

GENERAL QUESTIONS TO ASK COLLEGE COACHES

- How many hours a day will athletics and other responsibilities keep me from my studies?
- May I choose my major and attend classes required in my major even if practice conflicts?
- What percentage of scholarship athletes graduate in four years? Five years?
- Is free tutoring available? How do I arrange for this service?
- Do I like and admire this coach? What do the players say about him/her? Is he/she returning?
- Can my athletic scores, records and times qualify me for this team?
- Does this college environment (size of town, living arrangements, students) appeal to me?
- Can I afford the personal costs of attending here (travel back and forth, fees, tuition, room and board)? If I'm offered partial or full scholarship, how can it be terminated?
- What is the varsity team composition – year in school, transfers, red shirts?
- What is the attitude on campus toward athletes? How do the teachers and professors feel toward the athletes?
- Will I live in an athlete's residence hall? How many are in a room?
- How many classes will I miss due to athletic commitments, travel, etc.? Can I make up tests before or after absences?
- What accident/health insurance does the school offer athletes? What is the procedure if injured?
- What is the academic expectation to keep the scholarship or eligibility?
- Are my scores and high school records adequate to project success at this college?

DETAILED QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER ABOUT PROSPECTIVE PROGRAMS

The following questions are meant to help you assess those programs in which you are generally interested...

Academics

- Do you have a full-time academic advisor for athletes?
- Is there advance registration for athletes?
- Are there tutors and study-skills help available?
- Is there a supervised study hall? How often and who supervises?
- How many classes do your athletes miss a year?
- What percentage of your players graduate?
- Is summer school funding available?
- What is the faculty-student ratio?
- What is the average class size?
- Am I capable of handling the academic demands?
- Are my high school grades and scores comparable to non-athletes who are accepted at the school?

Program

- What are the strengths of the program?
- What are the weaknesses of your program?
- What type of university support does your program receive?
- Where did your team finish in the conference last year?
- What was the overall record last year?
- What is the strength of your schedule?
- Do you participate in post-season play?
- Where do you travel?
- What method of travel do you use?
- How many ranked teams are in your conference?
- Do your players go home for the holidays?
- Is there a team doctor?
- Will insurance cover me if a family doctor treats me?
- If interested, can I play other sports?
- Is there a freshman or junior varsity program?
- What off-season programs are required?

Research You Should Do

- Do you have the major in which I am interested?
- Do you have a variety of academic choices?
- What are your requirements for graduation?
- How close is the nearest airport?
- How would you describe the location of your campus?
- Is travel by bus or train possible?
- What is the undergraduate enrollment?
- How many students live on campus?
- Do athletes room together?
- How far are the dorms from the practice field?
- Is transportation necessary to get from one part of campus to the other?
- Will your friends and family be able to see you play?

Personnel

- How many full-time coaches are on your staff?
- How many assistant coaches?
- What is the philosophy regarding academics and athletics?
- What is your philosophy regarding style of play?
- What is the team/coaches rapport like?
- What type of rapport do the players have with one another?
- What is the character of the team and coaching staff?
- How many players graduate at my position?
- How many players return at my position?

- Where would I fit into your program freshman, sophomore, junior, senior year?
- Do you anticipate any coaching changes?

Facilities

- What is the capacity of your arena?
- What is the quality/size of your locker room?
- Do you have weight-training facilities for athletes?
- How many trainers handle your sport?
- Are there adequate facilities in case of bad weather?
- What is the quality of the playing area? Turf? Grass? Etc.