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Guidebook to NCAA Regulations



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Message from the Director of Athletics

The University of Maryland is committed to following established Atlantic Coast Conference and NCAA rules and regulations governing its intercollegiate athletic endeavors. Compliance with these rules and regulations is of the highest priority for our athletics program and institution. As a member of the NCAA, the University is responsible for the actions of its boosters and fans. Even the best intentioned action on your part may be a violation of NCAA rules.

The University would take the strongest possible position against any individual who violates an NCAA rule (disassociation from the athletics program) and would pursue any legal means available, as well, to discourage such inappropriate activity, to protect all of us who love Terrapin Athletics.

We have developed this brochure as a quick reference guide designed to provoke a basic understanding of NCAA rules. Please take the time to read this brochure, as we believe it will help alleviate potential NCAA concerns. This guide cannot address every situation or question that might arise, so if you are unable to find the answers you need, please contact the Athletics Compliance Office. We appreciate your interest in the Terrapins and ask that you assist us by following NCAA rules. We encourage our boosters and fans to "Ask Before You Act."

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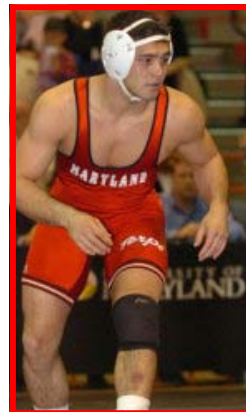
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Consequences to Boosters for NCAA Violations

Institutions are required by the NCAA to notify boosters of consequences regarding rules violations. Boosters found in violation of NCAA rules are subject to losing benefits and privileges, including season tickets. In extreme cases, the University of Maryland may pursue legal action.

The NCAA Committee on Infractions has processed many cases in which penalties have included both the disassociation of boosters with the institution and the loss of season ticket privileges.



Gambling

A student-athlete, coach and/or employee of the University of Maryland may not provide information to individuals involved in any type of organized gambling activity concerning sporting events. In addition, student-athletes, coaches and Athletic Department employees may not solicit or accept any wager on any intercollegiate or professional athletic contest. The NCAA has strict penalties for gambling offenders, including loss of eligibility for student-athletes and the possibility of termination for employees. Terrapin Athletics also discourages participation in sports gambling of any kind among our boosters and others associated with our programs.

Agents and Amateurism

A student-athlete loses his/her amateur status and shall not be eligible for intercollegiate competition in a particular sport if:

- One negotiates, signs, or enters into any written or oral agreement with an agent.
- One accepts or receives any extra benefits (including family members) from an agent or anyone who wishes to represent the student-athlete.
- Athletic skills are used for pay or promise of pay.
- One competes with a professional sports team and receives compensation from a professional sports team.



Institutional Control and Compliance

Institutional control of athletics is a fundamental requirement of NCAA legislation. Specifically, the NCAA Constitution provides that each institution shall be responsible for:

- Controlling its intercollegiate athletics program in compliance with the rules and regulations of the NCAA.
- Monitoring its program to ensure compliance, identifying and reporting to the NCAA instances in which compliance has not been achieved and taking appropriate corrective actions.
- Ensuring that members of the institution's staff, student-athletes, and other individuals or groups representing the institution's athletics interests comply with all applicable NCAA rules.





Representatives of Athletics Interests

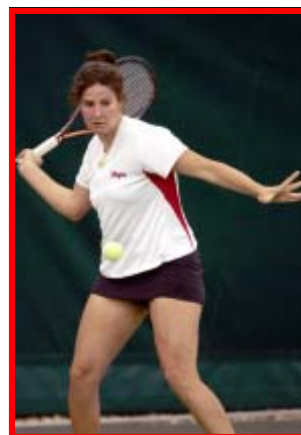
A “representative of the institution’s athletics interests,” is anyone who is known (or should be known) by a member of the institution’s athletics administration to:

- Be a member of or have participated in any organization promoting the institution’s intercollegiate athletics program (i.e., booster club);
- Have made any financial contribution to the institution’s intercollegiate athletics program or to an athletic booster organization;
- Have provided benefits to enrolled student-athletes;
- Have assisted in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes; or
- Have been involved, in any way, in the promotion of the University’s athletics program.

Note: *Once an individual is identified as a representative of the institution’s athletics interests, the person retains that identity indefinitely.*

Rules Governing Student-Athlete Employment

- Employment should not be provided to a prospective student-athlete or an enrolled student-athlete without first obtaining approval from the Athletics Compliance Office
- Prospects may not be employed through an arrangement with a University of Maryland booster until after the completion of the prospect’s senior year in high school.
- Do not provide transportation for prospects or student-athletes under your employment unless such transportation is provided to all employees.
- NCAA rules stipulate that compensation may be paid to a student-athlete only for work actually performed and at a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar services.
- Such compensation may not include any remuneration for value or utility that the student-athlete may have for the employer because of publicity, reputation, fame or personal following that he or she has obtained because of athletic ability.



Rules Governing Benefits for Student-Athletes

- The name or picture of a student-athlete should never be used to directly or indirectly advertise, recommend, or promote the sale or use of a commercial product or service of any kind.
- Student-athletes may not be provided an honorarium in return for speaking at an event. When an athlete speaks to educational and charitable groups, actual and necessary travel expenses may be provided if prior approval is granted by the Athletics Compliance Office.
- A booster may never provide a student-athlete with gifts or awards based on his/her performance.



Rules Governing Recruitment

Only coaches and athletic department staff members can be involved in the recruiting process. All "athletics representatives" who are not employees of the University of Maryland are prohibited from contacting a prospect by telephone, letter, or in person, on- or off-campus, for the purposes of encouraging participation in athletics at the University of Maryland.

It is not permissible for prospects, student-athletes or their relatives or friends to receive any extra benefits or special arrangements. Examples of extra benefits that you cannot provide these individuals include, but are not limited to:

- Cash or loans in any amount
- Co-signing or arranging a loan
- Providing gifts of any kind (e.g., clothing, airline tickets, holiday cards)
- Providing special discounts for goods and services
- Use of an automobile

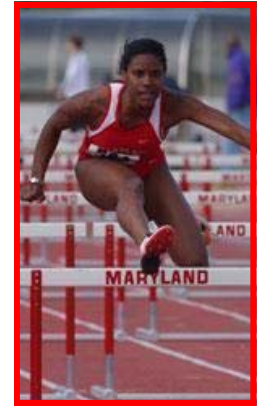
As an athletics representative, you can continue friendships with families who have prospects or enrolled student-athletes (e.g., backyard barbeques, picnics). You simply cannot encourage a prospect's participation in Maryland athletics or provide benefits to a prospective or current student-athlete.



Rules Governing Contact with Prospects

The NCAA defines a prospective student-athlete, or prospect, as anyone who has started classes for the ninth grade.

- Do not telephone, write, or make in-person contact (either on- or off-campus) with a prospect for the purpose of soliciting his or her participation in the athletic program.
- Do not become directly or indirectly involved in making arrangements for a prospect, or the prospect's relatives or friends to receive money or financial aid of any kind.
- Do not provide transportation to prospects, including transportation to campus to attend athletic events.
- Do not contact a prospect's coach, principal, or counselor in an attempt to evaluate the prospect, and do not visit the prospect's educational institution to pick up films or transcripts.



- Do not provide prospects, their relatives or friends, with free tickets or tickets at a reduced cost to any University of Maryland home or away competition.
- Do not pay or offer to pay the registration fees for summer sports camps for a prospect.
- Do feel free to attend high school and community college athletic events that you would usually attend. You simply cannot have any contact with the prospect or the relatives of the prospect. Should the parents or a prospect ask you questions, please direct their question to the appropriate coach at the University of Maryland. If you have incidental contact with a prospect or relatives of the prospect, be sure to contact the Athletics Compliance Office.