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## Important Dates

Dead Period, Feb 1-4 for Soccer, Track and Football

Coaches: Required Meeting Feb 16 at 10am in WB Auditorium. The Compliance Office will be discussing the Eligibility Center and NLI.

Student-Athletes: If you have a job this semester, please see the Compliance Office for the required paperwork.

## Who is a Representative of Athletics Interest for NC State?

You are a Representative of Athletics Interest for NC State (or a “booster”) if any of the following applies:

- You are or have ever been a season ticket holder;
- You are or have been a member of any athletic booster club affiliated with NC State (i.e., Wolfpack Club, parent club, etc.);
- You have made any form of financial contributions to NC State Athletics;
- You have participated in promotion an NC State Athletics program;
- You have assisted or have been requested to assist in the recruitment of prospects and/or;
- You currently employ or have previously provided or helped arrange employment for enrolled student-athletes or prospective student-athletes who have signed a NLI.

## Permissible Activities for Boosters

It is permissible for boosters to participate in the following activities:

- Observe a prospect’s athletic contest, provided there is no contact with the prospect or the prospect’s parents and/or relatives;
- Notify the NC State coaching staff of outstanding players in the area;
- Continue to have normal contact with any neighbor, relative or family friend that might be a high school prospect as long as no recruiting contacts are made and;
- Refer any and all recruiting questions to an athletics department staff member.

## Booster Scenario!

**Scenario:** Coach Geiger was recently contacted by a booster with information about a potential prospect. The booster lives in the same area as the prospect and thought the prospect was very talented and could contribute to the team.

**Question:** Can the booster contact the prospect to pass along information regarding the Men’s and Women’s Track & Field team at NC State?

**Answer:** No, NCAA rules prohibit boosters from being involved in the recruiting process. While there is no harm in making our coaches aware of a potential prospect, a booster is precluded from doing anything to solicit or encourage a prospect to come to NC State. Examples would include written correspondence or telephone calls with the prospect or his/her parents or offering financial incentives for the prospect to attend the institution. Ultimately, it is up to our coaching staff to determine whether or not a prospect is fit for their program. NCAA rules only allow permissible recruiting coaches to recruit a prospect on behalf of NC State.

## Text Messaging

Although many of the coaches, staff and student-athletes at NC State rely on technology (such as text messaging) to communicate with their friends, family and teammates, texting remains an impermissible form of communication between a prospect and a college coach. The first opportunity a permissible recruiter may contact a prospect via text messaging is on the calendar day after the prospect signs a NLI or NC State's written offer of admission/financial aid.

Text messages, Blackberry instant messages, instant messages through AOL, Yahoo, or other ISP's, and messaging through providers' websites are all prohibited. Although coaches may still use recruiting software programs which allow mass emails and texts, the option to turn off text messaging is the best and safest option. The NCAA has also determined that it is not permissible for institutional staff members to use a service or software that converts electronic mail sent by an institutional staff member into a text message when received by the prospect.

Once the NLI or financial aid agreement is signed by the prospect, a coach may send an unlimited number of text messages and emails.

NC State Compliance now uses software to verify coaches and staff members are complying with the NCAA Bylaws covering phone calls and text messages.

## University of Albany—Public Infractions Report

On 36 occasions during the 2007 fall semester, several assistant football coaches sent impermissible text messages to prospects. The majority of the text messages were sent using a recruiting software program that enabled a coach to type a single message and send it to several prospects at once. As a result, the 36 occasions when football coaches sent text messages resulted in 331 messages sent and 220 prospects contacted. Further, during the summer of 2008, the head baseball coach sent 56 impermissible text messages.

Due to the number of impermissible messages sent and the University's failure to monitor, the University of Albany faced a number of penalties, some of which included: Two years of probation, limits on scholarships in baseball, limits on the number of official visits in football and restricted recruiting activities for the coaches involved with the infractions.

To read more about the case and the infractions imposed, [click here!](#)

## COMPLIANCE SCENARIO!

The football staff at NC State is preparing for the many official visits they will be hosting over the next couple of weekends. Because the administrative staff assist the coaches with all travel arrangements for these official visits, they would like to be able to telephone the prospective student-athletes while they are traveling to campus to make sure there are not any issues.

Is it permissible for the administrative staff to telephone the prospective student-athletes while they are traveling to campus for an official visit?

No. **NCAA Bylaw 11.7.1.2** states that the following recruiting coordination functions (except related routine clerical tasks) must be performed by the head coach or one or more of the assistant coaches who count toward the numerical limitations in Bylaw 11.7.4: *(Revised: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 4/24/08 effective 8/1/08)*

(a) Activities involving athletics evaluations and/or selection of prospective student-athletes; and *(Revised: 4/24/08 effective 8/1/08)*

(b) Making telephone calls to or receiving telephone calls from prospective student-athletes (or prospective student-athletes' parents, legal guardians or coaches). *(Revised: 1/12/06, 4/24/08 effective 8/1/08)*

**Please Note: This will Change August 1, 2010 and noncoaching staff members will be able to initiate and receive phone calls from a prospect or their parents about the prospect's official visit transportation.**

**WORD SEARCH**

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G	E	W	O	L	F	P	A	C	K	I	X	L	O	C
N	E	T	L	I	A	M	E	N	E	X	T	I	S	T
I	N	F	S	N	O	I	T	C	O	N	I	M	P	I
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WORD BANK	
INFRACTIONS	NCAA
BOOSTER	RECRUITING
PROSPECTS	CONTACT
TEXTING	EMAIL
PROBATION	TELEPHONE
WOLFPACK	MESSAGING
MESSAGING	BENEFITS

*Reminders for Coaches:*

- If you are on facebook, join the [Compliance Fan Page](#).
- Send phone numbers of new prospects you are recruiting to [Megan](#) or [Robin](#).
- Potential walk-on or tryout students should see Scott to start the process.
- Send Scott your team’s practice schedule a week prior to the start of practice.

*Reminders for Student-Athletes:*

- Check out the [Compliance Website](#) and join the [Compliance Fan Page](#) on facebook.
- Complete an [Employment Form](#) (available at Compliance) if you are having a job during the school year.
- Receipts for the Opportunity Fund will be accepted until the last day of classes.
- For Full Scholarship student-athletes, if you drop a class you must return your books to the Compliance Office.



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