Every student-athlete is subject to NCAA, Southern Conference and Samford University rules and requirements that can affect your collegiate eligibility. These policies, some of which are outlined in this section, may change on a yearly basis. The Athletic Department’s Compliance Staff will meet with you once each year to discuss NCAA rules and regulations. It is your responsibility to be knowledgeable of the rules and regulations.

Samford University is charged with the following rules and regulations set forth by the NCAA and the Southern Conference. Specifically, the NCAA constitution provides that each institution shall be responsible for:

- Controlling its intercollegiate athletics program in compliance with NCAA rules and regulations;
- Monitoring its programs to ensure compliance, identifying and reporting to the NCAA instances in which compliance has not been achieved, and taking appropriate corrective measures;
- 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.

All individuals associated with the Athletic Department (coaches, staff, student-athletes, boosters, etc.) are expected to act with honesty and sportsmanship at all times. Unethical conduct is a serious charge and can be cited for a number of reasons, not limited to the following: refusal to furnish information relevant to a possible NCAA violation, knowingly arranging for fraudulent academic credit for a prospective or enrolled student-athlete, knowingly providing a prospect or enrolled student-athlete with extra benefits, or knowingly furnishing false or misleading information during an NCAA investigation.

**ASK BEFORE YOU ACT!**

The easiest way to avoid an NCAA rules violation is to ask a coach or staff member BEFORE you enter into any situation or accept any sort of potential benefit. Involvement in a rules violation can have serious effects on your eligibility to practice, compete, or receive athletic scholarship aid. Protect yourself and your team by talking to your coaches, sport administrator, or Compliance staff members whenever a question arises.
NCAA RULES: AMATEURISM

AGENTS

Student-athletes with eligibility remaining may engage in limited activities related to a potential professional athletic career. For more information see a member of the Compliance Staff for a copy of the NCAA’s Guide to a Career in Professional Athletics.

The following are examples of activities that will not jeopardize a student-athlete’s eligibility:
- you may request information from a professional team or organization about your professional market value;
- you or your parents or legal guardians, may negotiate with a professional team;
- you MAY secure advice from an attorney or third party concerning a proposed professional contract, provided the attorney or the third party does not represent you in negotiations for that contract. An attorney may not be present during discussions of a contract offer with a professional team, nor may the attorney have direct contact (in person, by telephone, by regular mail or email) with the professional sports organization (this would be considered representation). You are required to pay such an individual at their normal rate.

Student-athletes may jeopardize their eligibility if they engage in any of the following activities.
- You may NOT agree (orally or in writing) to be represented by an agent for the purpose of marketing your athletics ability or reputation in that sport.
- You may NOT agree (orally or in writing) to be represented by an agent until after your eligibility has ended, including your team’s post-season competition.
- You, your relatives, or your friends, may NOT accept benefits from an agent, financial advisor, runner or any other person associated with an agency business. These benefits include (but are not limited to) transportation, money and gifts, regardless of the value of the benefit or whether it is used.
- You may NOT retain professional services (legal advice) for personal reasons at less than the normal charge.
- You may NOT try out with a professional team in a sport or permit a professional team to conduct medical examinations during the academic year (including vacation periods) while you are enrolled as a regular full-time student.

AMATEURISM

You are not eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics if you have ever taken pay, or promise of pay, for competing in that sport, agreed to participate in professional athletics in that sport, played on any professional athletics team, or used your athletics skill in any form in that sport.

The NCAA revised the rules regarding pre-enrollment activities after August 1, 2002. If you have questions about any of your activities prior to enrolling at Samford please see the Compliance Staff.

ATHLETIC RECOGNITION/AWARDS AND EVENTS

Various local, regional and national organizations often recognize student-athletes for their athletic, academic, or other achievements. Before accepting any award, please check with the Compliance Staff to see what you may accept in conjunction with the award. This is particularly important if the awarding organization wants you to travel to a ceremony to accept the award and pay for your travel expenses. The NCAA regulates what sort of expenses you may receive, and accepting excess expenses may threaten your eligibility.

CAMPS AND CLINICS

The NCAA prohibits student-athletes from owning and operating their own camps or clinics. However, student-athletes are often asked to participate in camps and clinics in a variety of ways. It is not permissible for a student-athlete to receive compensation just for appearing, lecturing or demonstrating at a camp or clinic. Additionally, student-athletes need to be cautious about lending their names and/or images to help promote a camp or clinic. Should you wish to assist with any non-SU camp or clinic, please contact the Compliance Staff to verify whether or not it is permissible activity before agreeing to be involved in the camp or clinic.
CHARITABLE AND PROMOTIONAL EVENTS

The NCAA rules restrict the type of promotional appearances that student-athletes may make throughout the year. Requests for appearances from outside the Athletic Department require **PRIOR** written approval from the Athletic Director.

Coaches and staff may coordinate your participation in promotional or charitable activities on behalf of the Athletic Department. Approval for these activities is granted through a blanket waiver signed by student-athletes prior to the start of team activities.

However, you may be asked to participate in a promotional or charitable activity from someone outside of the Athletic Department. Should this type of situation arise, please contact the Compliance Staff immediately to obtain the necessary approval. It is an NCAA violation to participate in such activities without prior approval and could jeopardize your eligibility. Below are a few common examples of requests that student-athletes receive:
- A booster asks a student-athlete to donate a private lesson as an auction item for a school fundraiser;
- A former teammate is conducting a charitable clinic and asks some student-athletes to assist at the clinic;
- A local charity contacts a student-athlete to speak at a fundraising dinner.

ENDORSEMENT OF COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS

NCAA rules prohibit the use of an enrolled student-athlete’s name or picture to endorse a commercial product or service. All requests for any commercial appearances in conjunction with an event or commercial product must be approved by the Compliance Staff. Modeling, appearances in commercial advertisements, or acting in movies or TV could be considered an amateurism issue and must receive prior approval. The penalty for violating this rule is loss of eligibility. Remember, seemingly harmless things such as posing for a calendar may be a violation.

A common problem for student-athletes is in the area of implied endorsements. Remember that if you demonstrate a product on behalf of a company, and/or provide a comment or interview about a product, service or company, you are jeopardizing your eligibility. Please be cautious about these types of circumstances and contact the Compliance Staff **BEFORE** engaging in any type of activity.

EXTRA BENEFITS

An extra benefit is any special arrangement by a Samford employee or a representative of Samford’s athletics interests (i.e., a booster) to provide you, your relatives, or your friends with any benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation. Receipt of a benefit is not an NCAA rules violation only if it is demonstrated that the same benefit is generally available to all Samford students, or if it is available to a particular segment of the student body on a basis unrelated to athletics ability.

Accepting an extra benefit or preferential treatment can have serious effects on your athletic eligibility. **If you are ever in doubt about a gift, benefit, or service, ask your coach or a member of the Compliance staff.**

GAMBLING

In NCAA Bylaw 10.3, all forms of gambling by student-athletes, institutional coaches AND athletic department staff are prohibited. All student-athletes, coaches and athletic department staff are prohibited from soliciting or accepting a bet for money and/or non-monetary material items that have tangible value (e.g., shirt, dinner). Prohibited forms of gambling include, but are not limited to: pools, fantasy leagues, activities with a bookmaker, bets placed at a Sports Book, parlay cards, or other types of organized gambling.

This prohibition extends to all sports, both at the collegiate and professional levels, in which the NCAA conducts championship competition, Division 1-A football, and emerging sports.

As always, all student-athletes, coaches and staff have a collective responsibility for knowledge of and compliance with all NCAA and Southern Conference rules. If you have any questions about this rule or other regulations, please see a member of the Compliance staff.

The NCAA’s position on gambling:

“The NCAA opposes all forms of legal and illegal sports wagering. Sports wagering has the potential to undermine the integrity of sports contests, and jeopardize the welfare of student-athletes and the intercollegiate athletics community. Sports
wagering demeans the competition and competitors alike by sending a message that is contrary to the purposes and meaning of “sport.” Sports competition should be appreciated for the inherent benefits related to participation of student-athletes, coaches, and institutions in fair contests, not the amount of money wagered on the outcome of the competition.”

OUTSIDE COMPETITION

Competition on an outside team is allowed only during the official vacations published in the University catalog. Always check with your head coach or the Compliance staff before you participate in an outside competition.

A. All sports other than basketball – You are not eligible in your sport for the remainder of the year and the next academic year if, during the academic year, you compete as a member of any outside team in non-collegiate, amateur competition.

B. Basketball only – You are not eligible if you have played in an organized, outside basketball competition after you became a candidate for or a member of an intercollegiate team or after you enrolled at an NCAA institution that recruited you to play basketball. It is only permissible to play on an NCAA-approved summer league team with prior approval from the athletic department.
**NCAA RULES: ELIGIBILITY**

**ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATION**

In order to participate in varsity athletics at Samford, you must be certified as eligible under NCAA, Southern Conference, and Samford University rules and regulations. Eligibility certification must be completed prior to joining a team and taking part in any athletically-related activities. If you have any questions regarding your eligibility, please contact the Compliance Staff.

**All Student-Athletes must:**

- Attend an orientation session with the Compliance Staff;
- Receive a copy of the Student-Athlete Handbook, including the NCAA Rules Summary and a list of banned substances;
- Sign a copy of the NCAA Student-Athlete Statement, NCAA Drug-Testing Consent Form; and Samford Eligibility Questionnaire;
- Meet the NCAA Progress-Toward Degree requirements (upperclassmen);
- Be certified by the NCAA Clearinghouse (freshmen only);
- Be registered for 12 credit hours;
- Pass a minimum of 6 credit hours during the previous semester of full-time enrollment.

**FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT**

NCAA rules require that all student-athletes be registered in 12 credit hours to be eligible for competition. The only exception to this rule is for seniors in their final semester, who may be enrolled in only the number of units they need to graduate. In this situation, you must have certification on file with the Compliance Office before you will be eligible for competition.

You also must be enrolled in 12 credit hours to be eligible for practice. The NCAA allows you to practice for five days at the beginning of the semester without being enrolled. Beginning with the sixth day, you must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours to be eligible for practice.

**TERM-BY-TERM ELIGIBILITY**

The NCAA requires ALL student-athletes to pass at least SIX credit hours each semester in order to be eligible for competition during the following semester. This requirement does carry over from year-to-year so, for example, spring semester academic performance determines eligibility for fall sports.

**PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE STANDARDS**

The NCAA revised the progress-toward-degree rules for those students who enrolled in college on or after August 1, 2003. The standards below reflect the new/current rules only. If you enrolled in college prior to August 1, 2003, your eligibility rules will be slightly different than those listed here. Please see the Compliance Staff if you have any questions about your eligibility status.

To be eligible to compete, you must be in good academic standing according to Samford University, be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours, and maintain academic progress toward a bachelor’s degree. To meet the NCAA progress toward degree rules, students who enrolled in college on or after August 1, 2003, must meet the following requirements each fall:

**By the beginning of your second year in college:**

- Have completed 24 credit hours during your freshman year (includes summer school);
- Have completed 18 credit hours during your freshman regular academic year (fall/spring semesters only);
- Maintain at least a 1.8 cumulative GPA (90% of Samford’s required 2.0) after each term.
By the beginning of your third year in college:
- Have declared a major;
- Have completed 18 credit hours during the previous regular academic year (fall/spring semesters only);
- Have completed at least 40% of your degree;
- Maintain at least a 1.9 cumulative GPA (95% of Samford’s required 2.0) after each term.

By the beginning of your fourth year in college:
- Have completed 18 credit hours during the previous regular academic year (fall/spring semesters only);
- Have completed at least 60% of your degree;
- Maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA (100% of Samford’s required 2.0) after each term.

By the beginning of your fifth year in college:
- Have completed 18 credit hours during the previous regular academic year (fall/spring semesters only);
- Have completed at least 80% of your degree;
- Maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA (100% of Samford’s required 2.0) after each term.

If you have any questions about these requirements or your academic standing, please see the compliance staff or the Academic Advisor for Student-Athletes.
NCAA RULES: EMPLOYMENT

Whether employment occurs during vacation periods or the academic year, a student-athlete may only be paid for work actually performed and the rate of compensation must be commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar work. The compensation paid to a student-athlete may not include any amount because of the reputation the student-athlete has obtained because of athletics.

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ATHLETICALLY RELATED EMPLOYMENT

Student-athletes may not conduct or own their own camp or clinic. Student-athletes may be employed as lifeguards or as a member of a ski patrol and may be paid to officiate amateur sports contests. They may be paid (on the hourly basis, not commissions) to sell athletic equipment so long as their name, picture or athletics reputation are not used to advertise or promote the product, job or employer.

EMPLOYMENT REGULATIONS

For off-campus employment each student-athlete is required, prior to commencement of employment, to sign a written statement to be kept on file in the Athletics Department, which specifies the following:

- Where the student-athlete will be working;
- The student-athlete may not receive remuneration for utility or value the student-athlete may have for the employer because of publicity, reputation, fame or personal following obtained because of athletics ability;
- The student-athlete is to be compensated only for work actually performed;
- The student-athlete is to be compensated at a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar services.

PRIVATE LESSONS (FEE-FOR-LESSON)

The NCAA permits student-athletes to be paid for providing lessons in the sport in which they compete. Unlike other summer employment, the Athletic Department must maintain year-round records for any private lessons.

To receive compensation for giving private lessons (teaching or coaching sport skills or techniques in your sport), you must meet ALL of the following:

- Institutional facilities may NOT be used;
- Playing lessons are not permitted;
- The athletic department must receive documentation of the lessons and fee provided BEFORE the lessons occur.
- Compensation must be paid by the lesson’s recipient, not another individual or entity.
- A student-athlete may NOT use his/her name, picture, or appearance to promote or advertise the availability of private lessons.
- Lessons are designed to be individual in nature and cannot include more than two recipients at any one time.

MODELING

Unless he or she was working as a professional model before entering college, student-athletes may not permit the use of their picture to advertise or promote the sale or use of a commercial product or service of any kind.

SPORTS CAMPS

Student-athletes may be employed to work in a camp or clinic run by Samford University, another college, or a private organization. Student-athletes must perform duties that are of a general supervisory nature and coaching or officiating assignments cannot represent more than one-half of a student-athlete’s work time. Check with your head coach or the compliance office before accepting employment at a sports camp or clinic.
NCAA RULES: PLAYING & PRACTICE

NCAA LIMITS ON ALL ATHLETICALLY-RELATED ACTIVITIES

The NCAA restricts a student-athlete’s participation in countable athletically-related activities to:

Playing Season-Required Activity
• Maximum of four hours per day
• Maximum of 20 hours per week, with each day of competition counting as three hours
• Required one day off per week

Out-of-Season – Required Activity
• Maximum of eight hours per week
• Required one day off per week
• Skill instruction for all sports:
  o Between Sept. 15-April 15, of the eight hours, not more than two hours can be spent on required skill instruction with no limit on the number of student-athletes participating;
  o Before Sept.15, after April 15, and during dead week and finals week, not more than two hours can be spent on required skill instruction with a limit of four student-athletes participating.

CLASS TIME

NCAA rules prohibit student-athletes from missing class in order to attend practice. Please inform your head coach of your class schedule as soon as it is finalized.

PRESEASON PRACTICE/VACATION PERIODS

NCAA practice limits do not apply for sports that are in season practice prior to the first day of classes or the first contest, whichever is first. Practice limits also do not apply during official University vacation periods (fall, Christmas, and spring vacations, etc.) although student-athletes still are required to have one day off each week during a vacation period.

COUNTABLE ATHLETICALLY-RELATED ACTIVITIES

The NCAA defines countable athletically-related activities as any required activity with an athletics purpose involving student-athletes and at the direction of, or supervised by, one or more of an institution’s coaching staff (including strength and conditioning coaches). These activities must be included in the weekly and daily limitations as noted on this page.

Examples of countable athletically-related activities include, but are not limited to:
- Practice (any meeting, activity or instruction involving sport-related information and having athletics purpose);
- Competition;
- Required weight training and conditioning activities at the direction of or supervised by an institutional staff member;
- Film or videotape reviews of athletic practices of contests required, supervised or monitored by institutional staff members;
- Required participation in camps, clinics or promotional/charitable activities;
- Involvement of an institution’s strength and conditioning staff with enrolled student-athletes in required conditioning programs.

Examples of non-countable athletically-related activities include, but are not limited to:
- Study hall, tutoring, or academic meetings;
- Voluntary sport-related activities (i.e., initiated by the student-athlete, no attendance taken, no coach present);
- Traveling to/from a site of competition;
- Training room activities, rehabilitation activities and medical examinations;
- Recruiting activities.

If you have questions about countable activities or time limitations, please speak with your coaching staff or a member of the Compliance Staff.
VOLUNTARY WORKOUTS

Student-athletes may participate in voluntary work-outs and activities during the academic year and over the summer. The NCAA determined that for an athletically related activity to be considered “voluntary,” ALL of the following must be met:

a) Student-athletes must not be required to report back to the coach or other staff member (e.g., strength coach, trainer, manager) any information related to the activity. No athletic department staff member may report back to the coach any information related to the activity that he/she may have observed;

b) The activity must be initiated and requested solely by the student-athlete;

c) Attendance and participation in the activity may not be recorded for the purpose of reporting back to coaches or to other student-athlete; and

d) Student-athletes must not be subject to penalty if he/she elects not to participate in the activity. No recognition or incentives may be provided based on attendance or performance in the activity.

The athletic department places a strong emphasis on the compliance with these rules to ensure student-athletes succeed in all aspects of the collegiate experience! If you ever have any questions about your sport’s activities, please talk to your head coach, your sport administrator or a member of the Compliance Staff.
NCAA RULES: RECRUITING

RECRUITING PHILOSOPHY

In adhering to the mission of Samford University and its Athletic Department, those involved in the varsity athletic programs at the University are charged with the responsibility of identifying and recruiting prospective student-athletes (“PSAs”) of good character that will succeed academically at the University, athletically at the NCAA Division I level, and socially within the greater University and Birmingham community. The compliance office of the University’s Athletic Department is committed to educate Athletic Department staff members, student-athletes, and the various University constituencies involved in the recruiting process.

RECRUITING POLICIES

Samford University’s Athletic Department Campus Recruiting Policy is the product of directives set forth by the NCAA recruiting Task force, an analysis of policies at peer institutions, and dialogue with and among the University President and senior management. It is required that all those involved in the recruitment of PSAs strictly follow NCAA guidelines as outline in the university Athletic Department Campus Visit Recruiting Policy.

The University’s Athletic Department maintains these below enumerated requirements to:

(a) Ensure the safety of student hosts and PSAs;
(b) Protect the integrity of the University and its Athletic Department, coaches, student-athletes, and the PSAs; and
(c) Continue strict compliance with NCAA rules governing campus visits.

This Campus Visit Recruiting Policy will be published in the Student-Athlete Handbook, the Athletic Department Recruiting and Compliance Manual, and the Department of Operations Manual. Further, this Campus Visit Recruiting Policy will be reviewed annually at the Athletic Department compliance office team eligibility meetings and at department staff meetings.

The following groups play an active role in the administration and monitoring of the University’s Campus Recruiting Policy:

**Athletic Administrators.** It is the responsibility of the athletic administration to reinforce the requirements set forth in the Campus Visit Recruiting Policy to coaches, student-athletes and PSAs prior to and after official visits. It is the responsibility of athletic administrators to notify the Athletic Department’s compliance office if they become aware of or are suspicious of NCAA violations or of violations of the Campus Visit Recruiting Policy.

**Coaches.** Coaches might not be in the presence of the PSAs at all times throughout the PSA’s official visits. However, coaches are ultimately responsible for the conduct of the student-athletes, student hosts and PSAs. Therefore, it is imperative that coaches educate all student hosts and PSAs on the expectations set forth in the Campus Visit Recruiting Policy. Further, it is the responsibility of each coach to take reasonable action with a student host and/or PSA if a violation occurs. Reasonable action includes, without limitation, notifying the Athletic Department’s compliance office whenever the coach becomes aware of or suspects an NCAA violation(s) or of violation(s) of the Campus Visit Recruiting Policy.

**Student Hosts.** By signing the Student Host Code of Conduct Form and the Student Host Form, the student host takes responsibility for abiding by the Campus Visit Recruiting Policy, thereby helping to ensure the official visit is a valuable one for the PSA. Any student host found in violation of the Campus Visit Recruiting Policy may be subject to disciplinary action as below described.

The student host must be either a current student-athlete or a student designated in a manner consistent with the institution’s policy for providing campus visits or tours to prospective students in general. The student host must be enrolled full-time, be a student-athlete and in their first year of enrollment, and be an NCAA qualifier.

The day prior to an official visit, the designated student host(s) must meet with their respective coach to review the Campus Visit Recruiting Policy as outlined in the Student Host Code of Conduct Form and the Student Host Form. Both forms must be signed by the student host before the host money is received. Within 48-hours of the completion of the official visit, the student host must return the signed and completed Student Host Summary along with receipts for the money spent and any unspent funds. By signing the Student Host Summary, the student host certifies that he/she has adhered to the Campus Visit Recruiting Policy and is now aware of any violations occurring during the official visit.

**Prospective Student-Athlete.** Each PSA will receive a copy of the Student Host Code of Conduct Form and the policy upon his or her arrival to campus. PSAs are expected to fully adhere to all rules set forth in the Campus Visit Recruiting Policy and may be subject to disciplinary action as below described.
ENTERTAINMENT ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT

Entertainment associated with the official visit must be within a 30-mile radius of campus and may only be provided for the PSA and his/her parent(s), guardian(s) or spouse.

The following types of entertainment are permissible:
(a) Complimentary admission to home athletic events in the general seating area of the facility may be provided to the PSA and those persons accompanying him/her (up to a maximum of 3 unless a prospect is a member of a nontraditional family, an institution can provide 2 additional complimentary tickets to a home contest to accommodate the parents e.g., stepparents accompanying the prospect on the Official Visit). Seating may not be provided in the press box or bench area.
(b) Brunch, lunch, or dinner at the home of University staff.

The following types of entertainment are prohibited:
(a) Student hosts may not provide alcohol to a PSA of any age. This includes taking the PSA to a party where alcohol is present or taking the PSA to a bar or club where alcohol is served.
(b) Student hosts and PSAs may not use or sell any illegal drugs or date rape drugs. The use, possession, or sale of prescription drugs for which the student host or PSA does not have a legitimate use is also prohibited.
(c) The use of, or frequenting of, escort services, strip clubs, adult establishments or making other sexual arrangements are strictly prohibited.
(d) University funds may NOT be used for any gambling activity nor is the PSA allowed to participate in any gambling activity while on the official visit.
(e) PSAs must abide by the University rules and regulations regarding student conduct as defined in the Samford University Student Handbook.

SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATIONS OF CAMPUS VISIT RECRUITING POLICY

Violations of this Campus Visit Recruiting Policy may be grounds for an NCAA enforcement of action. Further, the University reserves the authority to impose penalties and sanctions if violations of the Campus Visit Recruiting Policy occur. These may include, but are not limited to the following;

PSAs:

i. Alleged Violation: If a PSA is alleged to have violated a condition(s) of the Campus Visit Recruitment and/or admission to the University may be suspended until an internal investigation is completed. The PSA would have the opportunity to provide information relevant to the allegation.
ii. Confirmed Violation: If the investigation confirms a PSA’s involvement in a violation(s) of the Campus Visit Recruiting Policy, his or her recruitment and/or admission to the University may be revoked. Further, the PSA may be declared ineligible if it is found that he or she was involved in an NCAA violation.

Student Host:

i. Alleged Violation: If a student-athlete is alleged to have violated a condition(s) of the Campus Visit Recruiting Policy, he or she will be immediately suspended from all athletics participation until an internal investigation is completed. The student-athlete would have the opportunity to provide information relevant to the allegation.
ii. Confirmed Violation: If the investigation confirms a student-athlete’s involvement in a violation(s) of the Campus Visit Recruiting Policy, he or she may be subject to the following:
1. The individual may no longer serve as a student host;
2. The student host may be suspended from competition or dismissed from the team;
3. The student host may be sanctioned according to the University for violations of the Samford University Student Code of Conduct; and/or
4. If the student host is involved in an NCAA violation, he/she may be found ineligible due to NCAA rules.

You are not permitted to use Host Entertainment Money to pay for a teammate’s costs or meals during an official visit.
NCAA RULES: RECRUITING SUMMARY

NCAA RECRUITING RULES FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES

Correspondence

You MAY write to a recruit (letters or email), provided it is not done at the direction and/or expense of the coaching staff.

Phone Calls

You MAY receive phone calls from a recruit made after July 1 of the recruit’s junior year in high school. However, you may NOT make or participate in phone calls to a recruit at the direction and/or expense of the coaching staff.

Publicity/Comments in the Media

You may NOT make any comments to the media regarding a recruit, the recruit’s athletic ability, or the likelihood of the recruit attending Samford. ALL questions regarding recruiting, or a particular recruit, should be directed to the head coach. This also prohibits you from talking about a sibling or other family member that is being recruited by Samford.

NCAA Recruiting Rules for Hosting a Recruit on an Official Visit

In addition to the rules and regulations noted in the Samford University Recruiting Policy on the previous pages, the following NCAA rules apply when you serve as a student-athlete host.

Extra Benefits

You may not provide a recruit with any benefit not expressly permitted in this section. The only benefit you may provide a recruit on an official visit is via the host entertainment money. You may not provide them with any of your own or your team’s athletic apparel or equipment, or supplement the entertainment money with any of your own funds.

Entertainment Money

As a host, you may receive a maximum of $30 per day for each day of the visit to cover all actual costs of entertaining the recruit. This money may NOT be used by the recruit to purchase souvenirs, such as t-shirts or other institutional mementos. You will be required to sign a Student Host Form when you receive the host money. The Athletic Department reserves the right to require reimbursement for any host money used for objectionable or inappropriate activities.

Meals

You may receive a complimentary meal when you are accompanying the recruit to a meal.

Entertainment

You may show the recruit around the Birmingham area, but you are limited to staying within a 30-mile radius of campus.

Transportation

You will need to provide your own transportation for you and the recruit during the official visit. You cannot borrow a coach or staff member’s car or use any university vehicle. A coach or staff member, however, can provide you and the recruit with a ride during the visit.

Boosters

Representatives of the University’s athletics interests (i.e., boosters, alums) are not allowed to be involved in recruiting a prospect. If, during an official visit, you and the recruit come into contact with a booster or alum, the conversation must be limited to an exchange of greetings, and you should then excuse yourself and the recruit immediately. Remember that Samford alums, former student-athletes and former teammates are all considered boosters.