

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Is St. Bonaventure responsible for the actions of its alumni and boosters?

A. YES. Alumni and boosters are governed by the same NCAA and institutional rules as those placed upon institutional staff members.

Q. What is an “Extra Benefit”?

A. An “extra benefit” would include provision of any transportation, meals, clothes, entertainment, preferential loan terms, free legal advice or other benefits offered to an enrolled or prospective student-athlete that is unavailable to the general student population. **A student-athlete may not be treated any differently than a student who does not participate in athletics.**

Q. May a prospective student-athlete call an alumnus or booster?

A. Yes, an alumnus or booster may have a telephone conversation with a prospective student-athlete **ONLY** if the prospect initiates the call. The telephone call may not be pre-arranged by an institutional staff member, and the alumnus or booster is not permitted to have a recruiting conversation with the prospect, but may exhibit normal civility. The alumnus or booster must refer all questions regarding the University’s athletic program to the Athletic Department.

Q. Who should I call if I would like to hire a student-athlete?

A. Please contact the Athletic Department **PRIOR** to arranging any employment with a student-athlete so that the necessary documentation and procedures can be followed.

St. Bonaventure University, as a member of the NCAA, is responsible for ensuring that its various constituencies (e.g., University staff, faculty, students, alumni and friends) abide by NCAA rules. Under those rules, alumni and friends can be categorized as “representatives of SBU’s athletics interest.”

This brochure is presented as quick reference to the many NCAA rules which apply to our “athletics representatives.” Since it does not include all applicable situations, **please call us if you have any questions BEFORE having any contact with a prospective or enrolled student-athlete.**

We appreciate your interest and support, but remind you that an inappropriate contact or any inadvertent action on your part can jeopardize the eligibility of our enrolled and prospective student-athletes and the compliance of the University with NCAA regulations.



Friends of St. Bonaventure University

Quick Reference Guide to

NCAA Rules & Regulations



This publication was prepared by the Athletic Department to assist alumni and friends in complying with NCAA regulations governing the conduct of St. Bonaventure University’s intercollegiate athletic programs.

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www.gobonnies.com

www.NCAA.org

Am I a “Representative of Athletic Interests”?

Yes, if you:

- Are or ever have been a member of the Bonaventure Athletic Fund or Varsity B organizations or any other sport-specific group.
- Have ever made a donation to SBU’s athletics programs.
- Have ever helped to arrange or provide summer employment for an enrolled student-athlete.
- Have ever contacted a high school student for the purpose of encouraging the student to participate in SBU’s athletic programs.
- Have ever assisted in providing any benefits to enrolled student-athletes.
- Have ever been involved in a any way with SBU athletic programs.

Important rules you should know

1. Only coaches and staff members can be involved in the recruiting process. You are prohibited from contacting a prospective student-athlete or members of their family by telephone, letter, e-mail or in person on- or off-campus for the purpose of encouraging participation in our athletic programs.

2. As a Representative of Athletics Interest or an Employee of SBU, you cannot provide an “extra benefit” or special arrangement to a prospective or current student-athlete. Specifically you **MAY NOT** :

- Give them cash or loans in any amount.
- Sign or co-sign a note with an outside agency to arrange a loan.
- Employ relatives or friends of a prospect as an inducement for the enrollment of the prospect.
- Give them gifts of any kind (e.g. birthday, Christmas, Valentine’s Day) or free services (e.g. clothing, airline tickets, laundry, car repair, haircuts, meals in restaurants).

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- Provide special discounts for goods or services.
- Provide them hospitality in your home other than for special occasions (e.g. Thanksgiving, birthday).
- Invite them to your summer home to go water skiing, sailing, etc.
- Provide them transportation within or outside of the campus area (e.g. from campus to your home, from the airport to campus, to summer job, etc.)
- Entertain or contact a prospect or prospect’s family on or off campus.
- Provide rent free or reduced rent housing.
- Provide a benefit connected with on or off campus housing (e.g. individual television sets or stereo equipment, specialized recreational facilities, etc.).
- Provide guarantee of a bond.
- Provide promise to a prospect of employment after college graduation.

3. **YOU CAN ASSIST** the coaching staff in the recruiting proces by notifying them of any student you think would be a strong addition to our athletic programs. The coach will then make the contact.

If you have **ANY** questions about contacting enrolled or prospective student-athletes, please direct your questions to:

P.O. Box G

St. Bonaventure, N.Y. 14778

Phone: 716-375-2282

Fax: 716-375-2280



How can I help the Bonnies win?

Besides cheering on the Bonnies, you can help us be successful by:

- Contacting our coaching staff if you know of a young person in your home town who could be a strong addition to our athletic programs.
- Forwarding newspaper articles or clippings of outstanding high school student-athletes in your home town to our coaching staff.
- Offering to host a member of our coaching staff who is recruiting in your home community.
- Occasionally inviting a student-athlete to your home for a home-cooked meal, but only for a special occasion (e.g., Thanksgiving dinner, birthday). The student-athlete must provide his or her own transportation and nothing else of value (e.g., gift) may be provided to the student athlete.
- Notifying the Athletics Department if your company or employer has summer employment or internship opportunities available. This is an excellent opportunity for our student-athletes to gain valuable experience.
- Abiding by all applicable NCAA regulations and asking questions **BEFORE** contacting a student-athlete.



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