



## Questions to ask a College Coach

If you are calling to follow up on your cover letter and profile, introduce yourself clearly and state where you are from. Tell the coach why that particular college is of interest to you and that will start you on the way to engaging them in a conversation where you can show your personality and your interest in the school and the soccer program.

Here are some questions that you can use:

1. What system do you normally play?
2. How many players do you carry on your roster typically?
3. What about the status of your returning group of players?
4. Can you describe what the schedule would look like for fall, winter and spring? I train year round with my club team and am looking forward to continuing that at college.
5. Do you have a pre-season and off-season fitness schedule that I could see? What does the conditioning program look like?
6. What is the coach philosophy regarding freshmen and playing time?
  - Be confident about the impact that you will have on a program. A coach doesn't want to hear that you will be happy with limited playing time as a freshman.
7. What are the long term plans of the program – what are the goals for the next 3-5 years for the program?
8. Ask about other coaching staff – is there a GK coach, what medical staff will the team have access to?
9. What is the availability of scholarship help – or ask about financial aid or any other help that the school can provide financially if needed or requested?
10. If a coach has seen you play, you can ask for direct feedback to see if they will support your application, given your academics are up to par.