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## Junior Golf

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### Top Factors to Consider when Choosing a College

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### ***What should I be looking at when evaluating different schools?***

Each player and family has different views when decision time comes. Most players have 3-4 things they are looking for in a school or golf program. For some, it's the social atmosphere and the degrees offered. For others, it could be the coach philosophy or the players on the team. Both are reasonable things to look at but be careful, coaches and players come and go, the school and the intangibles are here to stay, which do you think you should be basing your decisions off of?

Below are the top factors to consider when evaluating a potential "best-fit" program.

### ***Academic***

- Accreditation & Weight/Prestige of Degree
  - Class size(s)
  - Majors Offered
- Curriculum – liberal arts or specialized
- Assistance to Athletes – tutors, advisors & study hall
  - Jobs opportunities out of school
- Quality of Professors & Student:Faculty ratio
  - Class scheduling options
    - Admission rate
    - Graduation rate
  - Freshman retention rate
  - Graduate school options



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## ***Athletic/Golf***

- Roster Spots/Competitiveness/ Expected Playing Time
  - Team Facilities or Club Access
  - Coach(es), Trainers, Psychologists
    - Team Atmosphere
  - Weekly Practice/Play Structure
  - Climate & Weather Limitations
    - Tournament Schedule
    - Workout Regimen
    - Qualifying Process
- Scholarships available – Academic or Athletic
  - Player Improvement/Development
  - Overall fit with Players on the Team
  - % of players on the PGA/LPGA Tour
  - Workout Program and Schedule
    - National Exposure

## ***Social***

- Extracurriculars/Activities
- On Campus Dorms/Living
  - Location
- Size of Student Population
- Size of Town/Community/Surrounding Area
  - Food/Dining/Meal Plans
  - Student Life/Extracurriculars
  - Things to do away from Campus
    - Off-Campus Housing
    - School Spirit
- Community Involvement & Exposure
  - Safety Statistics
  - Demographics and Diversity
- Financial Commitment & Cost of tuition
  - Financial & Merit Aid Scholarships

All of the above are important aspects to factor in during the recruiting process. Figure out which are most important to you and ASK QUESTIONS!

Best of luck in your recruiting process!

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