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DO YOU KNOW YOUR ABC'S?



**D**o you know your ABC's? For the high school baseball player and their parents, the college recruiting process can be confusing and a bit overwhelming. Simply put, it's a new experience for each and every player. So let's focus on some bite size nuts and bolts that fall under the "ABC's" that will lend support for your journey as a prospective high school student/baseball player.

## A: ACADEMICS, APPRECIATION, ACTION, ADVERSITY

### Academics:

**N**eed we say more than "STUDENT-ATHLETE?" Most everyone has heard of the saying, "The student comes before athlete." What are you doing right now academically as a student and as an individual? Your grades and the quality effort that you put towards academics - which includes your attendance record - will have a direct impact on where you will ultimately have options to play college baseball.

Bottom line, if you can't meet the specific admissions guidelines for entrance to study at a specific College or University then you probably will not be playing there.

One question we always ask our Worldwide Baseball Prospects players enrolled in the WBP High School to College Baseball Recruitment Planning Program when they are finalizing their target lists is: "Do you see yourself at this institution if you were not playing baseball?"

If you can answer yes, you made a good choice as it pertains to your needs.

If you are having trouble right now as a student, take action and get a tutor, help from another student and do whatever it takes to provide yourself future playing opportunity.

### Appreciation:

**D**o you appreciate all that is around you? This could be the other players on your team, the success of a teammate, your teachers or your instructors and especially mom, dad and/or guardian. You could appreciate the fact that you have a baseball team to play on where countless others may not. A school to learn from and a place that is safe to lay your head at night. When was the last time you said to your mom and dad or your coach or private instructors, 'thanks' for all that they do for you?

You might be surprised that what you put out sometimes comes back to you. It's called the "boomerang effect." So show that appreciation without expectation to others that give of themselves for your benefit.

### Action

**T**here is a saying we have heard somewhere, "Do-so is more important than say-so!" Bottom line - with taking action you begin moving forward and begin the process of achievement.

You may be scared you may fear something or you may be going into the unknown. But by taking action you will eventually get to the target you see clear in your mind.

The best time to take Action is now, stop talking about it and put one foot in front of the other and start walking toward your vision.

### Adversity

**S**ome of man's greatest achievements of all time come from how he handled adversity and the action he took following it. Most guys pack it up and walk away from the struggle.

Instead assess it rationally, understand it and practice repeatedly to ultimately reach a positive goal.

The achievers and leaders in the success stories you read view adversity as an opportunity and a positive and tackle it with HEART & DETERMINATION.

Developing your skills, planning the recruiting process or bringing up the weaker grades are the same struggles of so many. You are not alone. Adversity is often a fight with one's inner self in some manner. So tell yourself to continue and enjoy the journey and fight for your purpose. It's your choice and only yours to maintain a course of action and keep trying. If you believe, it is then that you can achieve.

## B: BRAINS, BALANCE

### Brains

**D**evelop the most powerful tool you have - brains! Both on and off the field how you think, how and what you learn, how you perceive your outcomes or results could work for you or against you. Learn as much as you can and soak in the credible knowledge.

Life, Baseball and Education is a never-ending learning process; embrace it and enjoy.

### Balance

Too much chocolate is only good for the guys making the chocolate, because they know you will come back for more. Creating a life balance with all the things that are important to you (ie; baseball, education, family, faith, self, friends, nutrition, strength, etc.) is a skill and a constant struggle for most "adults" let alone a high school student athlete with a lack of life experience.

Manage your time efficiently so that you can effectively apply yourself.

For example, there are more hours in a week than in a day. So instead of 24 hours to complete tasks, consider balancing the interests that are important to you over a 168 hour period of one week.

List all the things that are important to you and try to balance out the time you spend on them in a week.

Remember quality of time is better than quantity of time.

That's why we count pitches and not innings.

## C: Communication, Commitment, Confidence

### Communication

**C**ommunication is probably the most under rated skill for prospective high school players seeking out college options. Whether it is communicating with admissions or the coaching staff of a targeted program, it seems as though the value of this skill has become almost nonexistent.

Students today are growing up in an era of instant communication and instant results. They want the short, quick solution.

However, the recruiting process is absolutely not this. We cannot stress this enough; this takes time, which is why learning time management skills and balancing your weekly schedule is so important to learn earlier in the recruiting process.

You are building relationships with a whole network of individuals such as private instructors, scouts, college coaches and admissions personnel. Trust is earned over time and is not instant.

### Commitment

**I**want to play college baseball! So many guys across the country say these words but fall short because they do not realize what it really means to commit on a day-to-day basis. It is more than just being in uniform, showing up to play, and going home and hoping that someone liked what they saw.

Commitment is a burning desire to achieve your goals and when distractions come up that may stand in the way or sway you off center from your goal, you are so focused that you stay committed and on route. Through the good, bad and the ugly, when times seem tough, when the going gets rough you persevere through all of it. Your commitment to the books, skills development and most importantly yourself as a person can be hard for some people to understand and deal with. Probably because they wish they could have a goal and

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stay committed like you. So they try to bring you down. Commitment is a deal with yourself, no matter what you will stay the course and try to become the best that you can, as a person, a student and a baseball player.

#### **Confidence**

**D**id you know that confidence is contagious!? We are not talking about the guys that “think” they know everything and “think” they are better than everyone else. Confidence is a good thing, an attitude, a mind set. It lets those around you know that you embrace and will face challenges. You fear nothing, you just go about your business with a smile on your face, you are able to celebrate the success of others and you are not taken advantage of emotionally by any naysayer. Negativity just does not exist when you are confident in yourself!

Obviously there are a lot more key elements and characteristics that fall under the ABC's that a high school baseball player should address and practice or take to heart. Some of which include; Ability, Attitude, Basics, Ball sense, Choices, Coach-ability and Co-operation, to name a few.

If you are a high school student athlete and you have the desire to academically and athletically pursue college we highly recommend that you create a plan and attack it with focus, heart and determination.

Worldwide Baseball Prospects (WBP™) is a leading coaching and mentoring company which supports, motivates and educates prospective high school baseball players and their families with an economical, value-packed recruitment planning program and a sensible approach to the college baseball recruiting process. The WBP High School to College Baseball Recruitment Planning Program is a great fit for families and student/baseball players who choose to be in control of their future development and the college baseball recruiting process.

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