College Recruiting Visit Checklist

What to prepare, pack and ask on an unofficial or official visit, with space for after-visit notes.

Before the visit

- [ ] Confirm the date, time, meeting place and who you will meet
- [ ] Read the roster: who plays your position, and in which class
- [ ] Look up the schedule, the conference and recent results
- [ ] Check that your intended major is offered and fits a practice schedule
- [ ] Write three questions each for coaches, players and academic staff
- [ ] Plan to send a thank-you note within 48 hours

Pack

- [ ] Photo ID and phone charger
- [ ] This checklist and a pen
- [ ] Two copies of your athletic resume and an unofficial transcript
- [ ] Your upcoming tournament schedule
- [ ] Comfortable shoes for a campus walk, and layers for the weather
- [ ] Softball gear only if the coach has said there will be a workout

Ask the players

1. What does a normal school day look like in season?
2. How do the coaches handle mistakes and slumps?
3. What surprised you about the program after you arrived?
4. Would you choose this school again?

Ask academic staff

1. How do athletes keep up with classes during road trips?
2. What tutoring and academic support do athletes get?
3. Can I complete my major on time while playing?

Watch for

- [ ] How players talk to each other and to the coaches
- [ ] Whether the coaches stay consistent with what they said on the phone
- [ ] Facilities you would use every day, not only the stadium
- [ ] Where athletes live and eat

After the visit: first impressions, who we met, what was promised, next step

Keep your visit notes with each school

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