While they certainly gave us an education in the process, none of the offers or true interest came from them. The SHSU, SNU, EKY, ND, UMHB, McMurry, and Tarleton interest came from you. Thank you for your efforts”. - Parent 2011
- College Coaches do not use recruiting websites such as MaxPreps, Rivals, Scout, 24/7 Sports, etc. and are working to distance themselves from them.

## Recruiting Combines

- Balance risk/cost vs. exposure
- Attend camps/combines if and only if you are in your best shape and remember that you are selling yourself!

# RECRUITING PROCESS

- In Season –
  - College Coaches will come through Allen on off weeks to check on players that they liked in Spring and for “sleepers”.
  - There is little “New” recruiting done during the season; college coaches are focused on their season
  - Coaches can call seniors once a week during the season. (Players can call coaches as often as they want)
  - Opportunity to invite players to games on Saturdays.
  - Some coaches create “Low-light” Tapes

# RECRUITING PROCESS

- December –
  - D-I finishing last 5-6 spots, will keep talking “in case”
  - At this point they are looking for need areas and/or best available player
  - D-IAA, D-II, NAIA doing initial work on players, but focused more on transfers and Juco recruiting.
- January –
  - D-I keeping interest “in case”
  - D-IAA, D-II, NAIA focusing on high school players, setting up visits to campus, figuring finances
  - D-III doing initial work on players that are not getting heavy interest from higher levels



# ELIGIBILITY CENTERS/TESTS

- Student athletes should register with NCAA and/or NAIA Eligibility Centers during their junior year .
- To Register for NCAA Eligibility Center – [www.eligibilitycenter.com](http://www.eligibilitycenter.com) - \$65
  - To Register for NAIA Eligibility Center – [www.playnaia.org](http://www.playnaia.org) - \$60
  - Fee Waivers are available for those that qualify – see College and Career Center for more information.

**SAT/ACT Tests** – should have at least one taken during spring of Jr Year

- Will need official test scores and transcripts sent to NCAA/NAIA
- Test scores can be sent for free when you sign up for test.
- Transcripts can be requested from Coach Cain



# CORE G.P.A. AND CLASS RANK

- The core course GPA is not the same as the GPA that appears on your transcript.
- The core course GPA is determined by assigning a point value to each letter grade (this is where 79s or 89s can hurt)

Grade	Regular Class	Pre AP/IB, CCCC	AP/IB
A (90-100)	4	4.5	5
B (80-89)	3	3.5	4
C (70-79)	2	2.5	3
F (0-69)	0	0	0

- NCAA calculates based on 16 Core classes
- Class Rank is recalculated at the end of every semester
- [Transcript Example](#); [Core GPA Example](#)
- Core G.P.A. Calculator: [www.allenisd.org](http://www.allenisd.org) (Athletics – Eagle Academics)

# ALLEN COACHES' ROLE

- Make an individual Highlight Video
- Provide transcript info, contact info, height/weight, test scores, lifting totals and running times.
- Send out regular emails to recruiters to offer updates and info
  - Info is also sent to Rivals, 24/7, Scout, Randy Rodgers, Dallas Morning News
- Use Hudl Video services to provide schools with games on the web.
- We promote you and this team in any way possible
- We are **ALWAYS** honest with recruiters about our athletes—including grades, stats, work-ethic, and character.
- We help throughout the recruiting process in any way possible.

# PLAYER/PARENTS ROLE

- Play great next year! The further we go in the playoffs, the more exposure you will get (DB examples).
  - College Coaches want Winners!
- Grades, Grades, Grades!
- Don't get caught up with things you cannot control (Height, Weight)
- Prepare a Plan B—know what you want to do if athletics in college is not an option.
- **BE SURE THIS IS WHAT THE PLAYER WANTS!**
  - 82 players have moved on to play at next level from 2006-2012 seasons
  - 29 Division I (4 transferred, 3 quit)
  - 7 Division IAA (1 transferred, 1 quit)
  - 33 Division II/NAIA (3 transferred, 13 quit)
  - 9 Junior College (2 transferred D1, 1 transferred D2, 3 Quit)
  - 4 Division III (2 Quit)

# BE REALISTIC

- 1,023,712 high school football players in U.S. – Only 6% (61,000) play college football (all levels)
- 345 out of 161,210 players in Texas (1:454 ratio)
- Heights/Weights/Speed beat out on-field stats
- If you do not fit the “size”, you must have something that sets you apart (strength, speed, etc.)
- Control what you can control
  - Academics
  - Strength Training
  - Attitude



# SIZE VS. STATS

- Player #1- 63 receptions, 702 yards, 11 TDs (over 2 years)
  - EZ – 6'0" 185 lbs, 320-Bench, 500-Squat, 4.40 40 yd. dash (Texas A&M)
- Player #2 – 64 receptions, 1,024 yards, 15 TDs (over 2 years)
  - Pecikonis – 5'11" 155 lbs, 190-Bench, 290-Squat, 4.67 (Angelo State)
- Player #3 – 106 receptions, 1,229 yards 14 TDs (over 2 years)
  - T. Ellis – 5'7" 161 lbs., 270-Bench, 445-Squat, 4.58 (Mary-Hardin Baylor)
- Player #4 – 62 receptions, 923 yards, 9 TDs (over 2 years)
  - Pastor – 5'6" 160 lbs, 245-Bench, 405-Squat, 4.68 (walk on at Arkansas)
- Player #5 – 112 receptions, 2,103 yards, 21 TDs (over 2 years)
  - Rodriguez – 5'9" 175 lbs., 265-Bench, 450-Squat, 4.38 (UH – only D1 offer)

• OL examples

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**QUESTIONS??**

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# ALLEN H.S. COLLEGE NIGHT

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