

**CHAPTER 3:**

**Player/College Checklist**

Below is a list of categories and questions that can help the players and parents review and determine what program is best for the future of their son when comparing colleges as they narrow down their selection...

CATEGORY	School 1	School 2
<b>Academic</b>		
Is the school a fully accredited, highly-rated institution?		
Does the school have a good reputation academically?		
Does the school offer my preferred major?		
Would I be able to get my degree in four years?		
Are my grades and test scores good enough to gain admission?		
Does the school fit with my academic ability?		
Does the athletic department provide an academic support program for student athletes?		
Is the coach made aware of the student-athletes' academic standing on a regular basis?		
Does the athletic department pay for any tutoring I may need?		
Does the athletic department have a study hall program for student athletes?		
Does the school have their own academic requirements to play, outside of the NCAA guidelines?		
Can I be a successful student AND athlete in my preferred major? (e.g. Engineering, Medicine, etc.)		
Does the school give student-athletes' first choice for classes?		
Does the coaching staff assist the student-athletes with forming class schedules?		
<b>Lacrosse</b>		
Has the school offered me an official visit?		
Has the school offered me a scholarship?		
Will the school take away my scholarship if I get hurt and cannot play?		
Will the school take away my scholarship if I don't play well?		
How much will it cost me to go to school on top of the scholarship?		
Do I want to play for the current coaching staff?		



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<b>Lacrosse</b>		
Does the current roster leave room for my position?		
Will I get an opportunity to play?		
Does my style of play fit with the schools style of play?		
Am I good enough to play there?		
Does the school have a good reputation in lacrosse?		
Does the team play a tough schedule?		
Is this a winning program?		
How does the team travel by, bus or plane?		
Do players need to fundraise for preseason trips?		
Does the school have a structured strength and conditioning program?		
Does the school have the facilities that will help me get better?		
Does this program insist I apply Early Decision?		
Does this coach cut recruited players?		
Does this coach cut upperclassmen from the team?		
Does this school provide laundry service for practice and/or game gear?		
Does this program allow walk-ons?		
<b>Social</b>		
Would I get along with players currently on the team?		
Are sporting events like football and basketball games a big part of campus life?		
Does everyone stay on campus during the weekends?		
If lacrosse wasn't in the picture, would I want to go to this school?		
Are students bustling about lively and engaged as opposed to walking with heads down and no interaction?		
Are there clubs formed that interest me?		
Do you see students wearing their school's apparel with pride?		
Does the lacrosse team live together?		



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<b>Social</b>		
Are there recreational facilities and programs offered by the school?		
From looking at a current yearbook, does it look like a great place to be?		
Are lacrosse players permitted to take part in travel abroad programs?		
Do my parents feel this is the best school for me?		
Do I feel the size of the school is the best fit for me?		
<b>Geographic</b>		
Is the school situated in a climate I like?		
Am I comfortable with the distance from home this school is located?		
Is this school located in a demographic area desirable to me? (city, suburb, country)		
Is this campus safe? Does this school have a low crime rate?		
Is the crime rate of the municipality good?		
Is there a good relationship between the town people and the school?		
Can I afford to travel home during vacation?		
Will my family and friends have an opportunity to watch me play?		
<b>Career</b>		
Does the athletic department offer assistance in helping me find a job after graduation?		
Does the school have a strong alumni base?		

