

# RYLE FOOTBALL

The Recruiting Process



# General Information



- Division I (Football Bowl Subdivision):
  - ACC, SEC, Big East, Etc....
  - 85 Scholarships available
- Division I (Football Championship Subdivision):
  - Furman, Appalachian State, Samford, Georgia State, Richmond,
  - Villanova, Georgia Southern, Etc...
  - 63 Scholarships available
- Division II:
  - Valdosta State, West Georgia, Fort Valley State Univ, W. Alabama,
  - C. Arkansas, Clark Atlanta, Morehouse
  - 36 Scholarships (Maximum. Most are not fully funded).
- Division III:
  - Shorter College, LaGrange College, Birmingham Southern
  - No Scholarships

# The Numbers Game



- What are they looking for?
  - Character
  - Grades, Absences, and Tardies
  - Certain measureables:
    - Athletic skills: Height / Weight, Speed, Quickness, Change of Direction, Explosion, Flexibility, Balance, Leverage, Effort, Position specific
    - measureables: poise, nastiness, hands, heart, intelligence
  - Physical potential
  - The “IT” factor



# Misconceptions and Realities



- Stats
- Honors
- Strength level
- Position played
- He's our "best player."
- Don't forget...it's a business!
  - Estimated 254,000 senior football players in the U.S. this season
  - Estimated 2,436 Division I scholarships will be awarded this season
  - 1.6% of high school seniors will sign a DI scholarship

# What Can YOU Control?

Your Effort  
Your Attitude



- Are you going to attend Study Hall, tutoring sessions, SAT prep?□
- Are you a person of high character?
- Are you going to turn in your Academic Progress Sheets weekly?
- How hard are you going to work in the classroom and on the field?
- Are you going to be a great teammate?
- Are you going to attend 100% of the out of season workouts? 90%, 80%, 70%, less?
- Are you going to work on the other skills that you need to improve?
- Are you going to be a leader?
- What would your teachers tell a college recruiter?
- Are you self motivated?
- Are you going to trust your coaches?

**Establish a GREAT work ethic now**



# First Impressions



- What are you selling?
  - Firm handshake
  - Eye contact
  - Yes sir, no sir
  - Be yourself, show your personality
  - Give praise to your teammates and coaches
  - Ask questions, both predetermined and spontaneous

# Your Goal



- Earn A's and B's in every core course!
- How?
  - Come to school EVERY DAY!
  - Be on time to EVERY class. Tardiness is a sign that you just don't care! Teachers are human.
  - Write every assignment down. Stay organized!
  - Turn every assignment is ON TIME!
  - Sit in the front of every class.
  - Be polite and respect your teacher.
  - Study for every test and quiz.
  - Meet with your teacher before each major test

**EFFORT AND ATTITUDE!**



# Parent Responsibility



- Accept only A's and B's in a core class. Make sure if they do get a D or F, they repeat the class in summer school.
- Get a copy of their official transcript at the end of each year so you can calculate their core GPA. The coaching staff is calculating it at the end of each semester as well.
- In their junior year have them take the SAT and/or ACT. You can register for both tests online. Make sure that they are prepared.
- Finally take each test (SAT or ACT) one more time (or more) during the fall of their senior year.
- Ask your coach for an honest evaluation and be prepared for his assessment.
- More questions go to [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org) or [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)



# Suggestions for Parents



- Keep them grounded. Keep his priorities in line. Don't let the process change him or you.
- Be “along for the ride.” Don't “drive the bus.” Be extremely active and present, but not pushy.
- When in doubt, ask the high school coach.
- Praise the high school coach.
  - Ask for his help. Support him through the process.
- Be open and honest with all parties.
- Go on all visits.
- Keep in mind the things that matter most (not facilities, etc...)
- In the end, don't be afraid to ask the tough questions.
  - Integrity, honesty, character

# What Can You Expect From Us?



- Standards and Expectations: Our program will prepare every player for success beyond his years at Ryle. Following the program exactly as it's designed will maximize every player's opportunities!
- We will be the biggest advocate for your son. We will email, call and continue to build relationships with schools of all types for our players.
- Honesty! We will be honest with you and your son about his future. We will also be honest with college coaches.
- We will have HUDL/Transcripts and a general recruiting database on file for your son. We will distribute them to the coaches when they come to Ryle High School.
- We will provide as much guidance, advice, and support as your family requests.



# Academics and Recruiting



- Johnny Superstar
  - 6'0" 205 lb RB
  - 4.38 in the 40
  - Rushed for 2750 yards last season
  - Scored 36 TD's.
  - 5 Star Recruit
  - 20 Major Division I offers!

# Academics and Recruiting

A = 4 Points / B = 3 Points / C = 2 Points / D = 1 Point / F = 0 Points



- English C (2)
- Math D (1)
- History C (2)
- PE A (4)
- Spanish C (2)
- Science D (1)
- Computer Science B (3)
- GPA = 2.14

- English C (2)
- Math D (1)
- History C (2)
- PE X
- Spanish C (2)
- Science D (1)
- Computer Science X
- Core GPA = 1.6
- SAT / ACT Needed = Impossible



# Grade Point Average



- Only core courses are used in the calculation of the grade point average. The core GPA is an unweighted calculation.
- Be sure to look at Ryle High School's list of NCAA approved core courses on the clearinghouse web site to make certain that the courses being taken have been approved as core courses.
- The Web site is: [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)
- Division I grade point average requirements are detailed on a sliding scale. (2.3 Core)
- The Division II grade point average requirement is a minimum 2.0 Core.

# Core Classes

## Division 1 (16)

- 4 years of English.
- 3 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
- 1 year of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.
- 2 years of social science.
- 4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or non doctrinal religion/philosophy).

## Division 2 (14)

- 3 years of English.
- 2 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
- 2 years of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.
- 2 years of social science.
- 3 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or non doctrinal religion/philosophy).





# Core Classes



- Academic Courses in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Foreign Language must be “College Preparatory” or higher and be at or above the high school’s regular academic level.
- Remedial, Special Education or Compensatory Courses will not be counted towards the Core
- Students with Documented Learning Disabilities and an Individualized Educational Placement (IEP) must have their disability documentation sent to the NCAA Clearinghouse in order to be granted the opportunity to have their transcript evaluated with Special Education considerations and identified Learning Support Core Courses.

# NCAA Clearing House



- All student athletes who wish to play Division I or Division II sports in college are REQUIRED to register with the NCAA Clearinghouse.
- The clearinghouse is the organization that grants eligibility.
- This process costs \$50 and is required for every NCAA student athlete.
- You must register before you can take an official visit.
- This should be done during your Junior year.
- Because Division III colleges are unable to give athletic scholarships, a student entering a Division III school does not have to fill out a NCAA Clearinghouse form to be eligible to participate in athletics.
- But, by registering with the clearinghouse you give yourself more options.



# NCAA Clearing House Process



- Go to [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)
- Select Prospective Student Athletes
- Click on US Students Register Here to find the form.
- Once you arrive at this webpage, you can either print the form and complete it on paper or complete it electronically.

# SAT and ACT Test Scores



- Division I has a sliding scale for test score and grade point average.
- Online registration for the SAT = [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) The SAT score used for NCAA purposes includes only the critical reading and math sections. The writing section of the SAT is not used.
- Online registration for the ACT = [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) The ACT score used for NCAA purposes is a sum of the four sections on the ACT: English, Math, Reading and Science.
- All SAT and ACT scores must be reported directly to the NCAA InitialEligibility Clearinghouse by the testing agency. Test scores that appear on transcripts will no longer be used. When registering for the SAT or ACT, use the clearinghouse code of 9999 to make sure the score is reported to the clearinghouse.
- Division II has a minimum SAT score requirement of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.



# NCAA Sliding Scale Sample



- 3.550+ = 400 / 37
- 3.525 = 410 / 38
- 3.100 = 580 / 49
- 3.075 = 590 / 50
- 3.050 = 600 / 50
- 3.025 = 610 / 51
- 2.550 = 800 / 66
- 2.525 = 810 / 67
- 2.500 = 820 / 68
- 2.350 = 880 / 73
- 2.325 = 890 / 74
- 2.300 = 900 / 75

# What is Financial Aid?



- You must enter each school's ID number of the FASFA. More schools can be added to your FASFA online later.
- A family must qualify for aid. The Pell Grant and SEOG Grant are federally funded. Students do NOT have to pay this money back (Up to \$4,000.00). To qualify for these two federal loans you generally have to have a family income below \$40,000.00. The term EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) is what the federal government uses to determine your amount.
- Private Schools though they are more expensive they often offer grant money as well (Money you do NOT have to pay back).
- Stafford Loan Federal loan a student takes out and pays back after they graduate.
- KEES \$
- \$5,500 (for loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2008) if you're a first year student enrolled in a program of study that is at least a full academic year. No more than \$3,500 of this amount can be in subsidized loans.
- \$6,500 (for loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2008) if you've completed your first year of study and the remainder of your program is at least a full academic year. No more than \$4,500 of this amount can be in subsidized loans.



# What is Financial Aid?



- \$7,500 (for loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2008) if you've completed two years of study and the remainder of your program is at least a full academic year. No more than \$5,500 of this amount can be in subsidized loans.
- PLUS Loan Federal loan parents may take out and repay while students are in school.
- Work Study job provided through the school (Library/Athletics/Cafe). Student works for the school and gets a monthly check. This money can be used to pay back school if needed.
- Academic Money Partial and full academic scholarships are available too. Example Student has a 3.2 GPA and a 1100 SAT: School may give \$5,0000.00 in scholarship money yearly. Many DIII Schools use this as a tool when recruiting. I will help you with this part of the process.
- Bottom line Financial aid is on a NEED basis. Besides scholarships you have to qualify financially for aid. You must submit your FAFSA forms before March 15th You will use your current WII forms when filling this out. The federal government will assign you an EFC: Estimated Family Contribution. Once that number is issued by the federal government the local colleges will use this to make up your package.

# General Information



- Recruiting is a business
- Be wary of coaches who treat you as a friend.
- Recruiting is like dating... appear interested without seeming desperate
- “I’m being recruited by....”
  - The difference between being recruited and getting letters:
    - Have you ever spoken to the coach?
    - Have you received hand written letters?
    - Has he called your coach?
    - Has he been on your campus?
    - Has he ever seen film of you?
    - Would he recognize your name if you called him right now?



# Exposure



- Combines and Camps.
- Recruiting sites and the Internet Rivals, Scout, and other recruiting sites will have NO bearing on your son earning a scholarship. Most people high on school/recruiting message boards on this site are disgruntled players, coaches or parents.
- HUDL Highlights
- Position: The position your son plays will not make an impact on him earning a scholarship. If he is good enough he will stand out on tape.

# Coaches Contacts



- Program all numbers into your phone.
- Screen calls when necessary.
  - Return the calls your receive
- Your voicemail should be professional.
- Coaches are NOT allowed to text you so don't text them!
  - DM on TWITTER
- Email
  - Save all of the emails you receive and send in a separate file/folder.
  - Respond to any emails you receive.
    - Even if it's a simple as "Thank You Coach"



# Social Media



- Be smart about ALL content on your Social Media.
  - (Pictures, music, friends, words, etc...)
  - These is public content!

Coaches do look at this stuff!