

ENROLLED STUDENT-ATHLETES

During enrollment, only benefits expressly authorized by NCAA legislation are permitted.

Extra Benefits

A student-athlete cannot receive any extra benefit. The term “extra benefit” refers to any special arrangement to provide the student-athlete, or their 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 service (e.g., laundry, dry cleaning).

Employment

A booster can provide employment with compensation only for work performed and at the going rate for such services.

Services

A booster may not provide a student-athlete with professional services (for which a fee normally would be owed) without charge or at a reduced cost.

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.

Institutions are required by the NCAA to notify boosters of consequences regarding rules violations. Booster participation in non-permissible activities outlined by the NCAA could result in any of the following:

- A prospect being declared ineligible to represent Bellarmine University.
- A student-athlete being declared ineligible to compete for Bellarmine University.
- An entire team being declared ineligible to compete in conference or NCAA competition.
- Disassociation of a booster with the institution and the loss of season ticket privileges.

Good to know:

- Boosters may invite an enrolled student-athlete, or the entire team, to their home for an occasional meal. The meal must be pre-approved by the compliance office.
- Boosters who know of a talented prospect should forward information to the appropriate coaching staff member.

We appreciate your support of Bellarmine University Athletics.

NCAA compliance questions should be directed to: Annie Coryell, Associate Athletics Director for Compliance, at 502.272.8408 or bcoryell@bellarmine.edu

GUIDE TO NCAA RULES & REGULATIONS

For alumni and supporters of Bellarmine University



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 representatives of athletics interests. Bellarmine athletics appreciates your assistance as we strive to comply with all rules and regulations of the NCAA with the utmost integrity.

DEAR KNIGHTS NATION,

It is an exciting time in the history of Bellarmine University. As we move forward, it is imperative that our athletic program is in full compliance with NCAA rules and regulations. This includes our student-athletes, staff and supporters.

NCAA legislation requires anyone who is involved in actively promoting the athletic interests of an institution to adhere to NCAA rules. As a supporter of Bellarmine University, you are prohibited from contacting prospective student-athletes (and their family members) in person, by written correspondence or by phone. You are also prohibited from providing transportation, entertainment, meals or anything of material value to current student-athletes and their family members. Any violation, regardless of intent, could jeopardize the eligibility of a prospective student-athlete or current student-athlete and result in sanctions upon our university.

If you have any questions regarding NCAA rules, please contact the Associate Athletics Director for Compliance.

Help Bellarmine University be a model for what an NCAA program should be: successful within the rules. We need your help to continue this tradition.



Scott Wiegandt '89, '01
Director of Athletics

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

- Made any type of contribution to the Athletics Department or to its booster club.
- Joined the institution's booster club (e.g. The Knights Athletics 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.

Once an individual becomes a booster, he or she remains one for life. According to NCAA rules, the institution is responsible for all actions of its boosters and alumni.

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES

A prospective student-athlete ("prospect") is a student who has started classes for the ninth grade, including students in preparatory school, junior college and other four-year institutions. 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.

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, emails, instant messages, text messages, faxes, or any other means of communication.

Gifts

The provision of any financial aid or other benefits (e.g., clothing, special discounts, tickets to events, financial loans, 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.