



GUIDE TO NCAA RULES FOR ALUMNI, BOOSTERS, TRUSTEES, & FRIENDS

Brevard College is fully committed to complying with all NCAA rules including those that apply to representatives of athletics interest. As a member of the NCAA, Brevard College is responsible for the actions of its coaches, student-athletes, faculty & staff, alumni, donors, boosters, trustees, and friends. As such, please take a moment to familiarize yourself with these important items concerning NCAA rules.

ARE YOU A REPRESENTATIVE OF ATHLETICS INTEREST:

“Representative of Athletics Interest” is anyone who is known to have:

- a. Made financial contributions to the athletics department or athletic booster organization (Alumni, Tornado Club Members, Trustees, etc).
- b. Assisted in the recruitment process of prospective student-athletes.
- c. Assisted in providing benefits to enrolled or prospective student-athletes or their families.
- d. Been involved with the promotion of the institution’s athletics program.

**Once you become a Representative of Athletics Interests,
you retain this status Forever!**

DEFINITIONS:

Prospective Student-Athlete (Prospect)

A prospective student-athlete, or prospect, is any student who has started classes for the ninth grade. In addition, a student who has not started classes for the ninth grade becomes a prospect if the institution provides such an individual (or his/her relatives or friends) any financial assistance or other benefits that the institution does not provide to prospective students generally.

Recruiting

Recruiting is any solicitation of a prospect (his/her family or legal guardian) by a member of an institution’s staff or by a representative of the institution’s athletics interests for the purpose of securing the prospect’s enrollment and participation in the institution’s intercollegiate athletics program. A prospective student-athlete becomes a recruited prospective student-athlete when a college representative conducts any of the following:

- a. Providing the prospect with an official (expense paid) visit to the institution;
- b. Arranging an in-person, off-campus encounter with the prospect, or initiate a telephone contact with the prospect (or family member).

BASIC RULE:

Only Brevard College coaches who have successfully completed the NCAA Recruiting Rules Certification Test on an annual basis may be involved in the recruitment process. Representatives of our athletics interests (Boosters, Alumni, Trustees, Faculty & Staff, & Friends) may not make any recruiting contacts. This includes letters, telephone calls, e-mails or face-to-face contact on or off campus with a prospect or (his/her family or legal guardian).

Contact

Any face to face encounter between a college representative and a prospect (his/her family or legal guardian), when the conversation entails reference to the athletics department and goes beyond a greeting. A greeting is considered “contact” if it occurs at the prospect’s home, school, during a prospect’s competition, or is pre-arranged.

Unavoidable Incidental Contact

Contact with prospects may occur unavoidably, for purposes not related to recruiting. To be considered unavoidable incidental contact, these contacts cannot occur in a prospect’s home, school, or at the site of an athletics practice or contest that involves the prospect. During an unavoidable incidental contact, any conversation with a prospect can involve only ordinary civility, and no recruitment can take place.

Offers and Inducements

Institutional staff members or representatives of athletics interests may not directly or indirectly provide, arrange for the provision of, or offer any financial aid or other benefits to a prospect (his/her family or legal guardian) other than expressly permitted by NCAA regulations.



EXTRA BENEFITS TO ENROLLED STUDENT-ATHLETES

An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or athletics representative to provide a student-athlete (or his/her relatives, guardian or friends) a benefit not generally available through the institution (or their relatives, guardian or friends) or not on a basis related to athletics ability. Extra Benefits include, but are not limited to:

- a. Cash or loans in any amount
- b. Co-signing or arranging a loan
- c. Gifts or free services (e.g., airlines tickets, cash, restaurant meals)
- d. Use of an automobile
- e. Rent free or reduced cost housing
- f. Money for, or a guarantee of, bail or bond
- g. Employment of a student-athlete at a higher rate
- h. Payment to a student-athlete for work not performed
- i. Transportation aside from that which is related to an occasional meal
- j. Tickets to an athletics, institutional or community event
- k. Financial aid for a post-graduate education
- l. Promise of employment after college graduation
- m. Invitations to your home for purposes other than an occasional meal.

As a Representative of Athletics Interest, What Can You Do?

1. You may provide an occasional meal in your home to a student-athlete or an entire team (meals in restaurants are not permitted).
2. You may provide transportation to your home for a student-athlete who will be receiving an occasional meal there.
3. You may provide a summer job to a student-athlete as long as it is at a normal rate of pay for that position and the student-athlete is paid for work actually performed, but remember to check with the Director of Compliance at the college before doing so.

Gambling

A student-athlete, coach and or an employee of Brevard College may not provide information to individuals involved in any type of organized gambling concerning sporting events. In addition, student-athletes, coaches and employees of Brevard College may not solicit or accept any wager on any intercollegiate or professional athletics contest. If a student-athlete has violated NCAA gambling regulations he or she will be immediately ineligible.

RULES TO REMEMBER

1. Only Coaches and Athletics department staff are permitted to be involved in the recruiting process. All inquiries regarding an institution's athletics program need to be referred to the institution's athletics department (preferably the Head Coach).
2. An athletics representative may observe a prospect's athletics contest on his/her own initiative, but may not contact the prospect on such an occasion.
3. A prospective student-athlete remains a prospect even after he or she signs a letter of intent or financial aid agreement to attend Brevard College. The prospect remains classified a prospect until the first date of class or the first practice whichever occurs first.
4. If a student-athlete accepts any benefit or special consideration based on his or her status as an athlete or because of athletics ability, the student-athlete will lose eligibility for intercollegiate participation. Please contact the Assistant AD for Compliance prior to providing any form of benefit to a student-athlete.
5. Representatives of Athletics are reminded that all NCAA rules regarding enrolled student-athletes remain in effect throughout the entire year, including summer breaks. Upon completion of a student-athlete's final season of eligibility, they must abide by NCAA rules until the completion of the academic year or until the student-athlete no longer receives athletics financial aid.
6. An unavoidable incidental contact made with a prospect by an athletics representative is permitted provided:
 - a. The contact is not prearranged by the athletics representative or athletics department staff member;
 - b. The contact does not take place on the grounds of the prospect's educational institution, at practice or competition sites involving the prospect or his/her team, or in the home of the prospective student-athlete.
 - c. The contact is not made for the purpose of recruitment of the prospect, and involves only normal civility

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