

COLLEGE RECRUITMENT TIPS



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Tip #2: Where, When and How to Choose College

Choosing the right college is a major decision, and the process is stressful enough for students just looking to get a great education, but to add being an athlete in on top of all that? It can be incredibly overwhelming if you don't start early! Many students wait until their senior year to start looking at schools, when really, you should start your search at the beginning of your junior year. There are many benefits to starting early: you can take your time in researching schools, you can watch how various teams are doing across multiple seasons, and you can figure out what you're looking for in a university so you can narrow your search.

Starting your college search sooner rather than later not only applies to researching a school on its website, but also visiting the college. If you wait until senior year to cram in all of your college visits, it will add extra stress on you and your family, and it will quickly get frustrating. The beginning of your senior year, you will be filling out so many college applications and writing more than enough personal statements—and this is any student, not just student athletes—so it will be incredibly useful to already have a list of your top five or six schools to apply to first, and then from there, you can compare other schools to the ones on your list. Many colleges have application fees and those add up pretty quickly, so being decisive in the type of university you want is key.



Looking at the college search from the bowling aspect, there are three types of bowling programs out there: NCAA, NAIA, and club. The difference between the three can be pretty confusing, but the simple breakdown is this: NCAA schools have the most rules. They control when you can be recruited, when you can practice during the school year, and even the tournaments you can compete in as an individual. While this may seem daunting, NCAA schools tend to give out bigger scholarships and have more luxury perks than other types of programs. NAIA teams have fewer rules—you can talk to the coaches sooner, practice more, and have larger teams than NCAA schools. Many NAIA teams have multiple teams within them, such as an A and B team, so there is a greater chance of playing in tournaments. NAIA teams can give out scholarships, but not nearly on the level that NCAA schools can/do. Finally, club teams are the most informal type of team. They cannot give out scholarships and won't be flying to tournaments, but they're great for students with a heavy academic schedule, or if you fall in love with a school, but it isn't NCAA/NAIA, their club team might be a great option for you. Many club teams still compete, so you will still get the chance to travel to tournaments, but it will not be at the level that NAIA/NCAA schools do.



***Unfortunately, there is no men's bowling division in the NCAA, so men are confined to NAIA and club teams.

In the end, you need to look at schools for academics first, bowling second. Once you leave college, your education is what is going to bring you success in your life, so that needs to be your priority. Start researching and visiting schools now, and you'll be much better off come senior year! Happy hunting!

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"Bowling is something that gives me a sense of belonging. Stepping into a bowling alley feels like stepping into a second home; there are so many people that I have become friends with and some of these friendships I've had for a very long time."

*Brittany Breedlove
Oswego, IL*

Upcoming Tour Stops

- Nov. 1 - Town & Country Lanes, Joliet
- Nov. 15 - Pheasant Lanes, Bloomington
- Dec. 13 - Poplar Creek Bowl, Hoffman Estates
- Jan. 24 - Illinois Valley Super Bowl, Peru

To keep posted on events



**Illinois State Scholarship Tour
Next Level Bowling Circuit**

ISST TOUR STOP RESULTS

ISST #99 - Landmark Lanes, Peoria

| <u>Handicap Division</u> | <u>Boys Scratch Division</u> | <u>Girls Scratch Division</u> | <u>Mystery Blind Doubles</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 1. Bobby Habetler \$305 | 1. Zach Woelfel \$297 | 1. Kayla Crawford \$179 | 1. Benjy Mailloux/Elyse Spaccapaniccia \$40 ea. |
| 2. Erin Cosner \$212 | 2. Nate Stubler \$208 | 2. Mabel Cummins \$113 | 2. Erin Biccocchi/Shawn DesRocher \$20 ea. |
| 3. Benjy Mailloux \$162 | 3. Kyle Krol \$158 | 3. Courtney Johnston \$101 | 3. Erin Biccocchi/Zachary Lantz \$15 ea. |
| 4. Mackenzie Ullian \$122 | 4. Richy Zenner \$119 | 4. Megan Szczepanski \$77 | |
| 5. Destiny Rottman \$112 | 5. Nick Haugen \$109 | 5. Veronica Dreyfus \$65 | |
| 6. Erin Biccocchi \$102 | 6. Jacob Nimtz \$99 | 6. Brigitte Jacobs \$60 | |

ISST #100 - Arena Lanes, Oaklawn

| <u>Handicap Division</u> | <u>Boys Scratch Division</u> | <u>Girls Scratch Division</u> | <u>Mystery Blind Doubles</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 1. George McCoy \$329 | 1. Kyle Krol \$359 | 1. Sarah Klawitter \$216 | 1. Connor Pula/Nick Cutrara \$40 ea. |
| 2. Brianna Schmidt \$230 | 2. Joe Kopera \$250 | 2. Brittany Breedlove \$144 | 2. George McCoy/Matthew LaBonte \$30 ea. |
| 3. Chloe Long \$175 | 3. Zach Singer \$191 | 3. Kayla Crawford \$115 | 3. Brianna Schmidt/Tyler Paup \$20 ea. |
| 4. Adrienne Polonio \$132 | 4. Jacob Rubach \$144 | 4. Kaitlyn Keith \$94 | |
| 5. Rachel Clifton \$121 | 5. Brandon Mooney \$132 | 5. Marissa Ramirez \$79 | |
| 6. Connor Pula \$109 | 6. Emmanuel Platos \$120 | 6. Mabel Cummins \$72 | |

ISST #101 - King Pin Lanes, Springfield

| <u>Handicap Division</u> | <u>Boys Scratch Division</u> | <u>Girls Scratch Division</u> | <u>Mystery Blind Doubles</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 1. Brock Swisher \$265 | 1. Tony Recsnik \$153 | 1. Montana Hughes \$150 | 1. Danny LaBonte/Dalton Myers \$36 ea. |
| 2. Conner Jones \$178 | 2. Josh Boger \$93 | 2. Megan Szczepanski \$90 | 2. William Deters/Dalton Myers \$24 ea. |
| 3. Erin Cosner \$141 | 3. Alex Acosta \$76 | 3. Felicia Montecinos \$75 | 3. George McCoy/Kaleb House \$10 ea. |
| 4. Sophia Richardson \$115 | 4. Alex Burchard \$71 | 4. Leah Samuelson \$70 | 3. Erin Cosner/Erin Biccocchi \$10 ea. |
| 5. Brittany Alberts \$97 | 5. Ranzy Collins \$61 | 5. Brigitte Jacobs \$60 | |
| 6. Danny LaBonte \$89 | 6. Kaleb House \$56 | 6. Savannah Erickson \$55 | |

ISST Leader Boards

Points Leaders

| <u>Handicap Division</u> | <u>Boys Scratch Division</u> | <u>Girls Scratch Division</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Erin Cosner 75 | 1. Kyle Krol 169 | 1. Montana Hughes 132 |
| 2. Connor Pula 68 | 2. Josh Powell 129 | 2. Megan Szczepanski 114 |
| 3. Conner Jones 64 | 3. Josh Boger 110 | 3. Kayla Crawford 108 |
| 4. Robert Wayne 60 | 4. Alex Acosta 107 | 4. Giselle Poss 104 |
| 5. Brock Swisher 58 | 5. Alex Burchard 92 | 5. Courtney Johnston 87 |

Scholarship Award Leaders

| <u>Handicap Division</u> | <u>Boys Scratch Division</u> | <u>Girls Scratch Division</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. George McCoy \$449 | 1. Kyle Krol \$1110 | 1. Courtney Johnston \$488 |
| 2. Bobby Habetler \$410 | 2. Josh Powell \$595 | 2. Montana Hughes \$454 |
| 3. Connor Pula \$402 | 3. Nick Kruml \$389 | 3. Giselle Poss \$392 |
| 4. Erin Cosner \$363 | 4. Zach Singer \$336 | 4. Kayla Crawford \$378 |
| 5. Benjy Mailloux \$362 | 5. Nate Stubler \$322 | 5. Sarah Klawitter \$296 |



| <u>Highland Bowl</u> | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| James Yundt U20 | Austin Snider U20 | |
| Alex Acosta U20 | Brandon Mooney U20 | |
| Robert Wayne U20 | Brigitte Jacobs U20 | |
| Tara Quinlan U20 | Leah Samuelson U20 | |
| Montana Hughes U20 | Violet Kirk U20 | |
| Conner Jones U15 | James Menard U15 | |
| Shaun DesRocher U15 | Ashlyn Burkeybile U15 | |
| Tony Lundy U15 | | |

| <u>Fox Bowl</u> | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Dean Mudlong U20 | Derek Poole U20 | |
| Josh Boger U20 | Nick Guziak U20 | |
| Nate Stubler U20 | Trey Arnold U20 | |
| Amanda Tarlos U20 | Austin Bull U20 | |
| Brittany Breedlove U20 | Sarah Klawitter U20 | |
| Natalie Koprowitz U20 | Haley Douglas U20 | |
| Rachel Clifton U20 | Emily Schrader U20 | |
| Billy Schroeder U15 | Payne Fakler U15 | |
| Sam Ritchie U15 | George McCoy U15 | |
| Haylie Frick U15 | Chloe Long U15 | |
| Jasmine McKeel U15 | Adrienne Polonio U15 | |
| Connor Pula U12 | Braden Kidd U12 | |
| Conner Johnson U12 | | |

| <u>Arena Lanes</u> | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|--|
| | Derek Poole U20 | |
| | Nick Guziak U20 | |
| | Trey Arnold U20 | |
| | Austin Bull U20 | |
| | Sarah Klawitter U20 | |
| | Haley Douglas U20 | |
| | Emily Schrader U20 | |
| | Payne Fakler U15 | |
| | George McCoy U15 | |
| | Chloe Long U15 | |
| | Adrienne Polonio U15 | |
| | Braden Kidd U12 | |

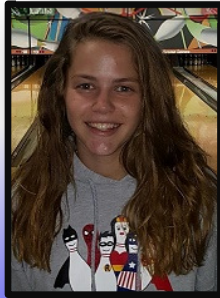
| <u>Springfield</u> | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|--|
| | Alex Burchard U20 | |
| | Ranzy Collins U20 | |
| | Erin Cosner U20 | |
| | Jacob Miner U15 | |

| <u>Landmark Lanes</u> | | |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| Richy Zenner U20 | | |

ISST Average Leaders

| <u>Handicap Division</u> | <u>Boys Scratch Division</u> | <u>Girls Scratch Division</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Brock Swisher 202.75 | 1. Nick Kruml 220.00 | 1. Giselle Poss 201.62 |
| 2. Sophia Richardson 176.00 | 2. Zach Woelfel 210.89 | 2. Nicole Powell 195.50 |
| 3. Robert Wayne 173.54 | 3. Joey Kopera 207.67 | 3. Tara Quinlan 192.50 |
| 4. Matthew LaBonte 171.58 | 3. Tony Resnik 207.67 | 4. Sarah Klawitter 192.17 |
| 5. Connor Pula 171.08 | 5. James Rogers 207.17 | 5. Courtney Johnston 189.50 |

Featured Bowlers



Paytynn Kuhns
Montgomery, IL



Matthew LaBonte
Oak Lawn, IL

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Age: 16

School: West Aurora High School

Home Center: Fox Bowl, Wheaton

Division: Girls Scratch, ISST Average of 163

Sanctioned High Game/Series: 280/697

Started bowling at age: 5

When did you start bowling the ISST? 16

What is your favorite thing about the tour? I enjoy meeting all these new people and look forward to meeting more.

What kept you going through the hard times? All of the support I receive from my family, coaches at Fox and my friends.

What advice would you give to someone who's just starting the ISST? It's just like any other tournament. Focus on your game, your spare shooting and do not give up. One game does not knock you out, you can always come back.

Who's your biggest inspiration? Tim Tim aka my dad. He has always been there for me and his bowling accomplishments push me to be the best that I can be.

How many times have you been to Jr. Gold? Once

What is your positive take-away from Jr. Gold? I tried my best and although I did not place as high as I had hoped, it was my first Jr. Gold and I am actually very happy for what I finished. It also gave me more goals to work on.

What is your negative take-away from Jr. Gold? My negative take-away was my spare shootings. Although my spare shooting was not great, I now know that is a major part of my game that I have to work on.

Overall, what has bowling done for you? I have had my ups and downs with bowling, but who hasn't? Bowling has kept me busy and allowed me to meet important people in my life. Bowling gave me something to look forward to when life wasn't really going the best and I was able to escape the world while bowling. It has given me goals to shoot for and a future to look forward too.

Age: 13

School: Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School

Home Center: Arena Lanes, Oak Lawn

Division: Handicap, ISST Average of 171

Sanctioned High Game/Series: 269/680

Started bowling at age: 3

When did you start bowling the ISST? 10

What is your favorite thing about the tour? Difficulty of the patterns, learning how to bowl on them, and the great friends I've made over the years.

What kept you going through the hard times? Knowing that a good game can make up for the bad game.

What advice would you give to someone who's just starting the ISST? Don't get frustrated and make your spares.

Who's your biggest inspiration? My dad, Ray, because he's at all of my events and has my back no matter what.

How many times have you been to Jr. Gold? Twice.

What is your positive take-away from Jr. Gold? Bowling with others from across the country.

What is your negative take-away from Jr. Gold? Not advancing!!

Overall, what has bowling done for you? Bowling has taught me how to be a team player, focus on doing my best and gotten my scholarship fund for college started. Concentration is the key.

Changes at the Jr. Gold Championships

The 2016 Junior Gold Championships will take place July 15-23 in Indianapolis. Please take note of the following changes:

- The extra day of competition allows for additional squads with the TV finals for the event on Saturday, July 23.
- Two practice days (July 16-17) before qualifying
- Four games each day for a total of 16 qualifying games before the first cut.
- Additional squads will be added meaning less bowlers on a pair at one time
- Bowlers are limited to bringing five bowling balls for competition
- The event also has adopted the collegiate dress code, allowing females to wear skirts, skorts and shorts.
- To remain Sport compliant, lane patterns will no longer be released during practice sessions.
- There will be two registration areas for check-in

State Singles & Doubles Tournament

Cherry Bowl in Rockford

April 16 & 17
April 23 & 24
April 30 & May 1

More info to follow

For more information, refer to:

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