

**WHAT**  
**BOILERMAKER**  
**ALUMNI AND FRIENDS**  
**SHOULD KNOW**



**PURDUE UNIVERSITY**  
**Quick Reference to**  
**NCAA Rules and Regulations**  
**for Athletic Boosters**

# PURDUE UNIVERSITY



DIVISION OF  
INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Dear Boilermaker Fans:

Purdue University, as a member of the Big Ten Conference and the National Collegiate Athletic Association, is responsible for insuring that its student-athletes, faculty and staff, alumni and friends abide with conference and NCAA regulations. Under these rules, alumni and friends can be categorized as “representatives” of Purdue University athletic interests.

This information is presented as a quick reference to the many NCAA rules that apply to our “athletic representatives.” All applicable situations are not included, so please call if you have questions. The department appreciates your interest and support, but reminds you that an inappropriate contact or an inadvertent action on your part can jeopardize the eligibility of our prospects and student-athletes. When in doubt, the safest action is to check first and act second.

The University is proud to have loyal support of and continued interest in its athletic programs by our alumni and friends. As we strive for national prominence, we must always seek the highest standard of ethical conduct. With your assistance and cooperation, we believe we can accomplish both goals.

Stay on Board!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morgan J. Burke".

Morgan J. Burke  
Athletic Director



## You are a “Representative of Purdue’s Athletics Interests” if you have:

- ➔ participated in or are a member of an organization promoting Purdue’s athletics program.
- ➔ contributed to the athletics department or any of its booster clubs.
- ➔ assisted or have been requested by the athletics staff to assist in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes.
- ➔ been involved in otherwise promoting Purdue’s athletics program.

The NCAA stipulates that once you have become an “athletics representative” you retain that identity forever even if you no longer contribute to, or are involved with, the athletics program.

## Who is a Prospective Student-Athlete?

A prospective student-athlete is a person that has begun classes for the ninth grade, regardless of his or her athletic ability. It is possible for younger students to be prospects, so it is necessary to treat **ALL** athletes as prospects.



## **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 programs to insure compliance; identifying and reporting to the NCAA instances in which compliance has not been achieved and taking appropriate corrective actions.
- ➔ insuring that members of the institution's staff, student-athletes and other individuals or groups representing the institution's athletics interest (i.e. YOU) comply with NCAA rules.

## **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.

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

# **BE A TEAM PLAYER**

## **Important Rules You Should Know**

**Only coaches and athletics department staff members can be involved in the recruiting process.**

All “athletics representatives” not employed by Purdue University are prohibited from contacting a prospective student-athlete or members of the prospect’s family by telephone, letter or in person on- or off-campus for the purpose of encouraging participation in the Purdue athletics program.

**Purdue athletics representatives cannot provide an “extra benefit” or special arrangement to a prospect OR an enrolled student-athlete.**

Specific applications, as they apply to the NCAA extra benefit rule to prospects and enrolled student-athletes and their relatives or friends, state that you:

- ➔ may NOT give them cash or loans in any amount.
- ➔ may NOT sign or co-sign a note with an outside agency to arrange a loan.
- ➔ may NOT employ relatives or friends of a prospect as an inducement for the enrollment of the prospect at Purdue University.
- ➔ may NOT give them gifts of any kind (e.g., birthday, Christmas) or free services (e.g., dry cleaning, airline tickets, car repair, or meals in restaurants).
- ➔ may NOT provide special discounts for goods and services.
- ➔ may NOT provide them hospitality in your home other than for special occasions (e.g., Thanksgiving, birthdays).

- ➔ may NOT provide use of an automobile.
- ➔ may NOT provide transportation within or outside of the campus area (e.g., from the airport to campus, to summer jobs, etc.).
- ➔ may NOT entertain or make contact with them on- or off-campus.
- ➔ may NOT provide rent free or reduced rent housing.
- ➔ may NOT provide a benefit connected with on- or off-campus housing (e.g., specialized recreational facilities, stereo equipment).
- ➔ may NOT provide tickets to an athletic, institutional or community event.
- ➔ may NOT provide a guarantee of a bond.
- ➔ may NOT provide a promise of financial aid for postgraduate education, including graduation gifts.
- ➔ may NOT provide a promise of employment after completion of the student-athlete's college education.

GO BOILERS  
GO BOILERS

# NCAA Rules

## Contacts with High School and Community College Student-Athletes (Prospects)

- ➔ **Do NOT** make any contact with a prospect or the prospect's family on- or off-campus. If a coach has a recruit at an athletic event, you should not approach the coach until the prospect and his or her family have gone elsewhere. If a prospect approaches you off-campus regarding the athletics program, explain that NCAA rules do not permit you to discuss the Purdue athletics program.
- ➔ **Do NOT** become involved, directly or indirectly, with making arrangements for a prospect, the prospect's relatives or friends to receive money or financial aid of any kind.
- ➔ **Do NOT** transport, pay or arrange for payment of transportation costs for a prospect, or the prospect's relatives or friends to visit campus or elsewhere.
- ➔ **Do NOT** provide room and/or board, transportation or any benefit to a student-athlete during the summer prior to their enrollment for fall classes at Purdue University.
- ➔ **Do NOT** provide ANYTHING to or for a prospect, the prospect's relatives or friends without first checking with the Purdue Athletic Compliance Office.
- ➔ **Do NOT** contact an enrolled student-athlete at another institution for the purposes of encouraging the student-athlete to transfer to Purdue and participate in our athletic programs.



- ➔ Do NOT pay or offer to pay registration fees for summer sport camps for a prospect or prospect's relatives or friends.
- ➔ Do NOT contact the prospect's coach, principal or counselor for the purpose of recruiting the prospect. You are not permitted to pick up films or transcripts from the prospect's educational institution.

### *However...*

- ➔ Do feel free to attend high school and community college athletic events. You simply cannot have any contact with the prospective student-athletes or their relatives.
- ➔ Do continue to establish family relationships with friends and neighbors. Contact with sons or daughters of these families certainly is permitted as long as it is not made for recruiting purposes and is not initiated by the Purdue coaching staff.
- ➔ Do feel free to attend a public event (e.g., a high school awards banquet or dinner) at which prospects are in attendance. No attempt should be made to recruit the prospect.
- ➔ Do send the Purdue coaching staff any newspaper clippings or other information about prospects. The coaching staff will then make contact with the prospect. Your assistance with this is very helpful.



## Rules Governing Contacts and Benefits for Student-Athletes

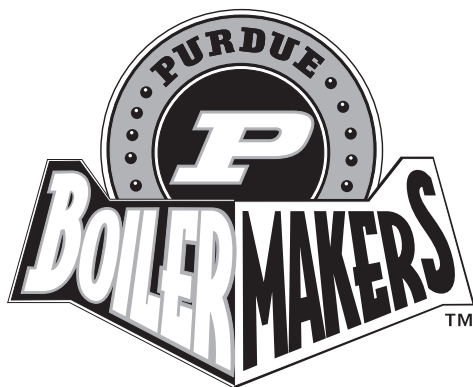
- ➔ Do NOT provide student-athletes, their relatives or friends any benefit or special arrangement. The NCAA considers these as “extra benefits” and they are specifically prohibited.
- ➔ Do NOT provide room and/or board or any type of transportation costs incurred by friends or family of an enrolled student-athlete when they visit campus or attend an away athletics contest.
- ➔ Do NOT use the name or picture of an enrolled student-athlete to directly advertise, recommend or promote the sale or the use of a commercial product or service of any kind. The sale of a picture or autographed item of an enrolled student-athlete could jeopardize the student-athlete’s eligibility.
- ➔ Do NOT provide any payment of expenses or loan of any automobile for a student-athlete to return home or to any location for **ANY** reason.
- ➔ Do NOT provide any type of awards or gifts to a student-athlete for his or her athletic performance. All awards must conform to NCAA regulations and must be approved by Purdue University.
- ➔ Do NOT expend funds to entertain student-athletes, their friends or relatives. You are not permitted to buy them a soda, cup of coffee or even a candy bar.

# Hail Purdue

- Do NOT allow a student-athlete, his or her friends or family to use your telephone or calling card to make long distance calls.
- Do NOT provide an honorarium to a student-athlete for a speaking engagement. Only necessary travel expenses can be given for speaking to educational or charitable groups. Prior approval must be received for such speaking engagement.

### *However...*

- Do feel free to invite a student-athlete to your home for a home cooked meal, but only for special occasions (e.g., Christmas, Thanksgiving, birthday). You may provide the student-athlete transportation to your home for these occasions.
- Do feel free to invite a team for dinner or to meet with a group of alumni in a city where they are competing. The NCAA permits student-athletes, AS A TEAM, to receive special benefits not permitted to individuals. Arrangements must be made in advance with the head coach.



## **Rules Governing Promotional Activities for Student-Athletes**

- ➔ All charitable, educational and nonprofit promotional activities involving student-athletes must have prior approval from the Purdue Athletic Compliance Office. For information, please call a member the compliance staff.
- ➔ Student-athletes are not permitted to be involved in the advertisement, recommendation or promotion of sales or use of a commercial product or service of any kind.
- ➔ All speaking engagements must be approved through the Purdue Athletic Compliance Office.

## **Rules Governing Agents and Amateurism**

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

- ➔ the student-athlete or family member negotiates, signs or enters into any written or oral agreement with an agent.
- ➔ the student-athlete or family member accepts or receives an extra benefit from an agent or anyone that wishes to represent the student-athlete.
- ➔ the student-athlete competes with a professional sports team or competes as a professional in an individual sport and receives any compensation for participation.
- ➔ the student-athlete uses his or her athletic skills for pay or promise of pay.

***PLAY BY THE RULES***

## Rules Governing Student-Athlete Employment

The Purdue Athletic Department is permitted to arrange employment for enrolled student-athletes and prospective student-athletes during the summer prior to their enrollment as freshmen.

Student-athletes receiving grant-in-aid will be eligible for employment during the regular academic year as well as during the university's official vacation periods (Christmas, spring break, and summer break).

Student-athletes may earn up to the cost of attendance through employment provided both of the following conditions are met:

- ➔ the student-athlete has spent one academic year in residence at the institution;
- ➔ the student-athlete is academically eligible to compete at the institution.

**The Purdue Athletic Compliance Office must keep written records verifying all student-athlete employment. All student-athlete employment must have prior approval from a member of the compliance staff.**

## Rules Governing Gambling

A student-athlete, coach and/or employee of the Purdue Athletic Department **may not** provide information to individuals involved in any type of organized gambling concerning sporting events. In addition, student-athletes, coaches and employees of the Purdue Athletic Department **may not solicit or accept any wager** on any intercollegiate or professional athletics contest.

## Most Commonly Asked Questions

Q. Can an athletics representative be involved in any way when a prospect is on an official or unofficial visit?

A. No. Athletics representatives are precluded from all recruiting activities.

Q. Is it permissible for an athletics representative to provide summer employment for student-athletes?

A. Yes. Please remember that compensation must be paid only for work actually performed and at a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for services of like character. Such employment must receive prior approval through the athletic compliance office.

Q. May a student-athlete's name or picture be used to directly or indirectly advertise, recommend, or promote the sale or use of a commercial product or service?

A. No. Such activity would jeopardize the eligibility of the student-athlete. The NCAA membership has always maintained that student-athletes not be involved in the promotion of a commercial product.

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.

Q. Is it permissible for a booster to pay registration fees associated with sport camps?

A. No.

Q. Is the contact rule applicable to established family, friends, and neighbors?

A. No. However, it must be understood that such contact may not be made for recruiting purposes and is not initiated by a member of the Purdue's coaching staff.

Q. May a booster attend a public event (e.g., high school award banquet or dinner) at which prospects are in attendance?

A. Yes. Please remember that contact with a prospect may not be prearranged by an athletics department staff member, and no attempt may be made to recruit the prospect.

Q. Is it permissible for an athletics representative to provide enrolled student-athletes a home cooked meal?

A. Yes. Provided it is on an "occasional" basis and any such meal is not at a restaurant. **Please note: All requests must receive prior approval from the athletic department.**

Q. Is Purdue University responsible for the acts of boosters and booster support groups?

A. Yes. Boosters are governed by the same NCAA and institutional rules and regulations as those placed upon all institutional athletics staff members.

Q. When does a prospect become considered a student-athlete?

A. A prospect becomes a student-athlete when he or she reports for regular squad practice or attends classes in any term.



Q. Is it permissible for a booster to provide an enrolled student-athlete with professional services (for which a fee would normally be charged) for personal reasons?

A. No. Professional services provided at a fee less than the normal rate or at no expense to a student-athlete are considered extra benefits.

Q. May a student-athlete make a public appearance at a business establishment for any purpose such as signing autographs, etc.?

A. No. Such appearances can be construed as a direct or indirect endorsement of the commercial establishment, thus jeopardizing the eligibility of the student-athlete. It should be noted that student-athletes may make appearances at schools, hospitals, or other non-profit or charitable organizations provided they do not receive compensation (other than expenses) and such activities are authorized by the athletic department in advance.

Q. Is it permissible for a booster to provide gifts or awards to a student-athlete for his or her athletics performance?

A. No. All awards must conform to NCAA awards legislation and must be approved by the Purdue Athletic Department.



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Women's Basketball .....	494-5853
Football .....	494-3220
Men's Golf .....	494-3217
Women's Golf .....	494-3217
Women's Soccer .....	494-3217
Softball .....	494-3217
Men's Swimming & Diving .....	494-3209
Women's Swimming & Diving .....	494-3209
Men's Tennis .....	494-5236
Women's Tennis .....	494-5236
Men's Track & Cross Country .....	494-3209
Women's Track & Cross Country .....	494-3209
Volleyball .....	494-0605
Wrestling .....	494-5236