

Tips when Talking with College Coaches

Below are suggested tips to help you when interacting with college coaches. Pick and choose which ones (or all) will work best for you.

- Make eye contact with the coach.
- Speak clearly and with confidence.
- Be humble. Ask the coaches questions and then really listen to what they have to say.

Types of questions you might want to ask:

- How long has your program been around?
- How many years have you coached the team?
- How many years have you coached at the collegiate level?
- How would you describe your coaching style?
- Do you have both a boys and girls team?
- Is your program a Club or Varsity sport at your college?
- How does the college support the bowling program?
- How many times per week does the team typically practice?
- How long is the typical practice?
- What are college tournaments like?
- Where does the team practice? On or Off campus?
- How long is the College Bowling Season?
- Does your team have any agreements with manufacturers?
- How far do you travel to compete?
- Has your program advanced to Sectionals or Nationals in recent years?
- Does your program offer talent scholarships?
- How many JV teams do you have?
- What is the criteria to make the Varsity team?
- Do you have a physical training program established for the bowlers?
- How many assistant coaches are there for the team?
- How large is the school?
- What are some popular things students do in the area?
- What kind of fun activities do you do as a team?

Good Things to do:

- Have an updated printed resume ready to hand out. (free template can be downloaded at www.RecruitUS.net)
- Take their product information, even if you don't think you will attend their school. There may be information in their packets that may help gain insight you didn't think about before. Keeping an open mind in your search will be a huge benefit to you.
- Thank the coach for his or her time
- Smile (even with a mask, it makes a difference)
- Stay focused on the coach when engaging with the coach, don't let your self be distracted. Wondering eyes or no eye contact comes across as not being interested and can hurt your opportunities.
- Be prepared to talk about yourself. Best place to start is to know your resume. Don't be afraid to talk about your accomplishments. Tell them what you like about bowling.
- Also let the coaches know if other activities you enjoy, i.e. fishing, jogging, hiking, etc. this helps the coaches to connect with you.
- Learn what you can about the colleges before the event, you may want to ask questions about what you have learned.
- Check out our College Interviews we have on our RecruitUS Facebook page
- Be presentable. Clean clothes, clean teeth, hair combed, You Only Get One Chance to Make a First Impression.

Last, but not least, HAVE FUN!!



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