Dear Boosters, Fans, Friends, and Alumni of UAB:

Thank you for your generous support of the UAB athletics program. Without your loyal Blazer pride and financial contributions we would not be able to develop our teams into the finest in Conference USA and the nation.

It is important for you to know that as a member of the NCAA, we are obligated to abide by the rules of the governing body. Therefore, our actions must be made with the utmost integrity so they do not lead to violations of NCAA rules. UAB is ultimately responsible for maintaining institutional control for all actions surrounding our teams. Consequently, whether intentional or unintentional, if NCAA violations occur because of your actions, UAB will suffer the consequences.

We encourage you to use this guide as a quick reference of NCAA rules, and we request your cooperation in asking the UAB Athletics Compliance Office before pursuing any activity involving current or prospective student-athletes (i.e., PSAs, recruits or prospects).

Your past spirit and love for the Blazers was the foundation for many of our previous achievements. We look forward to future success while exercising the highest standard of ethical conduct.

Go Blazers!
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COMMON QUESTIONS

Q: As a booster, am I permitted to approach a current student-athlete to ask for an autograph for my child?
A: Yes, however, you should never offer anything to the student-athlete in return for the autograph.

Q: If a UAB coach has a recruit at an event can I approach the coach and recruit?
A: No, you cannot make any contact with the recruit or the recruit’s family. Approach the coach only after the recruit and the recruit’s parents or guardians depart.

Q: What should I do if a recruit contacts me?
A: Explain to the recruit that you are permitted to discuss UAB’s educational programs, but not the athletics department.

Q: If my neighbor happens to be a prospective student-athlete with a lot of talent, and I want him/her to attend UAB, what should I do?
A: Continue your relationship and make sure the athletics department is aware of your neighbor so that an athletics department staff member can initiate the recruiting process. You should not engage in any kind of recruiting activities with any PSA.

Q: What should I do if I become aware of an NCAA rules violation?
A: Contact the Athletics Compliance Office to report the information pertinent to the violation. You may remain anonymous if you wish.

Q: When can I contact a PSA?
A: You may contact a PSA once he/she has signed an NLI or scholarship or made a housing deposit.

WINNING WITH INTEGRITY
A Guide to NCAA Rules for Boosters, Fans, Friends, and Alumni of the UAB Blazers
DEFINITIONS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Representative of Athletics Interest
You are considered a Representative of Athletics Interests (i.e., booster) if you:
• Are or have been a member of any organization promoting UAB athletics;
• Have ever made a donation to the Athletics Department or any booster organization;
• Have ever assisted, or have been requested to assist, in evaluating or recruiting PSAs;
• Have ever helped to arrange or have provided benefits to enrolled student-athletes, PSAs, or their parents/relatives; or
• Promoted the UAB athletics program.

Once you become a Representative of Athletics Interests, you retain this status FOREVER!

Prospective Student-Athlete
A prospective student-athlete (i.e., PSA, prospect or recruit) is a student who has not started classes for the ninth grade. A student who has not started classes for the ninth grade becomes a prospect if the student receives any benefit that UAB does not provide to all prospective students in general. UAB requests that you treat all students as prospects.

Contact
A contact is any face-to-face encounter between a prospect or the prospect’s parent or legal guardian and an institutional staff member or athletics representative (i.e., booster) during which any dialogue occurs in excess of an exchange of a greeting. Any face-to-face encounter that is prearranged or that takes place on the grounds of the prospect’s school or at the site of organized competition or practice involving the prospect or the prospect’s high school, prep school, two-year college or all-star team shall be considered a contact, regardless of the conversation that occurs.

Extra Benefit
An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or representative of athletics interest (i.e., booster) to provide a student-athlete, prospect, or their relatives or friends a benefit not authorized by NCAA rules.

Examples of impermissible extra benefits include, but are not limited to:
• Cash or loans in any amount, or signing or cosigning for a loan;
• Gifts of any kind, including birthday and holiday gifts;
• Free or reduced-cost services such as car repairs, haircuts, travel services, etc;
• The use of an automobile;
• A ride, on or off campus, except to an occasional home meal;
• Free rent, or reduced rent, housing;
• Tickets or special seating to an athletic or community event;
• Course supplies, typing or copying costs;
• Employing relatives or friends of a PSA as an incentive to enroll at UAB; and
• Entertaining a PSA or a PSA’s family or legal guardian on or off campus.

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Always Ask Before You Act!
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DO’S AND DON’T’S

Do: Notify the coaching staff of outstanding prospects in your area.
Do: Observe a prospect’s athletics contest, provided there is no contact with the prospect or the prospect’s parents and/or relatives.
Do: Continue having normal contact with any neighbor, relative or family friend that might be a prospect as long as you don’t engage in recruiting activity.
Do: Provide an occasional meal to current student-athletes provided the meal is in your home, on UAB’s campus or in a facility that is regularly used for UAB home competitions.

Don’t: Write, call, or make in-person recruiting contact with a prospect or his/her parents or guardians.
Don’t: Make a recruiting presentation to prospects.
Don’t: Contact a coach, principal and/or counselor to evaluate a prospect.
Don’t: Visit a prospect’s school to pick up a transcript or video to evaluate the prospect’s academic or athletic ability or to provide it to an athletics department staff member.
Don’t: Provide extra benefits to prospects, enrolled student-athletes or their relatives and friends.
Don’t: Communicate with a PSA via social media until he/she has signed an NLI or scholarship or made a housing deposit.