

Conversation Starters for College Coaches

College Data

How big is your campus? Both number of students and actual size? Ratio Male:Female?

What are the top majors that your school is known for? Do you have [insert major here]?

How many students are from out of state/in-state? How many international students are on your program?

Academic Experience

What is the average class size for intro classes? Major classes? What's the graduation rate for the team?

How many academic advisors does the athletic department have? What are the study hall requirements? How much supervision can I expect freshman year? Is there support available after freshman year?

What are the majors of swimmers on the team? How do you work around mandatory classes during practice times?

Social Experience

What kind of athletic environment is there on campus? Lots of games/activities and do students attend?

Are there cool social experiences on campus like concerts, guest speakers, presidential debates?

Are swimmers involved in Greek Life or other social groups besides the swim team?

Training Experience

How big is the team? How many swimmers travel to dual meets/conferences? How do you determine relays?

How do you divide training? Are coaches responsible for individual groups or is it a shared staff?

Where do you see me?

What type of dryland/weights do your swimmers work with? Anything "out-of-the-box"?

What would a normal week look like for me as an athlete? When do most athletes schedule classes?

Coach Relationship

What is your greatest strength as a coach? Can you tell me about one of your favorite coaching moments?

What is your coaching philosophy when it comes to team dynamics? How is your team different?

How are training groups determined & coaching responsibilities assigned?

Process Questions

What is your timeline for finalizing your recruiting class? How are you managing roster numbers?

Do you anticipate recruiting athletes from the transfer portal? How many athletes entered the portal from your program?

How many athletes are in each of your classes? How many athletes do you anticipate recruiting in my class?

Is your program fully funded? Do you help connect athletes with additional financial opportunities?