



What Coaches Look for in Prospective Student-Athletes

Coaches look for many things in a prospective student-athlete: size, speed, grades, coach ability, work ethic, etc. Just as important – especially if two players' abilities grade out equally on the field – is a player's make-up, or character.

Coaches look at many factors to determine a player's makeup:

1. Does he/she take care of his schoolwork?
2. Does he/she show respect toward authority figures and teammates?
3. Does he/she perform well under pressure?
4. How does he/she handle adversity?
5. Does he/she maintain himself in an orderly fashion?
6. Is he/she able to speak for himself/herself to the coaching staff/authority figures?
7. Does he/she hustle and show a love and respect for the game?
8. Does he/she work hard to earn things or does he/she expect them to be handed to him?
9. Is he/she coach able and open to other ideas?
10. Does he/she carry himself/herself with confidence?
11. Does he/she follow up on promises or statements?
12. Does he/she take responsibility for his actions?

Determining a player's make-up can be difficult. Playing hard on the field at all times shows a coach a great deal, but how you act on the phone and in-person will also help determine what a coach thinks of you. If there is a marginal difference between you and another player competing for a scholarship, the one who best answers the above questions in the coach's eye will gain the edge.