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BNG Recruiting Readiness Checklist

A practical checklist for student-athletes and families navigating today's college recruiting landscape.

Academics

- ☐ Confirm your NCAA core-course requirements with your school counselor.
- ☐ Know your current core-course GPA and what it needs to be for your target division.
- ☐ Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center if you haven't already.

Media & Reputation

- ☐ Have current, high-quality game film or highlight footage, updated each season.
- ☐ Review your social media accounts the way a coach or recruiter would see them.
- ☐ Remove or clean up anything that doesn't reflect who you want to be recruited as.

Understanding the Process

- ☐ Know the difference between recruiting interest, a verbal commitment, and a signed financial-aid agreement.
- ☐ Understand what NIL means before you're offered anything, including that some agreements may need to be reported after enrollment.
- ☐ Talk to your counselor before making any reclassification decision. Timing can affect eligibility.

Beyond the Roster Spot

- ☐ Build skills and relationships that hold value even if one opportunity doesn't work out.
- ☐ Treat communication, discipline, and reliability as part of your recruiting profile, not separate from it.

Built Not Given Youth helps young athletes develop the media, communication, and life skills that create opportunity on and off the field.

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