

### **U18 (Senior Year): Make a Decision and Tie Up Loose Ends**

Your senior year in the college selection process will involve a lot of what you have already done during your junior year. Continue to maintain contact with college coaches, finalize your applications, and narrow down your search to 5-10 schools. While you will want to be making a decision at some point during this year, keep in mind that recruitment does still occur during this year and opportunities can still arise for you, so continue to circulate your player profile and keep in touch with those coaches of schools that you are interested in attending. When it finally comes time to making a decision, you will want to keep the following things in mind:

*-Notify the Coach and School of Your Selection:* when you do finally decide on a school, be sure to notify the coach of that program. This way, he can pencil you in to his roster and spend his little remaining time accordingly. Don't be offended if you don't hear from this coach a great deal after your selection. Keep in mind, that he will likely focus his time on his recruits that have not yet made a definitive decision. From here, you will need to fill out all of the necessary paperwork for the school finalizing your acceptance to your chosen university.

*-Notify the Coaches of Those Schools that You Will Not Be Attending:* once you have chosen a school, been admitted, and have finalized all of your paperwork, it is protocol to inform other coaches who you have been in contact with. They will want to move on with their recruitment process and they will need to know that they should spend their time in other areas. Though this is not always the most comfortable conversation, coaches will greatly appreciate your honesty.

*- Finish Up High School:* the process is not over once you have chosen a school and have been admitted. Bear in mind that most schools require you to finish off high school in good academic standing in order for admittance. For this reason, be sure to maintain your grades and graduate from high school.