

# College Organizations

It's important that you understand the organizations that schools belong to that may recruit you. Here's a brief overview of the various levels of college basketball.

## **NCAA D-1**

The highest level of collegiate basketball. It offers full ride athletic scholarships. Coaches at this level can only observe players at specific times during the year. Only a handful of players in Iowa achieve this level of play. It is a very special player who achieves this standing. It is great to shoot high on your goals to play D-1 basketball. In reality, very, very few girls across the nation actually achieve this level. If you do make this level of play, there are no guarantees that you will play. You will have to compete against the best of the best for playing time.

Division I Schools In Iowa: Iowa, Iowa State, Drake and UNI

## **NCAA D II**

A very tough level of basketball. This division offers athletic scholarships as well.

Division II Schools In Iowa: Upper Iowa University

## **NAIA**

I affectionately call this division the "fun" division. Very few rules on recruiting. No windows of contact. No signing dates. Typically, this division is for private schools, often affiliated with a church background. This division can offer full ride athletic scholarships through letters of intent. They also offer academic scholarships. You can commit to these schools at any time. There are D-1 and D-2 levels which govern the total # of athletic scholarships offered at each level. If you are approached by a coach in person, this coach is likely from the NAIA. Coaches in the NAIA can come and observe you at any time. They can call you at any time.

NAIA Division I Schools in Iowa: Northwestern College, St. Ambrose, Dordt, Waldorf, Briar Cliff, Morningside

NAIA Division II Schools in Iowa Grand View, William Penn, Mt. Mercy and Graceland, Clarke

## **NCAA D III**

A great basketball division that is growing all the time. You'll see many, many former All State and All District players from Iowa in the Iowa Conference. While this level of NCAA does not offer athletic scholarships, the schools at the NCAA D-3 level are usually high academic institutions who do offer academic scholarships.

NCAA Division III Schools in Iowa: Luther, Coe, Loras, Dubuque, Wartburg, Buena Vista, Simpson, U of Dubuque, Iowa Wesleyan, Cornell, Grinnell.

## **NJCAA**

This is the level of basketball played at the community college level...often referred to as JUCO. Players can play for two years at the JUCO level. From there, they can join a four year school and complete their last two years of playing eligibility. As the NCAA, there are three levels of NJCAA- D1, D2 and D3. NJCAA D1 and D2 schools can offer athletic scholarships. In Iowa, there are 16 schools (mostly D1 and D2) that compete athletically at the JUCO level.