

# NC STATE UNIVERSITY



## NCAA Rules & Regulations

Guidelines for Alumni and Friends  
of NC State Athletics

# KEY DEFINITIONS

## **Representative of Athletics Interest (Booster):**

You are a representative of NC State's athletics interests, or a booster, under **ANY** of the following conditions:

- You are a member of any organization that promotes NC State athletics (e.g., Wolfpack Club).
- You have made financial contributions to NC State athletics or to an athletics booster organization (e.g., Rally Club).
- You have assisted or have been asked to assist in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes.
- You have provided benefits (e.g., summer jobs or occasional meals) to enrolled student-athletes or their families.
- You have promoted NC State Athletics in any way.

## **ONCE A BOOSTER, ALWAYS A BOOSTER!**

## **Prospective Student-Athlete (Prospect/Recruit):**

A prospect is any individual that has started classes for the 9th grade. Individuals enrolled at preparatory schools or two-year colleges are also considered prospects. Individuals maintain prospect status until enrolled full-time at a four-year collegiate institution.

## **Student-Athlete:**

A student-athlete is any individual enrolled in classes who participates in NC State's athletics program. This includes both recruited individuals and walk-ons.

## **Extra Benefit:**

An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an NC State employee or booster to provide a student-athlete, or a student-athlete's relatives or friends, a benefit not authorized by the NCAA, or not available to the general student body or a particular segment of the student body (e.g., international students), on a basis unrelated to athletics.

# BOOSTERS AND PROSPECTS

## Boosters **MAY:**

- Notify or forward information to appropriate members of NC State's coaching staff about a prospect in your area.
- Attend a prospect's athletics contest as long as no contact is made with the prospect, his/her relatives or friends, or any other individual (e.g., coach, principal, or counselor) regarding the academic or athletics ability of the prospect.
- Accept telephone calls initiated by prospects that are not related to NC State athletics. **All recruiting or athletics questions must be deferred to the appropriate NC State coaching staff.**

## Boosters **MAY NOT:**

- Contact a prospect or his/her relatives or friends for recruiting purposes. This includes contact via telephone, mail, email, instant messenger, or fax. Also, face-to-face contact cannot be made on- or off-campus for the purpose of recruiting.
- Assist NC State's coaching staff by picking up transcripts, films, or any other information from a prospect's educational institution (i.e., evaluation activities).
- Provide benefits of any kind (e.g., clothing, special discounts, lodging, meals, transportation, loans, etc.) to a prospect or his/her relatives or friends.
- Contact a prospect to congratulate him/her on signing a National Letter of Intent to attend NC State.
- Make contact with a prospect or his/her parents while on campus for an official or unofficial visit.
- Provide or arrange for transportation for a prospect or his/her relatives or friends to visit campus.
- Employ or arrange for employment of a prospect until the completion of his/her senior year in high school or graduation or withdrawal from prep school/junior college. At that point, prospects may be employed, but compensation must be for work actually performed and at a rate commensurate with experience.

# BOOSTERS AND STUDENT-ATHLETES

## Boosters **MAY:**

- Provide student-athletes with occasional meals. These meals may be catered, but must take place at the booster's home. All meals must be pre-approved by the Compliance Office.
- Employ or arrange for employment of a student-athlete during the academic year or summer, provided:
  - Compensation is only for work actually performed;
  - Compensation is paid at a rate commensurate with the going rate for similar services in that locale;
  - Compensation is in no way related to the student-athlete's value or utility due to the publicity, reputation, fame, or personal following obtained because of athletics ability; and
- All employment activities must be reported to the Compliance Office.

## Boosters **MAY NOT:**

- Pay or arrange for payment of room, board, or transportation at any time for currently enrolled student-athletes, their relatives, or friends.
- Provide a student-athlete or his/her relatives or friends with any type of **extra benefit**, or any benefit not available to the general student body.
- Provide special discounts (e.g., free or reduced meals/housing), payment arrangements (e.g., cosigning a loan), credits on a purchase (e.g., frequent flyer miles), or services (e.g., transportation, use of telephone) to student-athletes, their relatives, or friends.
- Provide awards or gifts to student-athletes for any reason, including honorariums for speaking engagements.
- Entertain student-athletes or their family or friends.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **Q: Can boosters contact prospects to encourage them to attend NC State?**

A: No. Any such contact could result in the prospect being declared ineligible to participate in NC State athletics.

## **Q: Is it permissible for a booster to earmark funds for a specific prospect to attend a camp at NC State?**

A: No. However, boosters may donate funds to the high school, and the school and the students will decide which camps they attend.

## **Q: May a booster ask a student-athlete or entire team to endorse a commercial product?**

A: No. A student-athlete may not be involved in the advertisement, recommendation, or promotion of commercial products and/or services because of the potential effect on his/her amateur status. However, there are certain instances when student-athletes may be involved with charitable, educational, and non-profit promotional activities. Please contact the Compliance Office prior to soliciting student-athlete involvement in these activities.

## **Q: What happens if someone commits a violation?**

A: All violations carry penalties. Student-Athletes may lose eligibility, be prohibited from competition, or be required to pay financial restitution. Coaches and staff may be reprimanded and prohibited from recruiting activities. Boosters may be subject to a loss of benefits and privileges, including the revocation of season tickets and, in severe cases, disassociation from the institution.

# COMMITMENT TO COMPLIANCE

The responsibility to maintain athletics compliance falls on all members of the NC State athletics family, including the administration, coaches, student-athletes, and boosters. Your awareness of and adherence to NCAA regulations are essential to NC State's athletics program success. However, despite all efforts, violations do occur. Under NCAA rules, NC State is responsible for all actions of its boosters. Therefore, we encourage you to contact the Compliance Office should you have any questions about or knowledge of a potential rules violation. Providing information about any potential violations is the best way to protect NC State and current student-athletes, as well as safeguard against future problems. We greatly appreciate your support and assistance in our compliance efforts.

NC State is committed to maintaining an athletics program in compliance with all NCAA, ACC, and University regulations. If you have any questions regarding the material in this brochure or any other NCAA, ACC, or NC State rules compliance issue, please do not hesitate to contact the Compliance Office.



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