

D1A vs. the Rest

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Most athletes in high school have aspirations of playing sports at the collegiate level. The problem that most athletes run into is making a decision on what college they want to attend. Many factors go into making a decision on a college, location teacher to student ratio, athletic program, and campus size. But one major factor that needs to be taken into consideration is what division school they want to go to. Division 1 A is regarded as the high level in college. Not to say that D1AA or DII are inferior as far as academics or other areas. It's just that D1A schools usually have better athletic programs as far as their talent level. Also athletes that attend D1A schools usually get more exposure to professional scouts because they often play on TV. Some athletes don't want to go to a "big" D1A school because they feel they will not get as much playing time as they would like. So they choose to attend "smaller D1AA schools. These athletes will still be looked at by professional scouts, but their exposure level will not be as high as the D1A athletes. Also smaller schools do not always have the quality coaching staff or facilities that the big schools have. But one of the biggest reasons that an athlete should try to go to a D1A school is because the only type of scholarship that they can offer is a "full ride." This means that they cover all of the student-athletes college expenses, such as; tuition, book, and room and board. As far as the D1AA and DII schools they *can* offer full rides but for the most part they only give out partials. Meaning they will pay for some college expenses. In some the cases smaller schools will offer full scholarships if they feel that the athlete they are recruiting is one of the best in the nation and they need to compete against the D1A schools to get them.