Booster Contact

Per Bylaw 13.01.4, a representative of an institution’s athletic interest (booster) is not permitted to make any form of on- or off-campus recruiting contacts with prospects, or have written or telephonic communications with a prospect or the prospect’s relatives or legal guardians. Please see specific examples below:

**Telephone Calls:** A booster is not permitted to call or text a prospect or their parents or legal guardian.

**Athletic Evaluations:** A booster may view a prospect’s competition or practice at their own expense.

**Academic Evaluations:** It is impermissible for a booster to contact a high school or to contact the prospect in order to conduct an academic evaluation of a prospect.

**Contact:** It is impermissible for a booster to contact a prospect or the prospect’s parents or legal guardians at any time.

**Official Visits:** During an official visit, a prospect may not have any form of contact with a booster whether it is at a game, a tailgate or at an occasional meal. **It is impermissible for a coaching staff to introduce any prospect to a booster.**

**Social Media:** It is impermissible for a booster or booster group to contact a prospect via social media AND it is also impermissible for a booster to create a group to aid in the recruitment of a prospect.

Compliance Brain Busters

1. When must a student-athlete designate their degree program?
   A. Before the 3rd semester
   B. Before the 5th semester
   C. Before the 7th semester
   D. Before the 4th semester

2. A nonqualifier may watch practice that is not open to the general public while serving a year in residence during their initial year.
   True
   False

   **Answers on Page 2**
SJSU was originally called the Minns’ Evening Normal School in 1857, which was located in San Francisco. Later it became the California State Normal School in 1862 and was moved to San Jose in 1871.

**48 Hour Travel to Competition Exceptions**

In all sports student-athletes may receive actual and necessary travel expenses to represent SJSU no earlier than 48 hours prior and 36 hours (24 for MBK) following the conclusion of the event except for the following situations:

- Travel prior to and following contests in Hawaii or Alaska;
- Travel prior to and following regular-season competition that takes place during the institution’s official vacation period during the academic year;
- Travel prior to contests in NCAA championship events, national governing body championships in emerging sports or postseason football games;
- Return transportation following contests in NCAA championship events, national governing body championships in emerging sports or postseason football games that take place during the institution's official vacation period during the academic year or between regular academic terms;
- Travel prior to and following regular-season competition that takes place during the institution's summer-vacation period;
- Travel prior to and following regular-season competition that takes place in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season and limited to not more than once every four years;
- Travel prior to the USA Gymnastics (USAG) intercollegiate championships; or
- Travel prior to and following contests when inclement weather (e.g., hurricanes, snowstorm) requires the institution to adjust original travel plans to depart not more than 72 hours prior to the start of the actual competition or return not more than 60 hours following the conclusion of the actual competition.

**Brain Buster Answers**

1. **B** – Bylaw 14.4.3.1.7 states that a student-athlete must designate a program of studies leading to a degree before the third year of enrollment (5th semester).
2. **False** – Bylaw 14.3.2.2 states that a student-athlete who is a nonqualifier and who, therefore, is not eligible for practice, may not attend any practice sessions in any capacity, nor may the student-athlete attend any meeting characterized as practice. A nonqualifier may attend practice that is open to the general public during the initial year in residence.

**Compliance Education Sessions**

This month’s mandatory SJSU Compliance Rules Education Session will take place on Tuesday, October 23 from 9-10 AM and Thursday, October 25 from 2-3 PM in the Spartan Foundation Room. ALL coaching staff members are required to attend at least one of these Sessions, and we encourage staff members to attend as well.

**Interpretation Questions and Answers**

**Question:** Can I reserve a room for a prospect who is coming in for an unofficial visit?

**Answer:** No, Bylaw 13.2.1 precludes an institutional staff member or a booster from arranging directly or indirectly to give any financial aid or other benefits to a prospect and their family or friends. The only benefits a prospect may receive must be expressly permitted by NCAA regulations.

**Question:** Can pictures from an official visit with prospects and student-hosts be posted on an official Facebook account?

**Answer:** No, per the NCAA Ed Column on 4/26/2012, an institutions may not publicize (or arrange for the publicity of) a prospect's visit to campus. Further, institutions may photograph a prospect during a campus visit but may not use the photograph until the prospect has signed a NLI or a written offer of admission and/or financial aid.

**Question:** Can we bring our team to a professional game for team building?

**Answer:** No, per Bylaw 16.2.2.5, it is impermissible for a staff member or a booster to provide student-athletes with professional sports tickets for a "team building activity". Professional sport tickets may only be provided as entertainment during an away-from-home contest.