



College recruiting questions

Before Researching Colleges, ask yourself some of these important Questions...

1. Where would I best invest my time to be able to compete and have a good quality of life?
Division I, II, III, NAIA, NJCAA
2. How far away from home do I want to go?
3. What majors are at the school in case I change more than once?
4. Research the web sites and note the year of the players in your position, the coaches' comments and background, their conference, standings, facilities, coaching staff, etc..
5. Ask other Wisconsin juniors coaches about the school and if they had any prior knowledge about it

NOTE: Narrow your search. Get focused! Time is valuable. If you're not interested in being 500 miles from home, and don't pursue that.

Questions to ask College Coaches (no particular order)

NOTE: This is where you can really show a coach what your personality is like. Besides an unofficial visit, there are not many instances to speak one on one to the coach, make sure you come out of your shell and be who you really are.

1. What positions are you looking to fill? Who is in that position now and what year are they in? Status of returning players? What other players are you looking at and where am I on your list?
2. Have you been able to see me play recently and if so what do you think?
3. How many fans typically come to a match?
4. What does your travel schedule look like?
5. How much longer do you plan on staying at the school? (Coaches are employed to win. You have to show them you can help them keep their job.)
6. Coaching philosophy? Does their teaching style match your learning style?
7. What does a typical practice look like?
 - a. Try to pay close attention to how a coach answers this question, do they like a lot of skill training or game based learning.
8. Have you had many players transfer out in the past (and why) or do the majority of them stayed for four years? Than
9. If a player wants to leave, have you ever denied anyone requesting a release from your program?
10. What are your expectations of the freshman?
11. What that does a scholarship include? Summer school? 5th year? What happens if I get injured?
12. When are you looking to make a decision about the position in my year? (You are also trying to plan your future, so this should be a question they should be able to give you an answer to)

Academics

1. What is the typical class size?
2. What academic support is there? Are tutors readily available? Do I get priority scheduling?
3. How many hours of study tables are required per week?
4. How is the support from the athletic department towards athletes
5. Do a lot of the athletes go home on the weekends or do they stay on campus?
6. Dorm life? Shared bathrooms? Off campus life? Security? Coed dorms?
7. Is financial aid available for summer school and/or 5th year?
8. What does the computer access look like on campus?
9. What does the meal plan program look like at your university? (most important right??)
10. What is your team's current GPA?
11. What is the graduation rate of the volleyball program?
12. How many areas of study does the institution have to choose from?
13. How many classes are generally missed due to volleyball either practice or competition?
14. Do the volleyball players have the opportunity to get summer school paid for?
15. How closely are the grades and classes monitored, and will there be an athletic adviser that my daughter can talk to if she has questions?

Athletics

1. What does a full scholarship entail?
2. Is my daughter guaranteed a four year scholarship?
3. Is there any kind of fund raising required?
4. What time does the team practice both in the fall and spring?
5. Do they share a practice facility with another team?
6. What is your average attendance?
7. Can freshmen have cars on campus?
8. What is the off-season training schedule like?
9. Do all of the team members travel every road match?
10. Are freshman required to live on campus, and if so for how many years?
11. What is your philosophy on redshirting?

REDSHIRT

- Definition: student athlete who does not participate in competition for an entire academic year
- Practice activities are allowed on a normal everyday basis
- Traveling with the team on road trips is at the discretion of the coach
- Four years of athletic eligibility
- Medical redshirt due to an injury

WALK-ON OPPORTUNITIES

- You pay for all tuition, books, room and board. You are allowed to receive academic scholarships as a walk on.
- You will perform, receive, and be treated the same as a scholarship athlete does.
 - Ask about walk on opportunities.
 - Ask if there will be future opportunities for scholarships

RED-SHIRT/ WALK-ON COMBINATION OPPORTUNITY

- Enter as a walk on your freshman year and also red shirt your freshman year. Allows you time to adjust to the collegiate level of play - and still gives you four years of eligibility.
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