

Sample Letter for Coaches

Letters to coaches will vary according to the sport. Think about your accomplishments as well as the team's accomplishments and introduce yourself in the most positive manner without embellishing your abilities. Use the following as an example only.

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Dear Coach Paradis:

I am writing to express my interest in playing field hockey for Amherst College beginning in 2009. I will be a senior at St. Andrew's School in Delaware this fall where I have been on the Varsity team for the past three years. I enjoyed success this hockey season both individually and with my team and am confident that I can contribute at the Division III level.

Our field hockey team made it to the semi-finals in the Delaware State Tournament. While we lost in overtime, we were very pleased to have competed against the best public schools in the state considering the fact that we are a small private school comprised of only 280 students. I have led the team in assists and was voted athlete of the week my senior year by the *Wilmington News Journal*. I have participated in the Futures Program since being selected my sophomore year and have gained a lot from the instruction both at St. Andrew's and at the University of Delaware. I have also participated in various camps including Advanced Play at Maryland-elite division '06 and at Princeton's Winning Edge '07. If there are camps that you recommend for this summer, where you will have the opportunity to see me play, I would appreciate the advice. I enclose my athletic resume which further outlines my experiences and includes my coach's name. I will have a video edited and ready to send out by mid-September.

I would appreciate it if you would send me the standard information on Amherst's program that you send to prospective athletes. I look forward to learning more about your team and to speaking with you in the near future. I intend to visit Amherst during the month of August and hope that we can connect at that time.

Sincerely,

Mary Lyons