

THE ROLE OF THE PARENT

Assist & Stay Out of the Way

One question we get asked more than any other, by parents, is “*how do I get my son recruited*”. The answer, as you have seen, is complex and ever-changing. Each year NCAA baseball gets crazier and more confusing, but this does not mean that the parent should become more involved. **This process is your child’s journey, not yours.** Baseball parents are sometimes so consumed with not letting their child fail that they end up getting in the way and doing way more harm than good. Trying to explain to parents that they need to take a back seat when their kid’s future is directly involved is impossible, but I promise you that the more you leave up to your child, the better they will be. College is about becoming an adult, and that growth starts with the recruiting process. Assist when you can, give advice when asked, but let your player make his decisions organically.

Parental Do’s & Don’ts

Do’s

- Give advice, when asked
- Make sure you’re staying on track with timelines
- Keep the focus on the grades & training
- Attend the games & positively support
- Attend recruiting visits & meet the coaches
- Ask questions and find out the motivations
- Be honest and keep it fun, this is an adventure

Don’ts

- Write to college coaches
- Be obnoxious at games (supportive & quiet)
- Blindly pay for every event without a plan
- Post on social media after every offer or visit
- Inflate your child’s ego (keep them grounded)
- Micromanage (this isn’t your journey)
- Cause extra pressure (support, don’t hinder)