



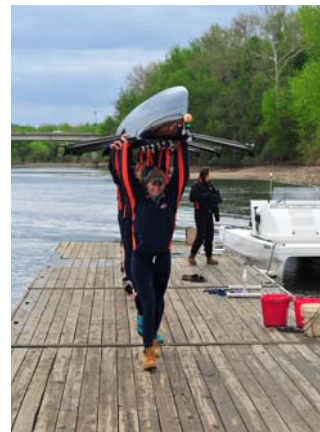
# Are you a Representative of Bucknell Athletics Interests??

You are a representative of Bucknell’s athletics interest, more commonly known as a ‘booster’, if you meet any of the following conditions:

- You have ever been a member of any organization that promotes Bucknell’s athletics programs.
- You have made a financial contribution to the Bucknell athletics department or its booster organization.
- You are or have been a season ticket holder in any sport.
- You have ever, in any way, promoted the athletics program at Bucknell.

## Who is a Prospective Student-Athlete?

A prospective student-athlete, commonly known as a “prospect”, is any individual who has started classes for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. (Note: In Men’s Basketball a “prospect” is any individual who has started classes for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade). In addition, student-athletes enrolled in preparatory school or two-year colleges are considered prospects. Ultimately, a student remains a prospect until enrollment at a four-year collegiate institution.



## Who Can Recruit For Bucknell?

**ONLY APPROVED/DESIGNATED BUCKNELL COACHES** who successfully completed the annual NCAA Coaches Certification Exam, which tests their knowledge of NCAA recruiting legislation, are permitted to be involved in the recruiting process.

## NCAA Rules Regarding Booster Involvement with Prospects

### **YOU MAY NOT:**

- Make any recruiting contacts with prospects or their relatives. This includes telephone calls, letters, emails, facsimiles, along with any face-to-face contact either on or off-campus.
- Assist Bucknell coaches by picking up transcripts, films, or any other information pertaining to a prospect’s ability from the prospect’s educational institution.
- Provide financial aid or benefit of any kind (e.g., clothing, special discounts, lodging, meals, transportation, tickets, loans of money) to prospects or their relatives.
- Make contact with a prospective student-athlete to congratulate them on signing a National Letter of Intent to attend the University of Bucknell.
- Provide transportation or arrange for payment of transportation costs for a prospect or friends/relatives to visit campus.
- Arrange for employment of prospect before the completion of their senior year of high school. After graduation, a booster may employ a prospect as long as compensation is for work actually performed and at a rate commensurate with experience and the going rate.

## NCAA Rules Regarding Booster Involvement with Prospects Continued:

### **YOU MAY:**

- Forward information about prospects to the appropriate coaching staff member.
- View a prospect's athletics contest on your own initiative, provided you do not contact the prospect or their relatives, coach, principal, or counselor in an attempt to evaluate the academic or athletic abilities of the prospect. You are responsible for all incurred costs or fees at a contest.
- Speak to a prospect on the telephone **ONLY** if the prospect initiates the call. You **MAY NOT** have a recruiting conversation, but you **MAY** refer questions about the athletics program to the athletics department staff member.



## NCAA Rules Regarding Booster Involvement with Enrolled Student-Athletes

### **YOU MAY NOT:**

- Pay for or arrange for payment of room, board, or any type of transportation **at anytime** for currently enrolled student-athletes, their relatives, or their friends.
- Provide student-athletes with any sort of extra benefit, which refers to any special arrangement for a student-athlete or their friends/relatives that is unavailable to the general student population.
- Provide student-athletes with any special discount, payment arrangement, credits on purchase (e.g., airline ticket, clothing), or services (e.g., dry-cleaning, transportation).
- Allow student-athletes to use your telephone to make free calls.
- Provide awards or gifts to student-athletes for any reason. All awards to student-athletes must meet NCAA legislation and be approved by the Athletics Compliance Office at Bucknell.
- Entertain student-athletes or their friends/relatives. The only exception to this is that you may, on occasional basis, provide a student-athlete or team with a meal. The meal can be catered, but it must be in your home.

NOTE: These rules apply throughout the student-athlete's entire enrollment at Bucknell, including all holiday and summer breaks.

## NCAA Rules Regarding Student-Athlete Employment

Current student-athletes may seek employment during the academic year and during Bucknell vacation periods. There is no longer a limit on the amount of money they can earn during these periods.

The Athletics Compliance Office must keep written record verifying all student-athlete employment.

The following rules are applicable to student-athlete employment:

- Employers must complete applicable paperwork and file with the Athletics Compliance Office prior to hiring a student-athlete.
- Student-athletes may be compensated only for work actually performed and at a rate commensurate with the going rate for similar services.
- Student-athletes may not be hired based on their athletics abilities.
- Boosters may not promise future employment to student-athletes prior to graduation.



## NCAA Rules Regarding the Internet

The internet is considered similar to email, telephone calls, or general correspondence. Therefore, it should not be used by boosters to contact prospects, their families, or their coaches. Contacting them via social networking sites such as facebook, and twitter or via chat rooms or instant messenger is also strictly prohibited.

## Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can a Booster be involved when a prospect is on an official or unofficial visit?

A: NO. Boosters are precluded from all recruiting activities, including face-to-face contacts with a prospect or their relatives **at anytime**.

Q: Can Boosters contact prospects to encourage them to attend Bucknell?

A: NO. Any such contact could result in the prospect being declared ineligible to participate in athletics at Bucknell.

Q: May a Booster engage in evaluation activities on behalf of the institution?

A: A Booster may view a prospect's contest on their own initiative, provided no contact is made with the prospect or their relatives. However, this evaluation **may not** take place at the request or direction of a Bucknell staff member, and a Booster is not permitted to contact anyone associated with the prospect in an effort to evaluate them.