

# Calling Coaches

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## How Do I Know It's Time to Call??

The best time to start calling coaches is when you have narrowed down your search and are really interested in the school both academically and athletically. I personally started calling around sophomore year... Typically the best time to start attempting a call with a coach should be before a camp, recruiting tournament, or possibly a campus tour on your own time.



## Emailing a Time and Day

Make sure you email the coach what day and time you are planning to call their office phone. Things to remember before sending the email:

- Specify which time zone you are calling from
  - Example: If I was calling UMass on the east coast i would say in my email, I will be calling 9:00am East Coast time.
    - (which would be 6:00am AZ time).
  - They might not see the email before you call but if they do they will be able to make time for your call.

## Research Extra

Best way to prepare for a call is to write down some extra stats on the softball program.

- What was their record last year?
- What conference are they in?
- Do they have players from the west coast?
- What academic program are you interested in at their school?
- Look to see if any camps are coming up

## What am I supposed to say??

Yes, it may seem nerve wracking as you call but trust me the coach knows what you are doing and will most likely steer the conversation so you will not have much awkward silence. I was the type of person who wrote what I was going to say down on a paper before calling in case I forgot or messed up. Yes, I still have the notebook to this day.

I typically started an introduction of myself when they would answer the phone:

- My name
- What highschool and year i graduated
- Club team you play on
- Express interest in playing for school

If they didn't answer I would leave a Voicemail with the same type of introduction

- At the end i would say sorry i missed you but will continue to send updates of video along with new schedules.
  
- Please check with parents or Me to make sure all sounds good.

When I called coaches these are some of the questions i would ask them:

- What are you looking for in a middle infielder?
- Are you still looking for a 2017 Middle Infield? (asking if they were looking for my position and graduate year)
- Ask about upcoming camps if listed/ if there aren't any listed ask when one would be
- You can ask if their is any conflict between a certain major and softball schedule
- What do they look for in a player?
- What's the best way to update you on my progress?

\* You do NOT have to use these questions, these are just some i had asked when calling \*

## What is the coach going to ask me??

Typically the coach will ask just some questions to get to know you so that way they can have a personal connection:

- Why are you interested in this school?
- If you are calling a farther school, do you easily get homesick?
- What's your GPA? Test Scores?
- What do you like to do outside of softball?
- What major are you interested in?

\* Again, these are just some possible questions that might be asked \*

## What if I can't get a hold of them?? Even after 3 attempts??

Don't Worry! This is a long dedicating process. In fact, you may never get a hold of some coaches or some may take longer than others. The goal is to try and reach out and make a personal connection so you can stand out when they are able to watch you play.

If you need practice or don't want to call THE school you have your eyes on you can always call a local AZ collegiate team like Phoenix College, Ottawa University, etc just to get an idea and it never hurts to get your name out. Besides, you might end up liking the conversation!

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me on groupme! I am always here to help.

Other Useful Links I **HIGHLY** recommend reading:

<https://dt5602vnjxv0c.cloudfront.net/portals/1559/docs/wisdom/calling%20college%20coaches%20-%20may%202020.pdf>