

ENROLLED STUDENT ATHLETES

During enrollment, only benefits expressly authorized by NCAA legislation are permitted. Restricted areas include items listed below.

Special Benefits — The student-athlete shall not receive any extra benefit. The term “extra benefit” refers to any special arrangement to provide the student-athlete or his or her relatives or friends with a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation.

Special Arrangements — A student-athlete may not receive a special discount, payment arrangement or credit on a purchase (e.g., airline ticket, clothing) or a service (e.g., laundry, dry cleaning).

Speaking Engagements — Student-athletes may receive only necessary travel expenses associated with a speaking engagement, not an honorarium. All speaking engagements must be approved by the Director of Athletics.

Employment — A booster can provide employment with compensation only for work performed and at the going rate for services of like character.

Services — An athletics representative may not provide a student-athlete with professional services (for which a fee normally would be charged) without charge or at a reduced cost.

Telephone and Credit Cards — It is not permissible to allow a student-athlete to use a telephone for personal reasons without charge, or use a booster’s credit card for purchases.

Entertainment — A student-athlete may not receive services (e.g., use of a car, dinners, movie tickets) from commercial agencies (e.g., car dealers, movie theaters, restaurants) or boosters without charge or at reduced rates.



It is also important to note that:

- Boosters may invite an enrolled student-athlete, or the entire team, to their home for an occasional meal. The term “occasional” is defined as once per semester.
- Boosters with an employment opportunity for a student-athlete should contact the Athletics department at (434) 582-2100.
- Boosters who know of a prospect should forward information to the appropriate coaching staff member.

An NCAA violation could result in the following consequences:

- A currently enrolled student-athlete being declared ineligible for competition.
- A prospect’s eligibility being jeopardized.
- Damage to the Christian reputation and to the integrity of Liberty Athletics.
- NCAA sanctions being placed on the university and the Athletics program.

We appreciate your contributions and support in continuing the excellence of Liberty University Athletics.

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GUIDE TO NCAA RULES:



NCAA RULES AND REGULATIONS
EVERY ALUMNUS OR FRIEND
OF LIBERTY SHOULD KNOW

This brochure is not a complete and final listing of all NCAA compliance rules and regulations, and should only be used as a quick reference for athletics representatives. Liberty University Athletics appreciates your assistance as we strive to comply with rules and regulations promulgated by the NCAA, with the utmost integrity.

FROM THE ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

Dear Flames Club Members,

It is great to have you as part of our team! Your contributions to the Liberty University Athletics department allow our student-athletes the opportunity to consistently reach for a higher goal. Your donation plays an important role in allowing each student-athlete to train harder, compete better and ultimately lift up the banner of the Liberty Flames and Liberty University.

With the continued growth and success of the Flames Club, it is more important now than ever that each of you understand how you can help our student-athletes. To be a successful athletics department, we need all of our athletes, coaches, staff and boosters to comply with NCAA rules and regulations. Breaking rules could damage the reputation of Liberty Athletics and the eligibility of Liberty student-athletes.

I ask that you take a few minutes to read these guidelines. Your knowledge of and adherence to these NCAA rules and regulations will help Liberty to continue in the right direction, and will allow you to get the greatest benefit out of your Flames support.

If you have any question that is not answered here, please feel free to contact our compliance office. We are here to help. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you at our games.



Sincerely,
Jeff Barber
Director of Athletics

NCAA rules indicate that a representative of the institution's athletic interests or a "booster" is any individual that has ever:

- Made any type of contribution to the athletics department or to its booster club.
- Joined the institution's booster club (e.g. The Flames Club) or any sport-specific support group.
- Provided or helped arrange employment for a student-athlete.
- Provided benefits to enrolled student-athletes or their families.
- Assisted in any manner in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes.
- Otherwise promoted the institution's athletics program.

It is also important to note that once an individual becomes a booster, he or she remains as such for life. According to NCAA rules, the institution is responsible for all actions of its boosters.



RECRUITING

NCAA legislation does not allow for a booster to play any role in the recruiting process. Listed below are restricted practices that apply not only to the prospects but also to their parents or legal guardians.

Contacts — Boosters may not make recruiting contacts in person with prospects at any site.

Communication — Boosters are prohibited from communicating to prospects for recruiting purposes via telephone calls, letters, email, instant messaging, pagers, faxes or other means of communication.

Gifts — The provision of any financial aid or other benefits (e.g., clothing, special discounts, tickets to events, loans of money or other items) to prospects or their relatives is prohibited.

Evaluation — A booster may view a prospect's athletics contests on his or her own initiative, however, a booster may not contact the prospect, prospect's coach, principal or counselor in an attempt to evaluate the prospect. A booster may not secure transcripts or video pertaining to the prospect's academic or athletic ability.

Employment — The employment or arranging of employment for a prospect before the end of his/her senior year of high school is prohibited. After graduation, a booster may employ a prospect as long as compensation is for work actually performed, and at the going rate for services of like character.

It is also important to note that:

- A prospective student-athlete or prospect is any student who has started classes for the 9th grade.
- A student enrolled at another 4-year institution, junior college and/or prep school is considered a prospect.
- A student-athlete remains a prospect even after signing a National Letter of Intent. Both the institution and prospect continue to be governed by NCAA recruiting legislation until enrollment occurs at the institution.
- Only those coaching staff members who have passed the coaches certification exam are permitted to recruit prospective student-athletes.

