



Student-Athlete Parent Education



Extra Benefits

- An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or a representative of the institution's athletics interest (booster) to provide a student-athlete (or his/her parents/relatives/friends) a benefit that is *not* generally available to other university students and their parents/relatives/friends.
- Receipt of an extra benefit by a student-athlete, their family or friends from any individual could jeopardize your child's eligibility and lead to sanctions against the entire team or athletics department.
- Examples of extra benefits are:
 - Cash or any type of gift, including special discounts or privileges
 - Vehicle or use of a vehicle
 - Free or reduced cost housing, services, rentals, or purchase of any type.
 - Concert, movie, or sporting event tickets.

Complimentary Admissions

- An institution may provide a student-athlete with up to four complimentary admissions for each home contest in his/her sport. The availability of complimentary admissions for road games and post-season contests may vary by sport and event.
- Complimentary admissions may only be provided through a "pass list." Hard tickets may not be provided to guests of student-athletes.

Student-Athlete Employment

- It is permissible for student-athletes to work throughout the academic year or summer and there are no restrictions on his/her legitimate earnings.
- There are two main rules that student-athletes must follow in order to be employed:
 - The student-athlete may be paid only for work actually performed; and
 - Must be paid at a rate comparable with the going rate in that city.
- If a student-athlete is seeking to establish his/her own business, please contact the Compliance Office to discuss the logistics relating to self-employment.

Representatives of Athletics Interests or "Boosters"

- As the parent of a student-athlete, you are limited in the types of relationships you may have with other institutional boosters.
- A booster is any individual who is a member of an organization that supports or promotes the institution athletics (part of the athletic donation group), has made financial contributions to the athletic department, has been involved in promoting the institution's athletics, or has been an athletics season ticket holder.
- Once an individual becomes a booster, he/she retains that status forever.

- It is permissible to become friends with boosters, but please be aware that the circumstances of your relationship must remain in compliance with NCAA Regulations (e.g. accepting benefits). Please contact your Compliance Office with further questions.

Don't Bet On it! NCAA Gambling Regulations

- Student-athletes are prohibited from gambling or wagering on any sport that the NCAA sponsors (amateur, professional or otherwise). This ban applies to pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize or money.
- A NCAA rules violation involving sports wagering or gambling will result in the loss of a student-athlete's competitive eligibility.
- More information on the NCAA's policy and statement against gambling can be found at <http://www.ncaa.org/enforcement/sports-wagering>

Competitive Eligibility

- Student-athletes have four years of competitive eligibility that must occur within five calendar years. A student-athlete's five-year clock starts when he/she initially enrolls full-time at any university.
- A student-athlete uses a season of competition if he/she participates in any competition, regardless of the length of time, during the season.
- If a student-athlete does not compete during a season, he/she does not use a season of competition. This is commonly referred to as a redshirt year.

Academic Eligibility

- To maintain academic eligibility, student-athletes must satisfactorily complete:
 - 24 credit hours by the start of the third semester (summer hours may be included)
 - 18 credit hours per academic year (fall & spring)
 - 6 credit hours every semester
 - *All student-athletes must declare a major by the start of their third academic year.*
 - **Percentage of Degree Requirements:**
 - 40% by the start of the third academic year.
 - 60% by the start of the 4th academic year.
 - 80% by the start of the 5th academic year.
 - 100% by the end of the student-athlete's 10th semester.
 - **GPA Requirements:**
 - 1.8 cumulative GPA by the start of the 2nd academic year
 - 1.9 cumulative GPA by the start of the 3rd academic year
 - 2.0 cumulative GPA by the start of the 4th academic year and thereafter.

Financial Aid

- NCAA financial aid rules can be very complex and are often times depend on a number of factors (academic scholarships, participation in their specific sport, cumulative GPA,

progress toward degree, and need). The Compliance Office and the Financial Aid Office monitor all of these items closely to provide the best services to student-athletes.

- If you need more information on financial aid, please contact the Compliance Office or campus Financial Aid Office.

Agents and Amateurism

- As a parent of a student-athlete, you are subject to specific rules and regulations regarding agents and the affects that may have on your son or daughter's eligibility. Any agent who contacts you must be registered in the state in which you reside. If you are contacted by an agent, you must notify the coaches at your son or daughter's institution immediately.
- Prior to your child exhausting his/her eligibility, you (including family members, close friends and previous coaches) may *not* accept any of the following from agents, advisors or runners:
 - Anything of value, including gifts, benefits or arrangements offered to you, family or friends;
 - Contractually agree to an agent representing your son/daughter in present time or the promise of representation at a later date, either in writing or verbally;
 - May not negotiate or sign a playing contract for any sport in which you intend to compete;
 - May not receive preferential treatment or benefits because of your reputation, skill or payback potential as a professional athlete;
 - May not retain professional services for personal reasons at less than the going rate (e.g., financial services or advising services);
 - An advisor may *not* speak to a professional team on your behalf.
- Prior to your child exhausting his/her eligibility, you may:
 - Consult with members of the Athletics Department for advice of pursuing a professional sports career;
 - May speak to an agent or financial advisor, provided you neither agree to be represented nor do you accept anything of value;
 - May retain an attorney for matters of professional nature, including evaluating the terms of a proposed professional contract, as long as the attorney is *not* involved in the contract negotiation;
 - May compete professionally in sports in which you do not participate for the institution (signing a professional contract terminates your eligibility for an athletic scholarship in any sport);
 - May ask a professional league or team about your draft potential and/or projection.