



It is important to remember that the UTA Athletics Department may be penalized for the actions of any of its boosters. The rules are lengthy and complicated. If there is any doubt regarding the propriety of a booster's actions, please call the UTA Athletics Department for a rule interpretation. For additional information, go to [www.utamavs.com](http://www.utamavs.com) or

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The University of Texas at Arlington has a quality athletic program with a reputation for success throughout. In four of the past nine years, the UTA athletic department has won the Southland Conference Commissioner's Cup, an award earned by the university which owns the highest average league standing in all sports offered by the conference. This standing is determined by the teams' place of finish in each sport throughout the year.

In the past four years, UTA has either won the regular season championship or the post-season championship in volleyball, men's and women's tennis, men's golf, men's basketball and women's basketball.

The term "student-athlete" clearly applies to the members of our teams. Currently, of the 198 athletes on UTA's sports teams, 84 qualify for the honor roll, and the average cumulative grade point average of all athletes is 2.85. Both the percentage of students on the honor roll and the cumulative grade point average exceeds that of the UTA general student population.



## **A Guide to NCAA Rules For Those Who Support the UTA Athletics Program**

**The  
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at Arlington**



The NCAA requires that Athletics Departments make every effort to inform those who support intercollegiate programs about rules compliance. Most NCAA rules violations by “boosters” involve the recruitment of prospective student-athletes or are involved with providing benefits to enrolled student-athletes.

UTA wants those who support our program to continue their support. As the athletics program grows in its reputation for success, more boosters are coming aboard. The following questions and answers involve the most misunderstood issues regarding the relationships between boosters and inter-collegiate athletics programs.



**Question:** Who is considered a booster?

**Answer:** A booster is a past or current member of a UT Arlington booster organization or one who promotes UT Arlington athletics in any way.

**Question:** Is UT Arlington responsible for the actions of UT Arlington boosters?

**Answer:** UT Arlington is held responsible for the rules violations of all boosters.

**Question:** At what point may a student become a prospective student-athlete (PSA)?

**Answer:** A student becomes a PSA upon his/her first day of classes in the ninth grade.

**Question:** May a booster become involved in the recruitment of a PSA?

**Answer:** Boosters may not have any recruiting contact with a PSA. Specifically, boosters may not:

1. Have recruiting contact on or off campus.
2. Contact a PSA's coach, principal or counselor to evaluate academic or athletic ability.
3. Entertain PSA's either on or off the UTA campus.
4. Provide any PSA with free or reduced cost services, purchases or housing.

**Question:** May a booster place telephone calls to a PSA?

**Answer:** Boosters may not place telephone calls to PSA's and even if the PSA places the telephone call, the booster may not make any type of a recruitment presentation.

**Question:** May a booster employ a PSA?

**Answer:** A booster may employ a PSA if the arrangement for the employment is made by the UTA Athletics Department and the PSA has completed his/her senior year in high school.

**Question:** May a booster provide meals to an enrolled student-athlete?

**Answer:** A booster may provide an occasional family home meal on special occasions. The meals must be infrequent and must occur at the booster's home.

**Question:** What are specific “extra benefits” boosters may not provide to enrolled student-athletes?

**Answer:** Boosters may not:

1. Loan money or arrange for loans.
2. Provide any transportation or use of a car.
3. Provide any friend or family member with tickets to any entertainment event.
4. Arrange for or provide discounts or special payment arrangements for any type of goods or services.

**Question:** How may boosters avoid NCAA rules violations?

**Answer:** The booster should contact the UT Arlington Athletics Director or the Athletic Compliance Officer prior to taking any action that could be considered an extra benefit to a student-athlete or prospective student-athlete.

