

QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE MOVING TO A NEW TRAVEL TEAM

Are you ever confused as to how to judge a team? Are there secrets to a successful program? Whether or not you have a goal of playing in college, you should be prepared to ask some good questions.

Here are some suggested things to ask of yourself, whether you are a parent or player, the coach, families who have been in that program before, and anyone else with experience around the situation.

- 1 Where do kids from this travel team go to college after they graduate from high school? **Do they play softball in college?**
- 2 **Do they get to go to one of their top choice colleges?**
- 3 **Do players come back to this program year after year?**
- 4 **How many athletes will this team carry on the roster?** What is the philosophy behind that number?
- 5 **Do players quit or do new players join mid-year?** Why?
- 6 Does the team have a parent coaching? **Does the coach have strong experience coaching softball?** Does he/she have any formal coaching education?
- 7 **Are you or other players being offered promises of scholarships?**
- 8 **How much travel is expected?** Will you have to miss a lot of school?
- 9 **How extensive are the sacrifices you'll have to make in terms of other missed activities?**
- 10 **What will the financial commitment be?** Are there hidden costs?