



SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENT



# CAN PARENTS SCARE OFF COLLEGE AND PRO SCOUTS?

**H**ow many games have you been to over the years where a parent has embarrassed himself, his son and the team?

We have all seen that one parent lose their minds in the stands and start yelling at the coach, umpire or another fan because something didn't go his son's way. What the parent may not understand is that they may be sitting next to a recruiting coordinator from a national powerhouse program.

How tragic would it be to run off a college coach because you can't control your emotions in the stands?

It's already hard enough to get some of the most successful programs in the country to recruit your son. You have to be a great player with high-end talent and you have to be a great student with good enough grades to get into that particular school. Finally, you have to be a person of high character, integrity and ethics.

Even if you're able to check off all those boxes, there are still other factors that come into play that may not get you a scholarship offer. The one critical constant your son needs in the recruiting process is to come from a good family. If you don't think coaches are evaluating the parent just as much as the player, you're crazy.

After sending hundreds of kids to the most successful programs over the last 25 years, we can't tell you how many conversations we've had with coaches and scouts who have shut down recruiting a kid because a parent when ballistic in the stands. How would you feel about yourself if you heard that a coach or a scout shut down the recruitment of your son because of you? Trust us, it happens a lot more than coaches would ever admit.

Successful programs need great players to compete at the highest level, but they also want great families. The last thing they need to worry about is having a parent confront him in the dugout because he didn't agree with a pitching change or pinch hitter. If confrontations happen in a high school or summer league game, how much worse could it get when 10,000 people are in the stands of a Friday night conference game?

In our experience, it's very important for parents to understand that the player needs to fight their own battles if they have a particular issue with a coach. High School coaches can be very influential in the recruiting process and during conversations with college recruiters.

You don't want the high school coach scaring off college recruiters because you're a constant distraction. There

are a lot of great high school coaches out there that are in this for the right reasons. Trust your high school coach and let him go to work for you.

Parents need to stop living through their kids. Whether your son is being recruited by a D1, D2, NAIA or Junior College -- it's paramount to leave a positive impression with any coach who can help your son.

Our advice to all parents is to sit in the stands and keep your mouth shut. Be thankful and gracious enough that a program is showing interest in recruiting your son. Statistics show that only 2-percent of all high school baseball players receive a scholarship to play Division 1 Baseball.

Be smart and represent your son the way you would want him to represent you.

As always, look for Banditos Baseball tryouts for this upcoming Summer happening in May. We will also be hosting advanced high school hitting camps starting in Mid-February.

You can receive all information at [www.banditosbaseballclub.com](http://www.banditosbaseballclub.com). Good luck to all high school teams as you start your chase for a ring. Our predictions will be that Cypress Ranch and Fort Bend Travis will have outstanding seasons and end up reaching the state tourney.

Remember, "If you hit, you don't sit!"

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