



**Play Collegiate Golf**

"creating academic and athletic success"

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### ***Finding College Golf Program Information on Athletic Websites***

*Gain an understanding about what to look for on each college's athletic website to learn more about the golf team.*

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Using the internet to begin researching the various college golf teams of your choice will help you really narrow your focus into the "best fit" opportunities. Golf programs upload a wealth of information to their websites which you and your parents can shuffle through to help make the recruiting process much more easier and beneficial. Meeting your academic and athletic goals is important; most times the information available to you through the university or college websites will aid you in this process.

Start with the PING College Golf Guide as a basis for this search. By first taking the time to narrow your focus to a geographic region, size of school, athletic division (look beyond Division I), and academic offerings you will be able to pinpoint some options for your next educational experience. Then, look at the strength of the team, using the PING College Golf Guide website's scoring tool to see where your mean average would fit into recent events played by that team. If your scoring average is somewhere in the middle of the team players competing that week then it becomes a "recruitable" school and you should further investigate it as an option. Try to create an initial list of between 18 and 20 schools that meet your requirements of school size, location, majors, and playing seasons. Once you have this list begin to truly whittle it down to somewhere in the neighborhood of six to eight schools.

Now, using the golf programs' website review what your top schools can offer you. On these websites you should find a summary of past tournaments that can reach back as far as five or more years. You can compare your scoring average to the team's average. Remember that many coaches will add three or four strokes to your junior golf scores to give a more true reflection of how you will perform on college golf courses which are set up more difficulty and have tougher competition. You can also research where the majority of the players are being recruited from. If you are from the Southwest and the school you are interested in draws many players from California and Arizona this bodes well for you. If you are an international player and the school has a large populace of players from outside the US borders this also is good news.

Take the time to review the players and coach bios as well as review what type of facilities are available to you (and where the facilities are located). Determine what you may want to do with your college golf experience and figure out if the teammates, coaches, and facilities will help you reach those goals. Remember, research the websites for *you* so that an informed decision about your future academic, athletic, and personal development at the college level can be made more easily.

Good luck

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*Dr. Bruce Fleming is the founder of Play Collegiate Golf, created to mentor young women and men interested in continuing their competitive golf careers at institutions that support their academic, athletic, and personal goals.*

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