Booster Club Basic Information

13.02.9 Representative of Athletics Interests. A “representative of the institution’s athletics interests” is an individual who is known (or who should have been known) by a member of the institution’s executive or athletics administration to:
(a) Have participated in or to be a member of an agency or organization promoting the institution’s intercollegiate athletics program;
(b) Have made financial contributions to the athletics department or to an athletics booster organization of that institution;
(c) Be assisting or to have been requested (by the athletics department staff) to assist in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes;
(d) Be assisting or to have assisted in providing benefits to enrolled student-athletes or their families; or
(e) Have been involved otherwise in promoting the institution’s athletics program.

13.02.9.1 Representative of Athletics Interests. Once an individual is identified as such a representative, the person retains that identity indefinitely.

NOTE: “Representative of Athletics Interests” is interchangeable with the terms “athletic representative,” “representative,” “booster,” “alumni,” “friend of the university,” and “fan”.

13.02.7 Prospective Student-Athlete. A prospective student-athlete is a student who has started classes for the ninth grade. In addition, a student who has not started classes for the ninth grade becomes a prospective student-athlete if the institution provides such an individual (or the individual’s relatives or friends) any financial assistance or other benefits that the institution does not provide to prospective students generally. An individual remains a prospective student-athlete until one of the following occurs (whichever occurs earlier):
(a) The individual officially registers and enrolls in a minimum full-time program of studies and attends classes in any term of a four-year collegiate institution’s regular academic year (excluding summer); or
(b) The individual participates in a regular squad practice or competition at a four-year collegiate institution.
(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/90)

16.02.3 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. Receipt of a benefit by student-athletes or their relatives or friends is not a violation of NCAA legislation 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 determined on a basis unrelated to athletics ability. (Revised: 1/10/91, 10/15/08)

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Booster Club Do’s & Don’ts

*Do’s Related to Prospective Student-Athletes*

- Do leave recruiting to UWSP coaches
- Do refer all of prospect’s athletic questions to the athletic department staff
- Do make a videotaped recruiting presentation which concerns academics, is generic in nature, and is not prepared for any particular prospect
- Do attend a prospect’s competition
- Do continue existing relationships with families of prospects, but you may not attempt to recruit the prospect
- Do become involved in fundraising with your local high school (following NCAA rules)

*Don’ts Related to Prospective Student-Athletes*

- Don’t contact a prospect and/or the prospect’s family in any way (in-person, phone, email, etc.)
- Don’t contact a prospect’s school for evaluation of prospect’s academics or athletics or for transcripts/tapes
- Don’t provide any compensation of any kind to a prospect or their relatives
- Don’t provide transportation for a prospect and/or the prospect’s family to visit campus
- Don’t provide free tickets or reduced cost tickets for prospects and/or the prospects family
- Don’t entertain high school, prep school or community college coaches
- Don’t pay for a prospect’s registration fees for summer camps, any scouting/recruiting costs, or coaches’ expenses for a visit

*Do’s Related to Enrolled Student-Athletes*

- Do give an occasional (infrequent) meal to a student-athlete on special occasions (i.e. Thanksgiving) at your home (Must coordinate with coaches and/or athletic department)
- Do give reasonable local transportation for an occasional home meal
- Do provide summer employment for enrolled student-athletes
- Do help fundraise (following NCAA rules)

*Don’ts Related to Enrolled Student-Athletes*

- Don’t loan money, guarantee a bond, or provide transportation to a student-athlete (except for occasional meal)
- Don’t provide special discounts/benefits to student-athletes that are not available to regular students
- Don’t arrange employment for a student-athlete to coach or teach technique/skills
- Don’t use the name, picture, or image of a student-athlete to promote, advertise, or recommend the use of any product/service

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