

BLAZE RECRUITING INFO WORKSHEET

EXPLANATIONS

TOP CHOICES & PRIORITIES

PRIORITIES EXPLAINED

Scholarship Money- The amount of assistance needed for your family to pay. Keep in mind almost every player in college has to pay something out of pocket but it varies greatly.

Playing Time- The likelihood of playing time early on as either freshman or sophomore, the larger, more successful the program, the more wait that MAY be required due to talent level on team.

Academics – are you going to college to get the best education possible while playing softball or are you going to college to play softball and get the best education you can. This is a very important significance.

Softball/College Experience – Your college experience...meaning the town its in---how large the school, how personable coaches are---all the little things that will add or subtract from a great college experience.

Division Status- how important to you from a status or competitive standpoint is playing D1, D2, D3, or JuCo softball.

TARGET ZONE SUGGESTIONS BASED ON EXAMPLES: These are based on the parameters you set and my experience in recruiting. For example:

- Player states **playing time** is top priority yet the player has yet to make varsity as a sophomore.
 - I suggest looking for smaller programs who have more need for impact players. For example, Texas A&M have dozens of high impact players on their list from all over the country. So playing time at A&M could be limited for many athletes even if they achieve being recruited by them, however Texas A&M Kingsville would automatically put you higher on their impact player list---so chances of playing time go way up.
- Player states playing only **in-state or surrounding ones**.
 - Makes no sense for me to either network or suggest a Georgia or Florida college even if a good match in terms of athleticism/ability
- Player states **Division Status** is TOP priority and **Scholarship Money** is last.
 - This tells me parents are prepared to pay for the education and the kid just wants to make sure they get to the highest level they can reach from a softball standpoint---meaning a D1 school possibly in a major conference. This situation could mean a walk-on opportunity perhaps at a school that otherwise was not able to offer player scholarship money.
- Player states **Scholarship Money & Division Status** are top priorities.
 - These are almost conflicting---meaning that if money is the top priority then playing in the Big 12 should probably not be your main focus **UNLESS** you are absolutely rocking the softball scene and known statewide as a player with lots of HS accolades. If that is the case than both objectives can be reached. Having said this, if scholarship money was third on list than the chances of playing in Big 12 go way up. I know this is a little confusing but recruiting is a business in which business style decisions are made, which can be confusing to many.
- Player has outstanding grades and **Academics** is first on list
 - This is a good candidate for D2 or D3 programs due to the nature of those types of institutions. They typically have high academic standards and offer the most in academic sholarships. The D2 offers both athletic and academic so you can get a

really nice scholarship package from D2 programs (example- Incarnate Word University)

Recruiting opportunities can come down to many variables so part of my job in the Blaze program is to help you guys help me---to be efficient with our time, energy and resources. As always feel free to give me call so we can work on your personal recruiting plan.