The following is the Rutgers Athletics policy on requests for autographs for its student-athletes and coaches:

1.) Student Athletes

Autograph sessions will be arranged by sport as deemed appropriate by the Athletic Department. Access to student-athletes participating in Olympic Sports is generally available after practices and after games for personal autographs. For football, designated times will be established at the spring football game and during the pre-season kickoff event in order for fans to meet coaches and student-athletes. For men's and women's basketball, designated times will be established for the pre-season tipoff events for both sports. These are the best opportunities for fans to obtain personalized autographs from coaches and student-athletes. Fans should remember that the items they obtain with student-athlete signatures cannot be used at fundraising events or sold for any reason (retail, auction, etc.), as this is a violation of NCAA rules, and can jeopardize student-athletes' eligibility.

Outside of organized autograph sessions, requests for items to be autographed by student-athletes will no longer be accepted by the Rutgers Athletic Department or individual sport offices. Student-athlete autographed items have been ending up on outside auction sites, causing time-consuming issues for the Office of Compliance and threatening the eligibility of our student-athletes to compete in their respective sports. NCAA bylaws prohibit the use of student-athletes' photographs and/or autographs on any commercial item (i.e. photographs, jerseys, balls, helmets, etc.). The sale of such items for fundraisers and auctions constitutes a violation of NCAA rules and has serious ramifications for our student-athletes. Rutgers Athletics must insure that our student-athletes' collegiate eligibility is not jeopardized.

2.) Coaches

Requests for items to be autographed by coaches will be considered for all in-state non-profit charitable organizations. Autographed items cannot and will not be provided to a high school, preparatory or two-year college for fundraising or to a high school member (coach, teacher, principal, etc.), high school student or the parents of a high school student. Autograph requests for personal use will not be considered.

Policy and Procedure:

a.) All in-state charitable requests must be received in written form on the organization's letterhead, via mail or fax. No email or phone requests will be accepted. Requests must be accompanied by a completed "Charitable Donation Request Form," which can be downloaded from scarletknights.com or requested from the Sports Marketing Office.

b.) All requests must be received at least eight (8) weeks prior to the date needed. We cannot guarantee that autographed item requests will be available on time due to coaches' availability and schedules.

c.) Due to the increasing number of requests received, Rutgers Athletics will not provide the item you wish to have autographed, nor will every request be approved. The organization requesting the autographed item MUST provide the item they wish to have autographed, and also pay for shipping costs of that item, or arrange to pick up the item. **Unless a request is approved, items should NOT be sent to Rutgers Athletics with your request.** Rutgers cannot and will not be responsible for any items sent without prior approval. Autographed items shall not be sold without the written consent of Rutgers Athletics.

d.) The Rutgers Athletics Department reserves the right to request the return of any autographed item that is deemed to be used in any way that is contrary to its Autograph Policy and/or Charitable Donation Request Policy or that or may be considered an NCAA violation.