

**STUDENT ATHLETES**  
**Questions to Ask**

**My Athletic Career**

- 1.) What position will I play on your team?
- 2.) Have you personally watched me play? If so, why do you think my skills fit into your program?
- 3.) Describe the current players competing at the same position. What skills do they possess?
- 4.) How many freshmen are being recruited for my position?
- 5.) Where do you see me fitting in the program this year? Years 2, 3 and 4?
- 6.) What chance do I have to win playing time as a freshman?
- 7.) I know you have a list of potential recruits for this position. Where am I on that list?
- 8.) Can I "redshirt" my first year? Under what conditions do you typically redshirt players?
- 9.) What are the physical requirements each year? (training commitments, weight, etc.)
- 10.) Will I receive a written contract or tender?
- 11.) What are your expectations of me as a player? As a person?

**The Coach and Coaching Staff**

- 1.) How would you best describe your coaching style?
- 2.) Where do you place your emphasis (offense, defense) during training and games or matches?
- 3.) When does your head coaching contract end?
- 4.) What is each of the assistant coaches responsible for?
- 5.) How does your team treat walk-ons?
- 6.) What is the typical *year* like for your student athletes? (off-season training program)
- 7.) What is the typical *day* like for your student athletes during the season? During the off-season?
- 8.) How important is this particular sport to your school's athletic director?
- 9.) What is the current status of the college's relationship with the NCAA (or NAIA)?

**Sports and Academics**

- 1.) What percentage of your players on scholarship graduate in four years?
- 2.) What is the team's GPA from last year?
- 3.) Describe the typical class size.
- 4.) What do you do to academically support your players? (Tutors, study hall requirements, staff, class load)
- 5.) Am I allowed time to make up classes and tests missed because of the competition schedule?
- 6.) Are tutors provided for athletes?
- 7.) How do students compensate for time out of the classroom?
- 8.) What are your policies for missed practices or being late due to class commitments?
- 9.) Do you have a solid academic advising center? How many players take advantage of it?
- 10.) How many credits are required for me to be eligible to compete?
- 11.) How many credits are required for me to keep my financial aid?

**The Team**

- 1.) Do the players on the team all live in the same dorm?
- 2.) Will I be required to live on campus all four years?
- 3.) Where state/region do most of your players come from?
- 4.) Are there any unique team-building activities you do in your program?
- 5.) How many games/matches are there in a season?
- 6.) How much travel do you have in a typical year?
- 7.) What tournaments do you play in?
- 8.) What are the most impressive accomplishments of your program in the past five years?
- 9.) What are your team conduct rules? Are they the college's minimums or are they tougher?
- 10.) Am I expected to stay in town during the summer?
- 11.) When does the season begin? End?
- 12.) What are my off-season responsibilities?

**Finances and Scholarships**

- 1.) Specifically, what expenses does the financial aid and/or scholarship package cover? (Tuition, room, board, books, special assessments, supplies)?
- 2.) Is financial aid available for summer school?
- 3.) If I'm injured, what happens to my financial aid?
- 4.) What are my opportunities for employment while I'm a student?
- 5.) What conditions are used to determine annual renewal of scholarship?
- 6.) What medical expenses does the college cover? Do I need other insurance?

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