

## Access Sport: Athlete Priority Chart

As an athlete, it is important that you take a few minutes at the beginning of your recruiting journey to identify factors that are priorities for you in the University you end up attending. Using these criteria should help you narrow down the options and choose your list of target schools. Often athletes get influenced by schools that approach them, or recruit them as a result of an event that they attended. In the excitement it is easy to lose sight of what is actually important at the end of the day. Each time you are contacted by a school not on your initial list, review it against these criteria

The transition to university can be difficult, overwhelming and NEW! For the first time you will be on your own, living by yourself, getting your own meals, buying your own groceries, and doing your own laundry all on top of classes, homework, projects, and a full time athletic career! Because of this, It is important that the school you land at will be a good fit for you.

### Instructions:

On the back of this page, there is a chart split into three headings "Geographic" "Academic" and "Athletic". Under each heading, make notes of the priorities that you consider important for your university to have. Here are a few things to consider. Take some time to think about these topics and questions, add other factors you consider important.

Once this is complete, put it in your recruiting journal and refer back to this chart to make sure your target schools fit your criteria!

Geographic	Academic	Athletic
Identify the region that you would like to attend university in (Canada West, East or Atlantic. US West/East/North/South)	List 2 or 3 possible subjects you are most interested in majoring in.	What division / team ranking are you looking for?
In which locations are you most interested? Large Urban City, Small City, College Town/Suburban or Rural	What size of school would you be most comfortable at? Large state school (30,000+ students) Small university (10-30,000) or Very small, college (under 10,000)	Think about team composition. Graduating seniors may equal available scholarship. Many upperclassmen may limit playing time. Lots of freshmen may indicate a growing team.
What kind of climate would you most like to live, study and train in?	What type of class size will you, personally, be most successful in? Lecture style (very large classes 50+) Small lecture (25-50) Small group or lab (under 20) Intimate (10 or less)	Think about positional breakdown. How many people are competing for roster spots in your position?
Are you concerned with safety or crime rates?	Think about your study habits, and how you learn best. What kind of academic support, tutors and counseling is important to you for your education? What kind of support will be necessary for you to be successful as a student athlete	Where do you want to be in the pyramid of impact?
How easy is it to get to campus (for you and for when your family visits?) think about distance and type of travel (car/plane etc)	What kind of classes, extra curricular activities, or programs are important to you? Study Abroad, work study or co-op programs?	Is team diversity important to you? Are the athletes on the roster local, or do they come from other places in the world.
Campus transportation: How you will get around, get supplies, groceries and other necessities. Car/ public transit/bicycle/walk? What kind of campus is most conducive to your transportation methods?	Are there any other academic factors that are important to you in choosing a school?	Are coaching style, reputation or coaching awards important to you? What are coaching characteristics that are important to you in your target coach?
Is Religion important in your choice? Are you looking for a religious college/classes? Do you want to identify a church community prior to committing to a school?		What kind of facilities should your target school have? Look at locker room, playing surface, training room/sports medicine, academic support facilities etc.

**Geographic**

**Academic**

**Athletic**


