



College Recruiting

## The Keys to an Effective Resume

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During today's college recruiting process, it's more important than ever to provide the right information to Coaches and to do it strategically at the right time.

Each year, college coaches across the country are inundated with hundreds, sometimes thousands, of emails and resumes. It's important to remember that recruiting tactics differ greatly from program to program.

Most collegiate golf programs have a staff of one, the head coach, and many Division III and NAIA schools have a head coach who advises both the Men's and Women's programs! In contrast, many top programs in the country have large staffs consisting of directors of golf, head coaches, associate coaches, and assistant coaches who share different duties in the recruiting process. College assistants help offset the additional athletic duties of the head coach but still take on the obligations of sorting through the countless numbers of resumes, swing videos, trackman reports, transcripts, referral emails, and everything else they receive.



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The bottom line is, college coaches simply don't have time to look at each and every detail on your resume. For this exact reason, it is crucial that you arrange your resume in the format they are looking for with the necessary information they will need to qualify you as a potential recruit.

Here's a list of things they will look for and below you will find a sample resume for formatting purposes:

- Graduation year
- Tournament finishes and scores
- Personal Photo or Headshot
- Junior Golf Scoreboard or WAGR Golf Ranking
- Personal references, Instructor Contact Info, other points of contact
- Academic profile (GPA, test scores & transcripts) and which parts
- Community involvement
- Leadership roles (sport or non-sport)
- Fitness / other sport involvement
- Swing video
- Personal goal, motivation, or vision

Keep in mind: A well-written golf resume provides college coaches a quick and clear understanding of your ability to contribute, athletically and academically, to their respective golf program as a Freshman.

So, is your golf resume ready for college coaches? Take a look below at ForeCollegeGolf's sample resume.



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## JACK LAPIANA

2023 Recruit



### CONTACT INFO

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 Email jacklapianaz023@gmail.com  
 Instagram jack\_lapiana  
 Swing Video <https://youtu.be/iketShuZxQM>

### PERSONAL GOAL

My goal is to play college golf at a competitive school where I can receive a quality education that will prepare me to pursue a Law degree with teammates that inspire and support one another and love the game.

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Birth date August 10, 2005  
 High School Providence Day School  
 Graduation Date May 27, 2022  
 Height 6'1"  
 Weight 165  
 Parents Jeff & Karen  
 Home Golf Course Myers Park CC

### ACADEMICS

Academic Track AP & Advanced  
 Estimated GPA 3.95  
 Courses AP U.S. History, AP Human Geography, Advanced Pre-Calculus, Accelerated Biology, Writing Seminar, Athletic Development  
 PSAT Score 1390  
 SAT/ACT Score TBD- December  
 NCAA Eligibility Center # 2109324128

### COACHING

Jarut Padang, PGA - 2018 - Present  
 McCormick Ranch cc coachjapga@gmail.com  
 706-631-0818

### RANKING

(as of September 2021)  
 Ranking in 2023/NC 20th  
 Ranking in 2023 389th

### EXTRACURRICULARS

NCISAA Football State Champion 2019  
 Brazilian Ju Jitsu, Brown Belt 2011-2019  
 St. Gabriel Catholic Youth group 2018-present  
 Creek Clean Up, Volunteer, Providence Day 2020- present

### HIGH SCHOOL PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Varsity Golf Team 2019-Present

### PERSONAL REFERENCES

Trey Spencer, Head Professional MPCC 336-870-4802  
 Jared Howard, Assistant Professional MPCC 614-309-3682  
 L.D. Simmons, Mental Coach 704-904-0234

### OTHER HONORS

National Junior Honor Society 2018-2019  
 NCISAA Football State Champion 2019  
 Brazilian Ju Jitsu, Brown Belt 2011-2019

### POINTS OF CONTACT

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TOURNAMENT FINISHES		
TOURNAMENT	SCORES	FINISH/FIELD SIZE
TYGA- Archdale, Oct 2-3, 2021	73-73	9/102
TYGA Tournament of Champions, Sept 26-26	73-75	13/75
CGA- Creed Junior Championship, Sept 18-19, 2021	70-71	10/140
CGA Mimosa Hills Junior, August 28-29, 2021	74-69	23/80
AJGA-Greenwood Junior, August, 10-12, 2021	72-75-73	13/53
CGA Carolinas Junior Boys, July, 27-29, 2021	71-77-77	50/138
TYGA-Metro Junior, July, 20-21, 2021	75-68	5/75
CGA Jimmy Anderson Boys, July, 10-11, 2021	67-74	5/64
Carolinas Junior PGA, June, 28-29, 2021	70-74	5/97
TGF-Duke University Junior, June, 16-17, 2021	77-74	10/53
TYGA-Greensboro Junior Open, June, 14-15, 2021	66-71	1/92
TGF Players Championship, May, 22-23, 2021	73-72	14/84
TGF-Wolfpack Junior, April, 17-18, 2021	72-75	21/76
TGF-CCNC Junior masters, Feb, 27-28, 2021	75-78	11/34
CPGA- Kiawah Junior Classic, Dec, 12-13, 2020	75-76	32/119
TYGA-Bill Harvey Junior, Oct, 24-25, 2020	73-77	23/107
TGF-Western Carolinas Junior, Oct, 17-18, 2020	77-76	19/57
TYGA-Archdale Trinity, Oct, 3-4, 2020	74-74	19/117
UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS		
TOURNAMENT	DATE	COURSE
TYGA- Bill Harvey Memorial Junior	October, 30-31, 2021	Bryan Park GC, Greensboro NC
CGA-Carolinas Collegiate Showcase	November, 6-7, 2021	Grandover Resort, Greensboro, NC
TGF-UNC 12th Annual Tarheel State Junior Championship	November, 13-14, 2021	UNC Finley, Durham, NC
Doral Publix Jr. Classic	December 21-23, 2021	Doral, Miami, FL
Donald Ross Junior Championship	December, 27-30	Pinehurst CC, Pinehurst NC

High school coaches, instructors, and other personal references serve as great recommendations. Attaching a recommendation letter to your resume could go a long way in impressing Coaches and grabbing their attention.

Additionally, your recruiting profile should also include an original cover letter addressed (individually) to each college coach. As you can see from the above image, all of your resume content should fit on one printed page and be neatly organized. Thus, giving college coaches the ability to quickly see your information, and qualify you on the spot.

While a few individual tournaments can be left out, the bulk of your recent tournament scores, good or bad, should be included on your resume. Upcoming tournaments should always be



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included. This way Coaches can see where you will be playing and be sure to follow your scores/progress and have an opportunity to come watch you play.

We hope this clears up some of the questions and confusion around what a proper resume or CV should look like! Please don't hesitate to reach out for more information.

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