



College recruiting questions

When beginning the process of evaluating schools ask yourself some of these important questions:

1. What is the difference between Division I, II, III, NAIA, NJCAA? Do any aspects of these sound more appealing than others?
2. How far away from home do I want to go?
3. What majors are at these schools?
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 Andy or other coaches about the school and if they have any prior knowledge about it.

NOTE: Narrow your search. Get focused! Time is valuable.

Questions to ask college coaches (no particular order):

NOTE: You by no means need to have this list out at all times reading off of it to the coaches. These are simply valuable questions that you can inquire about.

1. How many other players at my position are you looking at? Where am I on your list?
2. Have you been able to see me play recently? If so, what did you think?
3. How many fans typically come to a match?
4. What does a typical travel itinerary 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. What is your coaching philosophy? (Does their teaching style match your learning style?)
7. What does a typical practice look like? (Try to watch one if you can)
 - 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? If players have wanted to leave, have you ever denied a release, and why?
9. What are the dorms like? How long are students required to live on campus? Are there a lot of off campus options available?
10. What are your expectations of incoming freshman?
11. What is the meal program like? Is there "training table"?
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 answer). What does a full scholarship entail? Is it guaranteed for all four years?

13. What time is team practice both in the fall and spring? What is the off-season training schedule like?
14. Is the practice facility shared with another sport/team?
15. Do all of the team members travel every road match? If not, how is it decided who will not travel? (Division I allows 16 to travel)
16. What is your philosophy on redshirting?

Academics

1. What is the typical class size?
2. How many hours of study tables are required per week?
3. How is the support from the athletic department towards athletes?
4. Do a lot of the athletes go home on the weekends or do they stay on campus?
5. What is your team's current GPA?
6. Would my scholarship include a 5th year and/or summer school?
7. What is the graduation rate of the volleyball program?
8. How many areas of study does the institution have to choose from?
9. How many classes are generally missed due to volleyball either practice or competition?
10. What academic support is there? How closely are the grades and classes monitored, and will there be an athletic adviser available if I have questions?