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Questions on Athletics and Academics

Athletics

Describe the preferred, invited and uninvited walk-on process. How many make it, compete and earn scholarships?

You will learn how the coach handles his/her walk-ons. Each coach and institution treats walk-ons differently. Also, the scholarship programs will vary to some degree.

What role will I play on your team?

Many coaches will already have an idea of how they would like to utilize certain recruits. You will be able to find out where the coach sees you fitting in on his/her team and why.

Academics

How strong is my degree program?

There are some institutions that have stronger programs than others. There are also those institutions that specialize in specific degree programs.

Does this major mix well with athletics?

Some majors are more time consuming than others and may require labs or mandatory work outside of class hours. You need to know the demands that will be placed on you within your major, to learn whether you are spreading yourself too thin through your participation in athletics.

What is your view on academics?

Many coaches have different thoughts regarding athletics. It is important to know that the coach's philosophy on academics will compliment yours.

What percentage of athletes graduate in four years?

This will tell you about a coach's commitment to academics. Also, the team's grade point average is a good indicator of academic commitment.

College Life

What is a typical day for a student-athlete?

You will learn a typical schedule that will include courses, practices, meal times, study times, etc. This will give you insight as to how to manage your time.

Describe in detail your academic support program. For example: Study hall requirements, tutor availability, staff, class load, and faculty cooperation?

You will be informed of any study hall hours that may be required of you during your tenure. Also, this is a good time to ask about the availability of tutors.

What is the average class size?

You will learn what type of attention you will be receiving as a student. Some larger institutions have large classes that tend to be taught by teaching assistants.

How would you describe the residence halls/campus housing, and will I be required to live in campus housing as a student-athlete?

Sometimes student-athlete housing is provided and included in the scholarship you are allotted. It is important to know this before enrolling with the institution. Also, coaches and other institutional faculty have a better idea of what the residence halls are like and where they are located on campus.

Financial Aid

What is the length of my scholarship and what type of scholarship is it?

Most institutional scholarships are for only one year. Also, there are some scholarships that cover just tuition (or housing, or books) and others that cover housing, books, tuition, or full-ride scholarships.

Is there financial aid available for summer school?

Some athletes prefer to simply take the necessary course hours to be eligible to play during the season. This could leave you with several credit hours that you may wish to pick up during the summer. However, you may need financial assistance in the summer, so ask whether or not your financial aid packages cover summer expenses.

Describe the different financial aid packages.

It is important to know what your athletic scholarship entails. Also, it is important to know if you can supplement your athletic scholarship with other financial aid packages the institutions offers.

If I get seriously injured and I am unable to participate, what will happen to my scholarship?

Institutions are not obligated to offer scholarships or financial aid past the term of the agreement. It is important to know what the institution's commitment to injured athletes is.

May I be employed while receiving a scholarship?

Find out if you can be employed while in season, or out of season. Also, find out if you can be employed during vacations without violating your scholarship.

If you are unable to offer me an athletic scholarship, what other sources of financial aid are available?

Does the athletic scholarship include medical coverage? In season? Off season?

What criteria must I meet to have my scholarship renewed?

If I don't get a scholarship my freshman year, what are the chances of earning one in my sophomore year?

Additional questions you may want to ask:

I. Coach

1. How much time each week is spent in practice?
2. What is the team travel schedule?
3. What is the postseason schedule like?
4. How much playing time will I get?
5. How many seniors are graduating?
6. How many players are you recruiting at my position?
7. What does the depth chart look like at my position?
8. What is the off-season schedule like?
9. Can I be a dual sport athlete?
10. What is the average GPA on the team?
11. What percentage of the athletes graduate?
12. What type of academic assistance is provided to the athletes? Is it available for both scholarship and non-scholarship athletes?
13. Are athletes required to live on campus? Are athletes housed together or with other students?

14. Do athletes eat in separate dining facilities or with the other students?
15. Is there a possibility that this sport may be dropped from the athletic department?
16. Has your program or institution ever been placed on probation for rules infractions?
17. Have you ever been involved in rules infractions?
18. Is your program currently being investigated?

II. Admissions Officers

1. In actual numbers, how many students are in the average freshman class?
2. Are tutors available to undergraduates?
3. Does the faculty hold office hours?
4. How strong is the department in my major?
5. Are the majority of the freshman classes taught by full professors or by graduate students?
6. What types of computer services are available to the students?
7. Do you offer career-counseling services?
8. Are career placement services available?
9. Are there internship programs available in the off-season?

III. Student Athletes

1. Do faculty members understand when athletes have to miss classes due to their athletic schedules?
2. What kinds of accommodations are provided for athletes when traveling?
3. How does the general student body respond to the student-athlete?
4. Are you able to keep up the academic work during the season?
5. Do you have an academic adviser? Have they helped you to develop an educational plan?
6. Do many members of the team attend summer school?

7. How would you describe the coach? Knowledgeable? Understanding? Approachable?
8. How well do the teammates get along?
9. Has the college lived up to your expectations?
10. If you had to do it all over again would you be enrolled at this institution?
11. Have you been surprised or disappointed by the program, coach, or university?

Don't forget to ask players that don't see playing time what they think of the program.

Sample – Academic Resume

John Doe
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Mater Dei High School, Santa Ana, CA

Expected Graduation: 5/2014

Academic Counselor, Mr. Anjel Gutierrez
agutierrez@materdei.org; (714) 850-9566

Cumulative GPA: 3.0

SAT I: 1800

Critical Reading: 600

Math: 600

Writing: 600

SAT II Subject Tests:

US History: 700

Literature: 650

ACT: 25

English: 25

Math: 25

Reading: 25

Science: 25

Writing: 12

AP Exams:

European History: 3

US History: 4

Academic Honors and Awards

National Honor Society (10-12)

California Scholarship Federation (9-12)

Sports and Extracurricular Activities

Boys Soccer Team

Junior Varsity (9-10); Best Defensive Player (10)

Varsity (11, 12); Team Captain (12); First Team All League (11)

Campus Ministry Commissioner

Boys State (11)

Summer Discovery Program at Georgetown (11)

Volunteer

Special Olympics (9-11); Clown (12)

YMCA Roller Hockey Coach (10-11)

Intern – Anaheim Bullfrogs (Roller Hockey International) (10)

Work Experience

Anaheim Hills Golf Course (10-12)

Sample – Athletic Resume

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Include Photo

Athletic

Sport:

Soccer

Position:

Midfield

Mater Dei High School Jersey (color):

#15 (Red/White)

Beach Soccer Club Jersey:

#6 (Blue/Orange)

40-yard time:

4.5

Personal Data

Date of Birth:

February 2, 1986

Height:

6'

Weight:

165 lbs.

Season Statistics

2012-2013 (Junior Year): XXX, XXX

Athletic Awards/Honors

Varsity, Team Captain, Mater Dei High School (2013/2014)

First Team All Serra League (2012-2013)

Upcoming Season Schedule

Week 1 (9/5/13): MD vs Upland (at home)

Week 2 (9/15/13): MD vs St. Paul (away)

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References

Mr. Bruce Rollinson
Varsity Football Coach
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Mr. Mike Jackson
Beach Soccer Club Coach
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*** remember to keep it simple! 1-2 pages. No fancy fonts. Use relevant information and it would be beneficial to include a link for a highlight video is possible.**

Sample – Letter of Interest

Dear **(Coach's Name)**:

My name is **(Your name)** and I am a **(Sophomore/Junior)** at Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana, California. I am writing to you because of my interest in playing **(sport)** at **(college name)**. I play on my high school team and I consider myself **(add something about your athletic ability)**.

Just to tell you a little bit about myself. I am **(a/an - position)** on my school and **(Now talk about your high school and club athletic experience, number of years, any awards or honors, your work ethic, what you contribute most to the current team)**.

Academically, I currently have a 3.0 GPA **(Provide cumulative GPA)** and scored an 1800 out of 2400 on my SATs. I plan on retaking the SAT on **(date)**. My goal is to shoot for a **(score)**. **(Put in some extracurricular activities if applicable)**. **(Your academic strengths)**. **(Say something about the college/University's academic record and your interest there or in a particular program – architecture, business, etc.)**

(Include some upcoming games, tournaments and goals in this paragraph). I hope that you are able to see me play. Below I have included a link to my recruiting page for you to view as it includes highlight videos and my athletic and academic information.

I would love to meet you and talk about the possibility of being a part of your team in **(Grad year)**. If there is anything I can do to help you decide whether I might be a good fit for your program please don't hesitate to ask. I will follow up with you soon by phone and if you have any further questions I look forward to answering them for you.

Thank you very much for your time and I look forward to hearing back and contacting you via phone very soon.

Sincerely,

Johnny Athlete

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Recruiting link: www.youtube.com/johnnyathlete