

Questions for Prospective College Student Athletes

The National Collegiate Athletic Association has compiled a list of 20 questions prospective college student athletes should ask themselves as they are being recruited. The questions are designed to help the student athlete appraise his or her offers and choose a college where they can succeed, both academically and athletically.

- Is it a fully accredited, highly- rated institution?
- Does it offer my preferred major?
- Will my high school grades be good enough to admit me?
- What does my guidance counselor think about the college with respect to my academic ability and the major I plan to pursue?
- How many hours a day with athletics and the other responsibilities involved in maintaining my scholarship take me away from my studies?
- Will the athletic department pay for and tutoring I may require?
- Are they offering a four- year scholarship, or can they terminate it anytime they choose?
- How much will it cost me to go to school on top of the scholarship?
- Must I work for my room and board, and what are the hours of the job?
- Can I afford to travel home during vacation periods, and can my parents afford to travel to the college to see my play as often as they wish?
- Would I like to play for the head coach who has recruited me?
- What do the present and former athletes have to say about the athletic department and institution in general?
- Does my high school coach feel that I can play at this level?
- Do I have the same abilities as the player now occupying the position I desire to play?
- Do my particular skills fit their style of play?
- A college athlete is usually a person who participated in a highly competitive high school league, has unusual physical abilities, and a burning desire to excel. Do I have at least two of these attributes?
- Is their present varsity composed of boys and girls who played freshman ball, or is it composed of junior college transfers and red shirts?
- Is this team well publicized in the area in which I plan to make my living?
- Does the college environment appear to be one in which I'd care to spend four years (meals, dorms, fellow students, etc.)?