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When does the diving recruiting process start?

1. The recruiting process starts in early high school. The competition for diving scholarships is extremely high. There are less than 450 schools with diving programs and each has a maximum of just four divers on the roster. It's easy to see why colleges are selective and why recruiting for diving starts early.

How do I get discovered?

2. Third-party evaluations from a trusted source like NCSA as well as by posting your statistics with NCSA. Introduce yourself to prospective diving coaches with a simple email. Learn facts about the college and coach you're contacting so that you sound informed. Once they know that you are interested, swimming coaches can identify you as a prospect using the online tools provided by a trusted neutral resource like NCSA.

How do coaches evaluate prospects?

3. The Internet is your best recruiting tool. NCSA provides easy access to your diving scores, your highlight videos, and your high school resume. Showing your skills on the Internet makes the recruiting process easier for you and the college coaches you hope to impress.

Where am I qualified to dive?

4. Very few divers who compete in high school go on to compete at the NCAA Division I level. The majority of college men's divers aren't in DI, so set your expectations accordingly. There are plenty of diving opportunities at programs at the Division II, Division III, NAIA or junior college level. NCSA is an experienced evaluator of talent, and we can tell you what level you're best suited for and where you're most likely to find success.

What is my coach's role?

5. Your high school diving coach can help with your development in the pool, but getting a swimming scholarship is your responsibility. Your high school or club swimming and diving coach is probably too busy to be able to dedicate the time that the recruiting process requires. And, you may not be the only one on your team trying to earn a scholarship. Asking your coach to manage the recruiting process for several athletes at once is just too much to ask.