

HOW TO PREPARE FOR COACH CONVERSATIONS



If you know you're going to meet a coach at a camp or after a round this summer, you should probably think about what you're going to say.

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Welcome to your first job interview!

Get ready to answer some questions:

I was on a Zoom call with a brand new student last week. I kicked off the call by asking him to tell me about himself. He told me that he was pretty boring and didn't do much but golf. He said he didn't like school that much either.

Let's just say that I was not very inspired by his answer, BUT I told him not to worry because we would practice before he has to answer that question from a college coach.

Have you actually thought about your first conversation with a college coach?

For both 2023s and 2024s, your messaging to college coaches matters! How you present yourself may be the difference between them saying "yes, come play for me, here's a scholarship" or "no thanks".

Here are a few common questions that coaches will ask you:

- Tell me about yourself.
- Why are you interested in playing golf at (insert school)?
- What are your goals for college golf?
- What are you looking for in a university?
- Where are you in the recruiting process?

Do you have questions for coaches?

I was a college coach for 11 years. I spoke with hundreds, probably more like thousands, of recruits on the phone and in person. I was always evaluating which players would be good fits for my teams. Whenever prospects told me that they had no questions, it felt like a missed opportunity and usually got a NEXT from me. Use your brain and consider what you would like to know!

- What are your goals for the program?
- How do you run tournament qualifying?
- How many players are you bringing in for my class?
- What does your ideal recruit look like for my class?
- Do you have a list of tournaments that you will travel to for recruiting this summer?

Do your research prior to your conversation with Coach

Follow them on social media. Instagram and Twitter are great ways for you to see how the team gets along, where they get to practice and travel, and see what a day in the life is like if you were to be a student-athlete at that university. Coaches can also gain some insight



into your life as well. SO, clean up your social media accounts. If there is ANYTHING that would be embarrassing for them to see on there, TAKE IT DOWN. If you don't want your mom or grandma to see it, remove it from cyberspace. Take a look at the team's website, roster page, and schedule. That will give you a frame of reference for where they are in their season, who is on their team, and where they typically travel.

