

UF UNIVERSITY of
FLORIDA

Pocket GUIDE TO COMPLIANCE

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Principles of Institutional Control

Institutional Control of athletics is a fundamental requirement of NCAA legislation. Specifically, the NCAA constitution provides that each institution shall be responsible for:

- Controlling its intercollegiate athletics program in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Association.
- Monitoring its programs to ensure compliance, identifying and reporting to the Association instances in which compliance has not been achieved, and taking corrective actions.
- Ensuring that members of the institution's staff, student-athletes and other individuals and groups representing the institution's athletics interests comply with all applicable Association rules.

Representative of Athletics Interest (Booster)

A "Representative of the Institution's Athletics Interest" (booster) is anyone who is known (or should be known) by a member of the institution's executive athletic administration to:

- Participate in or have been a member of a sport support group or booster club.
- Make or have made a donation to the University of Florida Athletic Association.
- Provide or have helped arrange employment for student-athletes or provided benefits to enrolled student-athletes.
- Have been involved in promoting the University's athletics programs , in any way.
- Participated as a varsity athlete at the University of Florida

Once an individual is identified as a "Representative of the Institution's Athletics Interest," (booster) the person retains that identity forever.

Consequences to Boosters for NCAA Violations

Institutions are required by the NCAA to notify boosters of consequences regarding rules violations. Boosters found in violation of NCAA rules are subject to losing benefits and privileges including season tickets.

Booster Education

The NCAA Compliance link of the University Athletic Association's website www.gatorzone.com/compliance provides other educational materials.

Recruitment of Prospective Student-Athletes

A prospective student-athlete (“prospect”) is a student who has started classes beginning in the 9th grade.

- A prospective student-athlete remains a prospect even after he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent (NLI) or accepts an offer of financial assistance to attend the University of Florida.
- A prospective student-athlete remains a prospect until he or she attends the 1st day of classes for the fall or spring semester.

Recruiting Contacts

All in-person, on/off campus recruiting contacts with a prospect or the prospect’s relatives or legal guardian(s) shall be made only by authorized institutional coaches.

A contact is defined as any face-to-face encounter between a prospect or the prospect’s relatives or legal guardian(s) during which time any dialogue in excess of an exchange of a greeting occurs.

Boosters are prohibited from contacting a prospect or the prospect’s relatives or legal guardian(s) to encourage the prospect to participate in intercollegiate athletics at the University of Florida.

Benefits for Enrolled Student-Athletes

In general, you may not provide anything or make special arrangements for student-athletes or prospective student-athletes that are not available to the general student population.

Student-Athlete Employment

The University Athletic Association is permitted to arrange employment for prospective student-athletes during the summer prior to their enrollment as freshmen and enrolled student-athletes.

The student-athlete’s compensation may not include any remuneration for value or utility that the student-athlete may have for the employer because of the publicity, reputation, or personal following that he or she obtained because of their athletic ability. The student-athlete is only to be compensated for actual work performed and must be compensated at a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar services.

Promotional Activities of Student-Athletes

An individual shall not be eligible for participation in intercollegiate athletics if the individual accepts any remuneration for or permits the use of his or her name or picture to advertise, recommend or promote directly the sale or use of a commercial product or service of any kind.

All charitable, educational and non-profit promotional activities involving student-athletes must have prior approval from the University Athletic Association. All such events are coordinated through the Goodwill Gator Program. For more information, please call (352) 375-4683 ext. 5871.

Gambling Activities

A student-athlete, coach and/or employee of the University Athletic Association shall not knowingly:

- Provide information to individuals involved in organized gambling activities concerning intercollegiate athletics competition;
- Solicit a bet on any intercollegiate team;
- Accept a bet on any team representing the institution;
- Solicit or accept a bet on any intercollegiate competition for any item (e.g., cash, clothing, dinner) that has tangible value; or
- Participate in any gambling activities that involves intercollegiate athletics or professional athletics, through a bookmaker, a parlay card or any other method employed by organized gambling.

Compliance Mission Statement

The mission of the Compliance Office is to advance the University of Florida's uncompromising and enthusiastic commitment to the highest standards and principles of ethical behavior and strict adherence to the letter and spirit of NCAA rules.

Please contact the Compliance Office at the University of Florida if you have any questions regarding NCAA Rules. This guide to NCAA rules should not be relied upon exclusively as NCAA rules are often complex. We suggest you contact the Compliance Office to determine the application of NCAA rules and;

REMEMBER, ASK BEFORE YOU ACT

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