

## KeepPlayingBaseball.org – Senior Year Checklist

### Fall

- Check with your high school guidance counselor to make sure that you will have completed ALL of the core courses by the end of the school year.
- Repeat any required tests if you did not do well on them.
- Set goals for yourself both on the field and in the classroom. Set a goal to keep your grades *above* what you need to play at your top-choice schools.
- Make a list of the deadlines for applications and other requirements and keep it in a place where you can see it every day.
- Early in the fall, remind your parents or guardians about the information and forms that you need to finish your applications.
- Early in the fall, find out about local, regional, and national scholarships that you might qualify for. Get the information you need to apply for these scholarships. Put all deadlines on your schedule.
- If possible, play competitive fall ball. Work hard to improve your skills.
- Early in the fall, ask for academic letters of recommendation if you need them. Find out how to request transcripts for your applications and how long it takes to send them out.
- If you haven't already done it and it is possible, make a video to send out if you are asked for one.
- Keep trying to make contact with any coaches from your top schools that have not responded. Respond respectfully and honestly to all coaches who may contact you even if you don't plan to attend their programs.
- Talk to trusted friends and family to help finalize your list of schools. Complete and submit your applications on time.
- Review the NCAA rules about eligibility, recruitment, and maintaining your amateur status.

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## Winter

- Stay in shape and learn all you can to protect yourself from injury.
- Continue to work hard in the classroom. Don't let up now that you are close to your goal.
- Attend any college preparation or financial aid workshops that may be offered at your school.
- Complete the FAFSA forms early in the year. Ask your parents or guardians for help.

## Spring

- Continue to work hard in the classroom.
- If you haven't had much contact with coaches, attend camps and showcases. Make sure you introduce yourself to coaches and ask questions about each program.
- Talk with your family to help you make a decision about which college is best for you. Tell coaches as soon as possible when you decide NOT to attend their schools. Thank them for their time and interest.
- Choose the school where you will *Keep Playing Baseball!* Notify the coach and the school before the deadline.
- Share your knowledge and successes with younger players at your high school.
- Complete all of the NCAA requirements for clearance and to verify your amateur status. Make sure your final transcripts are sent to the NCAA and your chosen school.

## Summer

- Play competitive summer ball if you can. Stay in shape and work to improve your skills.
- Find out about your living arrangements and make lists of the things you will need when you move.
- Attend any student orientation days or events that are offered. Make sure that you know when you are supposed to register for classes or make any payments that are required.
- Stay informed about additional financial aid or scholarship opportunities that you might qualify for.

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