



**REPRESENTATIVE/BOOSTER
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As a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), the University of California, Santa Barbara must abide by NCAA rules and regulations as they relate to all aspects of its athletic program. In addition to ensuring that all of its coaches, administrators, faculty, staff, and student-athletes are aware of and following NCAA rules, UCSB is also responsible for the actions of any individual who is a member of any of its athletic booster groups or meets the definition of a “representative of athletics interests”.

It would be nearly impossible to communicate all NCAA rules and regulations in a quick reference list or brochure. The information below is an attempt to provide you with basic definitions and “permissible and impermissible activities”. If you have any additional questions about NCAA rules and regulations, you should contact the Compliance Office at (805) 893-8219.

WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF UCSB ATHLETICS INTERESTS?

The NCAA recognizes you as a booster or representative of the athletics department if:

- You have participated in or are a member of an agency or organization promoting UCSB athletics programs (e.g., GauchoFund, etc.).
- You have made financial contributions to UCSB Athletics Department or to an athletics booster organization of UCSB.
- You have been involved in promoting the UCSB athletics program.
- You have assisted a student-athlete in finding a job, or employed a student-athlete for a summer job.
- You are or have ever been a season ticket holder.
- You are the parent of a current or former student-athlete.

Some examples of boosters are: fans, undergraduate students, graduate students, all university faculty, staff and other employees and alumni. (This is not an exhaustive list.)

ONCE A BOOSTER; ALWAYS A BOOSTER

According to NCAA rules, once an individual has been identified as a “representative of the institution’s athletics interests” the individual retains that identity indefinitely, regardless of when you were involved with the athletics department. UCSB is responsible for the behavior of all its athletics representatives in relation to NCAA rules and regulations. A violation by an athletics representative may result in severe sanctions against UCSB (e.g. loss of scholarships, post-season bans).

REMEMBER as a representative of athletics interests, you are responsible for making the UCSB Compliance Office aware of any infractions of Big West or NCAA rules you know have occurred. Even if a violation was not intentional, the eligibility of a prospect or enrolled student-athlete could be jeopardized.

WHO IS A PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE?

A prospective student-athlete is any student who is in high school (9-12 grades) or is attending a two-year college, regardless of whether UCSB is recruiting that individual.

REMEMBER you should never take part in the recruitment of a prospective student-athlete. If this information raises a question, please feel free to contact the Compliance Office at (805) 893-8219.

NCAA RULES REGARDING CONTACTS AND BENEFITS FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES

If the NCAA recognizes you as a booster or representative of the athletics department:

- You may not become involved in making arrangements to provide money or financial aid of any kind to a prospect or the prospect's family and friends.
- You may not make contact with a prospective student-athlete and his/her parents when the prospect is on campus for an official or unofficial recruiting visit.
- You may not contact a prospect to congratulate him/her on signing a National Letter of Intent to attend UCSB.
- You may not pay or arrange for payment of summer camp registration fees for a prospect.
- You may not transport, pay or arrange for payment of transportation costs for a prospect, and his/her relatives or friends to visit campus (or elsewhere).
- You may not provide ANYTHING to a prospect, the prospect's family or friends without prior approval from the Compliance Office.

NOTE: A student-athlete is considered a prospect (whether or not they have signed a National Letter of Intent) until the first day of initial collegiate enrollment or the first day they report for practice, whichever is earliest. Therefore, all NCAA regulations concerning contact with a prospective student-athlete are applicable until that time.

WHAT IS AN EXTRA BENEFIT?

An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or a representative of the institution's athletics interests to provide a student-athlete or the student-athlete's relative or friend a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation. If there is ever any question about whether something constitutes an extra benefit, remember: Ask Before You Act. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Cash or loans in any amount
- Co-signing for a loan
- Housing for free or at a reduced rate
- Purchasing of meals
- Trading goods or services for or purchasing a student-athlete's complimentary tickets or paying to have name put on athlete's pass list
- Guarantee of bond
- Professional services for free or at a reduced rate (laundry, dry cleaning, automobile service or repairs, haircuts, etc.)
- Automobile or use of an automobile
- Attorney fees
- Birthday or holiday gifts and/or cards



Other impermissible activities include the following:

- You may not provide room, board or transportation costs for family or friends of an enrolled student-athlete to visit campus or attend home or away athletic contests.
- You may not use the name, picture or appearance of an enrolled student-athlete to advertise, recommend or promote sales or use of a commercial product or service of any kind. Any use of a student-athlete's name, picture or appearance must receive authorization from the Compliance Office at (805) 8938219.
- You may not provide an honorarium to a student-athlete for a speaking engagement. All speaking engagements must be approved in advance by the Compliance Office.
- You may not allow a student-athlete, his/her relatives or friends to use your telephone to make free calls.
- You may not provide free or reduced-cost lodging in your home to a student-athlete's family and friends.

Note: NCAA regulations concerning student-athletes remain in effect throughout the entire year (including summer break). If a student-athlete has completed his/her final season of eligibility, all NCAA regulations must be adhered to until he/she graduates or leaves school.

RULES REGARDING 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. 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.

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 athletics or professional athletics through a bookmaker, parlay card or any other method employed by organized gambling.

EMPLOYMENT OF STUDENT-ATHLETES

A student-athlete receiving an athletic scholarship from UCSB may be employed with prior approval from the Compliance Office at (805) 893-8219.

All work performed by the student-athlete is governed by, but not limited to, the following rules:

- All compensation must be consistent with the going rate in the locality for similar services performed.
- The student-athlete must be paid only for work actually performed.
- Compensation may not include any payment for the value that the student-athlete may have for the employer because of publicity, reputation, fame, or personal following resulting from athletic performance.
- The employer may not provide transportation for prospects or student-athletes unless transportation is provided for all employees.
- The employer may not use the student's name or picture to advertise or promote the sale of a product.
- The employer must consent to the institution's employment monitoring program.

Note: Do not employ or arrange for the employment of a prospect or current student-athlete without the assistance from the Compliance Office, (805) 893-8219.



WHO MAY RECRUIT FOR UCSB?

Only UCSB coaches who have successfully completed the NCAA Recruiting Rules Examination on an annual basis may be involved in the recruitment process. Representatives of our athletics interests may not make any recruiting contacts. This includes: letters, e-mails, telephone calls or face-to-face contact with a prospect or the prospect's parents.

PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES FOR ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVES

You may...

- Forward information about prospective student-athletes to the appropriate coaching staff.
- View a prospect's athletic contest at your own initiative provided you do not contact the prospect or his/her parents. In addition, you may not contact a prospect's coach, principal, or counselor in an attempt to evaluate the prospect.
- Continue established family relationships with friends and neighbors of prospects. Contacts with sons or daughters of these families are permitted as long as they are not made for recruiting purposes or encouraged by UCSB coaches.

OCCASIONAL MEALS

NCAA rules permit student-athletes to receive an occasional meal in the locale of the institution on infrequent and special occasions from an institutional staff member. Student-athletes may receive an occasional family home meal from a representative of athletics interests on infrequent and special occasions as long as the meal is provided in an individual's home or on the institution's campus (catering is permitted). Parents of student-athletes can provide occasional meals to team members of their child at any location.

Reasonable local transportation may be provided to student-athletes to attend such meals. However, only the representative that is providing the meal in his or her home may provide the transportation to the meal. Please note that prior approval is needed from the Compliance Office to provide an occasional meal to a student-athlete.

CONSEQUENCES TO ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING NCAA VIOLATIONS

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



THANK YOU

The UC Santa Barbara Athletics Department appreciates your support of our student-athletes and compliance to the NCAA regulations. Compliance with NCAA rules is a never-ending process and your attention to the information provided in this brochure will ensure that the eligibility of a student-athlete is not jeopardized.