

Athletics Compliance Mission

To promote knowledge of and adherence to NCAA rules and regulations in the Utah Valley University Community, College Staff, and Athletics Department Staff, and to monitor such rules and regulations, thereby reducing infractions that may otherwise occur.

Three Final Reminders

- 1) Please contact the Compliance Office for NCAA rules interpretations.
- 2) Remember that in most cases - CONTACT WITH A PROSPECT IS PROHIBITED.
- 3) Thank you for your support and interest in all of our athletic programs.

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Guide to NCAA Rules for Fans, Friends, Boosters & Alumni



As a member of the National Collegiate Athletics Association, Utah Valley University is responsible for ensuring that NCAA regulations are followed by our coaches, student-athletes, faculty and staff, donors, boosters, former students, fans and friends. We want to remind you that any inappropriate action on your part can jeopardize the eligibility of a prospective or currently enrolled student-athlete and the integrity of Utah Valley University.

This guide is intended to provide you with a basic understanding of the NCAA rules and regulations that you should know as someone who cares about intercollegiate athletics. All questions and situations cannot be answered in this brief brochure so please do not hesitate to call the Compliance office if you have any questions.

Compliance with NCAA rules is of the highest priority for our athletics program and institution. As a member of the NCAA, UVU is responsible for the action of its alumni, supporters, and fans. Even the best-intentioned action on your part may be a violation of NCAA rules. UVU appreciates its alumni and friends who strive for the highest level of ethical conduct while supporting the student-athlete's goals for both academic and athletic success.

NCAA Definitions

Who is a representative of athletics interests?

Anyone who:

- Has participated in or is a member of The Wolverine Club
- Has made financial contributions to the athletics department or to an athletics booster organization of that institution;
- Has been requested by the athletics department staff to assist in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes or is assisting in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes;
- Has assisted or is assisting in providing benefits to enrolled student-athletes; or
- Is otherwise involved in promoting the institution's athletics program.

Once you have been identified as an institutional representative of athletics interest, you retain that identity FOREVER.

ONCE A BOOSTER, ALWAYS A BOOSTER!

Who is a prospective student-athlete?

A prospect is any student who has started the ninth grade. In addition, a student who has not started ninth grade classes becomes a prospective student-athlete if the institution provides the individual (or the individual's relatives or friends) any financial assistance or other benefit prospective students do not generally receive. A prospect becomes a student-athlete only when they attend their first day of class or report for an intercollegiate squad that is under the jurisdiction of the athletics department, not after they sign the National Letter of Intent with UVU.

What is a contact?

Contact is any face-to-face encounter between a prospect or the prospect's relatives and an institutional staff member or athletics representative where any dialogue occurs in excess of an exchange of greeting. Any face-to-face encounter that is prearranged or takes place on the grounds of the prospect's high school or site of organized competition or practice involving the prospect's high school, preparatory school, two-year college, or all-star team is considered a contract regardless of the conversation that occurs.

What is the definition of recruiting?

Recruiting is any solicitation of a prospect or a prospect's relatives (or legal guardians) by an institutional staff member or by a representative of the institution's athletics interests for the purpose of securing the prospect's enrollment and ultimate participation in the institution's intercollegiate athletics program.

NCAA Rules Regarding Prospective Student-Athletes

Some of the Do's:
As a booster you are permitted to do the following:

- DO feel free to send newspaper clippings and other information about prospects that you believe may be important to UVU's coaching staff.
- DO feel free to attend high school or two-year college athletics contests, provided no contact with the prospect, prospect's parents, or coach occurs.
- DO continue existing friendships, provided solicitation of a prospect's enrollment does not occur.
- DO notify the Compliance Office or the Athletic Department of employment possibilities for prospects.

Some of the Don'ts:

- Only authorized institutional staff members are permitted to recruit prospective student-athletes. The NCAA prohibits all boosters from the following:
- DO NOT telephone, write, or make in-person contact (either on or off campus) with a prospect for recruiting purposes.
 - DO NOT become directly or indirectly involved in making arrangements for a prospect, the prospect's relatives or friends to receive money or financial aid of any kind.
 - DO NOT provide any transportation costs to prospects, their relatives or friends to campus to attend athletics events.
 - DO NOT contact a prospect's coach, principal or counselor in an attempt to evaluate the prospect's academic or athletics eligibility.
 - DO NOT entertain any coach from a junior or senior high school, prep school, or junior college or provide them with tickets, gifts, or other benefits.
 - DO NOT provide free tickets or tickets at a reduced cost to any UVU home or away event to prospects, their friends or relatives.
 - DO NOT mail anything, including newspapers, clippings, posters, programs, etc. to prospects.

NCAA Rules Regarding Enrolled Student-Athletes

Some of the Do's:

- DO feel free to provide a student-athlete or a team, not their family and friends an occasional meal (defined as once per semester) in your home, not at a restaurant.
- DO feel free to donate to Utah Valley University to recognize a student-athlete's participation in a special event. Please contact UVU athletics at (801) 863-8998.

Some of the Don'ts:

- DO NOT use UVU game footage, a student-athlete or photograph of a student-athlete in any commercial advertisements without first contacting UVU athletics.
- DO NOT attempt to sell a picture of a student-athlete. It may jeopardize his/her eligibility at UVU.
- DO NOT pay for or arrange payment of room, board, or any type of transportation for a student-athlete.
- DO NOT contact student-athletes enrolled in other four-year institutions regarding the possibility of transferring to UVU and its athletics program.
- DO NOT allow a student-athlete, their relatives or friends to use your telephone or cell phone to make free calls.

Questions Regarding Enrolled Student-Athletes

Can I hire a student-athlete to work at my company?

Yes, but you must first contact the Compliance Office. There are many NCAA regulations governing the employment of student-athletes.

Can I let a student-athlete borrow my car?

No, this would be an extra benefit. An extra benefit is defined as any special arrangement by an institutional employee or a representative of the institution's athletics interests to provide a student-athlete or a student-athlete's relatives or friends a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation. Receipt of a benefit by a student-athlete, their relative(s) or friends is not a violation if it is demonstrated that the same benefit is generally available to the institution's students or their relatives or friends or to a particular segment of the student body (i.e. international students) determined on a basis unrelated to athletic ability.

NCAA Rules Regarding Gambling

The NCAA prohibits student-athletes or Athletics Department staff members from knowingly providing information to individuals involved in organized gambling activities concerning intercollegiate athletics competition. In addition, student athletes or Athletics Department staff members may not solicit a bet on any intercollegiate team or accept a bet on any gambling activity involving intercollegiate and professional athletics through any gambling method, organized or otherwise.



Some extra benefits include but are not limited to the following:

- An employment arrangement for a prospect's relative
- Gifts of clothing or equipment
- Cosigning of loans or posting bonds
- Loans to a prospect's relatives or friends
- Cash or like items
- Any tangible items, including merchandise
- Free or reduced-cost housing
- Providing discounts for goods and Services
- Free or reduced-cost services, rentals or purchases
- Use of personal property
- Providing a car and/or transportation
- Providing tickets to an athletics event, institutional or community event
- Proving a promise of financial aid for postgraduate education to a prospect
- Anything that is not provided to all students on campus

Promotional and Community Service Activities for Student-Athletes

All charitable, educational, and nonprofit promotional activities involving student-athletes must have prior approval from the Compliance Office. All of these events are coordinated through Student-Athlete Services. For more information, please call (801) 863-8998. 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.