

Some Questions to Ask College Recruiters Regarding Athletic Scholarships

During your junior and/or senior year in high school, you may have a chance to speak with college coaches on the phone or in person or you may have the opportunity to visit a college campus. When the coach takes time to talk to you and to introduce the school, program, and playing opportunity, you have the chance to ask questions that will help you make your decision, and, at the same time, help you and the coach decide if the school and playing opportunity is a good match for your interests and for the team needs. If it turns out that there is a good match, your having asked these questions will help the coach feel confident that you are serious about the opportunity.

About the School

1. Is the school public or private? Church affiliated?
2. Where is the school located, a small town, or in an urban area?
3. What is the campus like, academically, socially?
4. How large is the school, what is the undergraduate enrollment?
5. What are the strongest degree programs offered, and which are the best academic departments?
6. Do most students live on campus or in off-campus apartments? What is the student housing like?
7. Do the members of the team room together?
8. What is the academic calendar - quarters, semesters, trimesters?
9. What computing resources and library services are available to students?
10. What academic assistance programs are available to athletes?

About the Sport Program and the Team

1. In what division does the school play? (NCAA I, II, III, NAIA)
2. What conference does the team/school play in?
3. Can you provide a schedule for next fall?
4. What was the team's conference and overall record this year?
5. How many players will there be on the roster next year?
6. How many will travel with the team?
7. What is the off-season training program like? What is the pre-season schedule like?
8. Including meetings, training, travel, and matches, how much time is required per week?
9. What are your goals for the team?
10. How many seniors are graduating? How many scholarship athletes are you recruiting?
11. How much playing time should I expect as a freshman?
12. How many other players are playing that position?

How to Go Forward

1. Where am I on your board at this time?
2. Have you seen me play?
3. Which tournaments/events will you be attending to recruit/evaluate?
4. Have you talked with my high school coaches?
5. Do you have a copy of my playing resume, references, hi-lite video?
6. What's the next step? What else can I do? Do you see me as a serious possibility?