

## **Ricky Krautman Kicking College Recruiting Philosophy & College Recruiting Package Details**

Pick a college based on academics and not just for football! This is a very important statement to think about. Too many student-athletes that play HS football think that everything is revolved around and about football, when it's definitely not. Keeping up good grades, while excelling at football is key to getting into a college that you want. What happens if you get seriously injured while playing football in college? Can you still picture yourself at that school if football is not in the playing cards anymore? That is ultimately the big question that every student-athlete must answer to himself or herself before choosing a certain college. Do they really love the school that they are at besides being in the football program? Or is it just about football? If you can go to school for both school and football that is an awesome thing, but just remember you must feel comfortable at that school, in regards to social life, culture, and especially academics. I constantly ask my clients this specific question who are juniors & seniors in HS: If you get a scholarship for football to a school that is far away from home and that you are not very sold on, but get a preferred walk-on spot at a school you really want to be at that is close to home, which school would you pick? The response from 99% of my clients wants to take the preferred walk-on spot, and not the scholarship when it comes to school comfortability, location, and education. Yes, scholarships are always great and saves your family a lot of money, but speaking from experience, you must really love the school you are at, scholarship or not. You

don't want to keep transferring schools because of football because in the end you want to be happy, comfortable at the school you are at, and get that college degree in something you really want to do. Football is definitely not a forever, and no one can ever take your education away from you! You will always have an education.

When my clients finish up their junior year of their HS football season, I meet with them and their parents and go over my recruiting package with them for college. In my recruiting package, I contact college coaches via phone and email them for my clients, send their HS football film highlights and off the ground film out to these colleges, help set up invitational college kicking camps that they will be attending in the late Spring & Summer of their junior year, and go over academic protocol. I have a Professional Videographer that I use for the filming of off the ground kicking that we do in the late winter-early spring of my client's junior year. Please contact me further for pricing and details of the recruiting package.