

If you're thinking about playing collegiate softball, this is a resource you must have!

Whether you're an outstanding player who expects to be heavily recruited, a solid student-athlete who wants to combine playing softball with getting a college education, or the parent, coach or teacher of one of these girls, this book can answer your questions.

Offering a step-by-step approach to the college search process, *Preparing to Play Softball at the Collegiate Level* examines:

- Softball at the collegiate level — the different levels of competition and what's expected of college players.
- How to establish priorities so you can decide if you want to play in college.
- The academic requirements — what you have to do to be eligible to play.
- How to prepare yourself athletically and experientially.
- When and how to start contacting college coaches and why developing your own target zone and marketing yourself effectively can be critical elements of your college search.
- Why a well-made videotape is a key component in your college search and how to make the kind of tape coaches want to see.

- What to expect during the recruiting process and what questions you should be asking coaches.

- What to consider when choosing a community college.

- A realistic look at softball scholarships — who gets them; how many are available; and how to find out about the many other types of financial aid available.

- And much, much more!



"This book helped guide our family through the complicated maze of collegiate recruiting and find the right school for our daughter."

— Parents of a Division I college player



Preparing to Play Softball at the Collegiate Level also provides readers with:

- Resources to consult for information about college athletics, softball camps, youth programs, etc.
- Further examination of topics touched on in the body of the book, including a checklist to take on college visits; ways high school coaches can strengthen their programs; and much more.
- A list of over 1,100 four-year colleges currently fielding softball teams, including the coach's name, the school size and setting, athletic affiliation, and so on.

Who should use *Preparing to Play Softball at the Collegiate Level*?

- **High School Seniors or Junior College Sophomores** who are in the midst of their college search and want to know what to expect and what to do next.
- **High School Juniors or Junior College Freshmen** who are just beginning their college search and want step-by-step guidance during the process.
- **High School Freshmen and Sophomores** who want to be sure they're on track to meet academic requirements; get the athletic experience they need; etc.
- **Parents** of college-bound softball players who want to ensure their daughter covers every base during the college search process.
- **Summer Team, High School and Junior College Coaches** who want to be sure the information they give their players about college softball is up to date.
- **Softball Organizations** who want to educate their coaches and players about the college search process.
- **High School Athletic Directors and Counselors** who want a handy resource to offer players interested in pursuing collegiate softball careers.