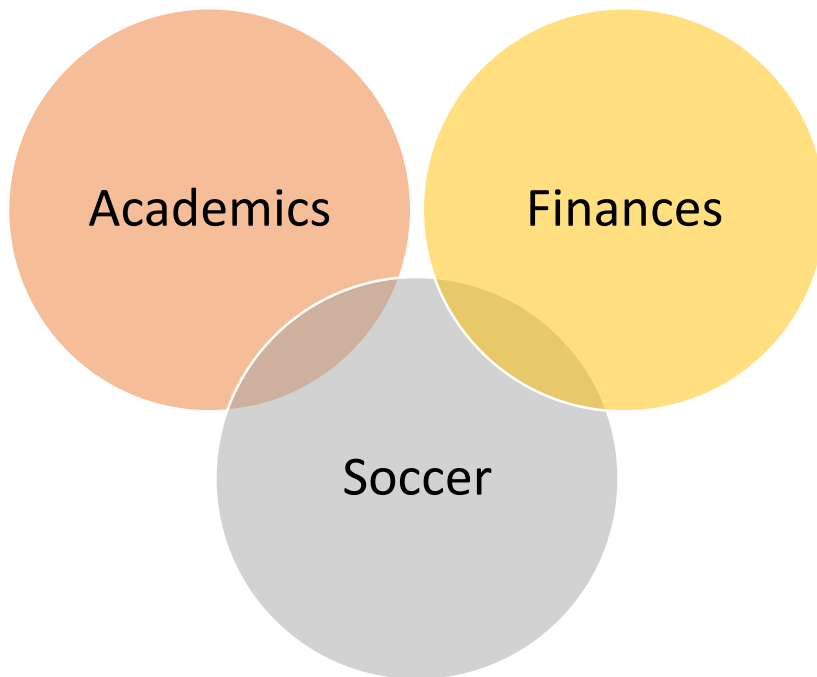




Preparation for Individual College Meetings

Determining the “Right Fit”

Individual preferences and needs combined to form the “Right Fit” include the following:



1. Understanding YOUR Academics
 - a. Scheduled date to take SAT / PSAT?
 - b. Current Score
 - c. SAT Preparation Courses
 - d. Academic “needs”? (Honors,
 - e. Areas of interest, study?



2. Initial List of 10 - 25 Colleges / Universities
 - a. This “list” is just an initial step
 - b. The list evolves into 3 different indexes

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- c. The process of finding the right “fit” academically, level of play, financially
 - d. Understand limitations
 - i. Willingness to go outside Ohio, the region?
 - ii. Tradeoffs, Compromise: Academics, \$\$\$, Location, Student Life
 - e. Ties to Colleges / Universities
 - i. Family ties includes history with particular university, past benevolent donations of funding to university from family
 - f. *Letters received / contacts to players from colleges / universities based on their interest in you academically or soccer*
 - i. *We now back track and contact coaches / soccer programs based on interest from college / universities*
3. Do Your Home Work on the Internet
 - a. Investigate Colleges / Universities
 - i. Academic requirements
 - ii. Grasp of cost
 - iii. Size of School
 - iv. Look at Roster of Players
 - v. Where do they come from (clubs)?
 - vi. Experience / backgrounds? (ODP, youth national teams, awards)
 - vii. Graduation Cycle
 1. Your year of high school graduation
 2. College Graduations; how they match up with the needs of the team, position you play in year of graduation?
4. Contact with college programs / college coaches
 - a. Email, Introduction
 - b. Express interest in Program / school
 - c. Where the team will be playing (Showcases, FWRL) – game schedules
 - d. Encourage them to see YOUR team play, see YOU play
 - e. Express an interest in learning what their needs for their team will be in YOUR YEAR OF GRADUATION.



- f. Contacts with college coaches are a NECESSITY and must be completed PRIOR TO SCHEDULED GAMES.
 - g. ALL contact with college coaches must be regular with email, phone calls versus sporadic and random
 - h. Need to visit unofficially a number of colleges, universities.
5. We come out of individual meetings with a plan that will work FOR YOU
- a. This is a process
 - b. Where you are RIGHT NOW is your starting point
6. Follow Up Meetings
- a. Where are you in Communications, College Coach Feedback, Campus Visits, Dialogue with College Coach, Director or Team Coach conversation with college coach