

Role Play Conversation: Player to Coach

Use this conversation outline to practice with a friend, coach, or family member to get used to talking to someone you don't know over the phone.

Remember To:

- Enunciate your words
- Use courteous language
- Smile through the phone
- When asking coaches to watch you play, call two weeks in advance so they can get you in their schedule.

Player: Hi Coach *insert name*. My name is _____, my position is _____, and my year is _____. I'm calling because I am interested in your school and would like to give you my schedule for the _____ tournament which is in two weeks.

Coach: Hi _____ what club do you play for?

Player: I play for _____ and am coached by _____

Coach: And why are you interested in my team/school?

Player: I want to play on a competitive team that will help me grow as a person and a player. (or insert more specific reasons why you like the school or team such as a major, admiration for coach, etc.) Your school offers the chance for me to do both of these. I also love the location, and want to study _____ which I know your school as a great program in.

Coach: Well, you have certainly done your research. When are your games?

Player: My games are _____. I can also send you my schedule through email so you have it in writing

Coach: That would be great thank you.

Player: I hope to see you at the tournament, thank you for your time Coach _____

Coach: Nice to meet you _____ and your very welcome.

This is clearly a VERY basic conversation outline. When role playing and practicing, have whoever you are talking to mix it up. What if the coach says he isn't looking for players in your year? Or what if he says he isn't looking for players in your position? How will respond to that and change his mind? Can you steer the conversation to talk more about yourself, like how you may have a fantastic GPA? These are all things to consider when calling a coach and why it is important to practice before doing the real thing