

“Put Me In, Coach” Talking Points

Top Ten Tips for a Successful Campus Visit

1. Make your visit before your senior year sport season, when you are more likely to have the time, and the college team’s season hasn’t started yet.
2. Inquire if one of the team members can take you on an informal walk-around. (The best would be if the coach does it!)
3. Don’t feel you have to prove yourself if you get to scrimmage with the current team members. If you’re good, it’ll show.
4. Bring a list of questions to ask the coaching staff and don’t be shy about referring to your list.
5. Ask current team members what a typical day is like and what they like best and least about the sports program.
6. Most important, ask when you can expect to play and when a coach wavers on an answer, ask how often they have played freshmen in the past.
7. Stay away from awkward and potentially embarrassing situations when socializing with team members.
8. If possible, observe a practice or game; try to observe the coach in action.
9. Attend a class or two in your academic area of interest.
10. Don’t make a final decision without a campus visit!