

QUESTIONS TO ASK A RECRUITING COACH

The answers to the following questions are important to you the athlete. If you do not feel you can ask them, have your parents do so.

Academics:

1. Is my academic major offered? __ yes __ no Is there a master's program? __ yes __ no
2. How strong is the academic program? Teams G.P.A.
3. What are future employment opportunities?
4. Are there many alternatives for switching majors if you change your mind?
5. How many full-time athletic academic counselors are there?
6. Does the college provide tutors? __ yes Am I required to attend tutorial sessions? __yes __no
7. What percentage of the athletes have graduated from your school during the past five years?
8. Are grades monitored throughout the year? __yes __no, How often?
9. Is there academic recognition for athletes (scholarships, awards, etc.)? __yes __no
10. How do you take care of make-up tests, missed classes and lab sessions on travel days or those that run into practice time?

Medical Services:

1. Where is the training room in relation to the field?
2. How many certified trainers on staff?
3. Do they have an orthopedic doctor available? __yes __no
4. Is there a trainer at each practice? __yes __no
5. Do you travel with a trainer? __yes __no
6. Are dental and optometry services available? __yes __no
7. Do they drug test? __yes __no How Often
8. Where is the nearest major hospital?
9. Is there a student health center on campus? __yes __no
10. Do they pay for contacts or eye glasses if needed? __yes __no
11. Do they provide special physicals for athletes? __yes __no

Financial Considerations:

1. How many full-ride softball scholarships do they have? ____ Walk-On Tryouts
2. Are they prepared to make an offer at this time? __yes __no
3. What happens to your aid if you're injured?
4. What happens to your aid if you're cut from the team?
5. Have athletes lost scholarships before? __yes __no Under what circumstances?
6. Do they offer summer school assistance and what are the qualifications? __yes __no
7. Do they offer fifth year aid, and if so, in what amounts and what are the qualifications?

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Support Services:

1. Do they have: (a) an assigned strength coach; yes no (b) a drug and alcohol counselor; yes no (c) a sports psychologist? yes no
2. Are there career counseling services on campus? yes no

Softball Program:

1. Coaching staff: number of assistants and are they full or part-time ?
2. Describe a player's daily schedule during the season?
3. Schedule: How many top 20 teams do they play? Where do they go on spring break?
What tournaments do they generally go to?
4. How do they travel - plane , bus , van ?
5. What type of accommodations on the road - hotels, restaurants, etc.?
6. What are future travel plans?

Budget:

1. Do they have to do any fund raising? yes no What Type?
2. Is the Athletic Department self-sufficient? yes no

Facilities:

1. Type of playing field - dugouts , scoreboard , PA system , restrooms , batting cages , tarps.
2. Locker room availability and location? yes no
3. Where do they practice in the winter?
4. Do they have a weight room? yes no

Recruiting:

1. Do they recruit nationally? yes no
2. Where are you on their list of prospective athletes?
3. Who else are they considering?
4. Who is graduating this year and the next year? _____ this year _____ next year
5. What is your policy on red shirting?

Conference:

1. What is their route to Nationals? _____ What post season honors/awards are available?
2. What type of media coverage do they get?

Fringes:

1. Are practice clothes provided? yes no Are uniforms laundered, etc.? yes no
2. Are softball shoes provided? yes no Do they provide other items like travel bags, etc.?
3. Describe the typical class size? 10-20, 20-30, 30-40, 40-60

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4. Describe in detail your academic support program!
 - a. Study hall requirements.
 - b. Tutor availability and cost
 - c. Staff, class load, and faculty cooperation.
5. Describe the typical day for your student-athlete.
 - a. Morning:
 - b. Afternoon:
 - c. Evening:
6. What are the residence halls like?
 - a. Would I feel comfortable?
 - b. Community bathrooms, laundry facilities?
 - c. Number of students in a room?__ Coed Dorms
7. What are my opportunities for employment while I'm a student-athlete?

Athletics

1. What positions will I play on your team?_____ Will I Hit?___ Play other positions?
2. Describe the other players competing at the same position?
3. What are the physical requirements each year?
 - a. Weight __gain __lose
 - b. Summer conditioning?
 - c. Philosophies of strength and conditioning?
4. How would you best describe your coaching style?
 - a. Motivational techniques?
 - b. Discipline?
5. When does the Head Coach's contract expire?_____ How long at this school?
6. What was the teams record last year? _____ Overall _____ League
7. What is the coach's overall won - lost record?_____
 - a. Other head coaching positions?
 - b. Assistant coaching positions?
8. Are returning starters guaranteed spots? Are new players given a chance to win a position