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## Representative of Maryland Athletics Interest Edition

The following information is intended as a guide to compliance and should not be used as a substitute for the NCAA Manual.

### Who is a Representative of Maryland Athletics Interest?

You are a Representative of Maryland Athletics Interest (**also known as a “Booster”**) if ANY of the following applies:

- You are the parent or legal guardian of an enrolled student-athlete
- You are a former student or fan of the University of Maryland
- You are or have ever been a season ticket holder
- You are or have been a member of the Terrapin Club
- You have made any form of financial contributions to University of Maryland Athletics
- You have participated in promoting the Terrapin collegiate athletics program
- You have assisted or have been requested to assist in the recruitment of prospects
- You currently employ or have previously provided or helped arrange employment for enrolled student-athletes or prospective student-athletes who have signed a NLI



### Are You A Booster? Take the test to find out. . .

1. Did the relationship between the athlete (or the athlete’s parents) and the individual providing the benefit(s) *develop* as a result of the athlete’s participation in athletics or notoriety related thereto?
2. Did the relationship between the athlete (or the athlete’s parents) and the individual providing the benefit(s) *predate* the athlete’s status as a prospective student-athlete?
3. Did the relationship between the athlete (or the athlete’s parents) and the individual providing the benefit(s) *predate* the athlete’s status achieved as a result of his or her athletics ability and reputation?
4. Was the pattern of benefits provided by the individual to the athlete (or the athlete’s parents) *prior* to the athletes attaining notoriety as a skilled athlete similar in nature to those provided after attaining such stature?



If you answered **NO** to question 1, and **YES** to questions 2, 3, and 4, then there **is an established relationship with the athlete**. However, if you answered differently for any of the four questions, then by NCAA rules, there is **NO pre-existing relationship** and thus it is impermissible for you to provide any preferential treatment, benefits, or services to that athlete.

## Important Terms to Know



**Prospect:** Any student who has started classes for the ninth grade. The individual remains a prospect until he/she has enrolled in full-time classes.

**Extra Benefit:** Any special gift or arrangement provided to an enrolled student-athlete, prospect, or to their relatives or friends, which is not available to the general student body.

**Recruiting Contact:** Any face to face encounter between a prospect or a prospect’s parent or legal guardian and a University staff member or athletics representative during which any dialogue occurs in excess of a normal greeting.



## The Recruiting Process

**\*\*Only University of Maryland coaches and staff members may be involved in the recruiting process.\*\***

### Boosters Can:

- Observe a prospect's athletic contest, provided there is no contact with the prospect or the prospect's parents and/or relatives
- Notify the Maryland coaching staff of outstanding prospects in the area
- Continue to have normal contact with any neighbor, relative, or family friend that might be a high school prospect so long as you do not engage in the recruitment process
- Have a telephone conversation with a prospect *ONLY IF* the prospect initiates the phone call and the conversation is unrelated to recruiting
- Refer any and all recruiting questions to an athletic department staff member



### Boosters Cannot:

- Write, call, or make in-person recruiting contacts with a high school prospect or his/her parents or legal guardians
- Contact a coach, principal, and/or counselor, to evaluate a high school prospect.
- Visit a high school prospect's school to pick up a transcript or video to evaluate the prospect's academic or athletic ability or provide to an athletics department staff member
- Sponsor or arrange an awards banquet for a high school preparatory school or two-year college
- Provide extra benefits to high school prospects, enrolled college student-athletes, or their relatives, and friends.
- Types of inducements that are prohibited, but are not limited to: cash or tangible items, the use of an automobile, signing or cosigning a note for a loan, the promise of employment after college, the promise of financial aid for post graduate education

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** Can a representative of athletics interests be involved when a prospect is on an official or unofficial visit?

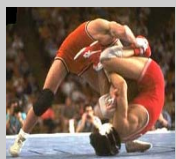
**A:** *NO.* Representatives of athletics interest are restricted from all recruiting activities.

**Q:** May boosters entertain relatives and friends of a prospective student-athlete at any site off-campus?

**A:** *NO.*

**Q:** Is it permissible for a booster to reimburse the coach of a prospect for expenses incurred in transporting a prospect to visit the campus?

**A:** *NO.*



## Rules of Employment

- 1. Representative of athletics interests** are allowed to employ or assist in securing the employment of current student-athletes. However, the student-athletes must complete paperwork with the Compliance Office prior to beginning work because there are financial restrictions to consider; and money earned must be for actual work performed and at the same rate that any non-student-athlete would earn.
- 2. It is required that you** contact the Compliance Office prior to employing a prospective student-athlete.



**Once a Booster . . .  
Always a Booster**

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