

Q: What if a booster attends an athletic event and finds him/herself sitting next to the parents of a prospect?

A: Do not initiate conversation with the relatives. If conversation is initiated with the booster, respond in a civil manner, but do not discuss the Utah State Athletics Program with them. If they ask questions about the program, remind them that the NCAA prohibits a booster from discussing the program with them. Encourage the family to contact the Utah State Athletic Department directly.

Q: May a prospect contact a booster by telephone?

A: Yes, as long as the prospect initiates the phone call. The call may not be prearranged by an athletic department member, and the conversation may not involve recruiting. The booster must refer questions about the Utah State athletic program to the athletic department.



Q: What if a prospect knows that a booster is a Utah State graduate and contacts him/her to ask questions about USU?

A: If a prospect contacts a booster, he/she may answer questions regarding various aspects of Utah State as long as NO discussion takes place regarding the USU athletic program. If a prospect asks about USU athletics, please refer him/her to the appropriate coaching staff.

Q: How long does a prospect remain a prospect? Do these rules change once a prospect signs a National Letter of Intent?

A: A prospective student-athlete remains a prospect even after committing to or signing a National Letter of Intent with Utah State or any institution, and both the institution and the prospect continue to be governed by NCAA recruiting rules regarding prospects until the prospect reports for regular squad practice or the prospect attends his/her first day of classes in any regular semester. A booster may not call a prospect who signs a National Letter of Intent, even if only to congratulate him/her.

Q: May a booster make contact with a prospect and his/her parent/guardian on an official visit to USU?

A: No.

Q: Is the "no contact with prospects" rule applicable to "established family friends" or neighbors?



A: No. However, it must be understood that such contacts cannot be made for recruiting purposes and cannot be initiated or arranged by Utah State coaches. In addition, the established relationship between the booster and the prospect must have occurred prior to the friend or neighbor becoming a prospect.

Q: May a booster attend a public event (e.g. high school awards banquet) when prospects are in attendance?

A: Yes, but any contact with a prospect must not be prearranged by a USU coach or athletics staff member. The booster should make no attempt to recruit any prospects.

Q: May a booster "evaluate" a prospect on behalf of Utah State Athletics?

A: NCAA Bylaws do not prohibit a booster from watching a prospect's athletic contest as long as no contact is made. The booster may not contact the prospect's coach, principal or counselor.

GO AGGIES!



Please direct all NCAA Compliance questions to:

USU Athletic Department, Compliance
7400 Old Main Hill
Logan, Utah 84322-7400
Phone: (435)797-1853
Fax: (435)797-2615
E-mail: jake.garlock@usu.edu



NCAA Rules for Fans



UtahState University

Intercollegiate
Athletics Compliance
Office

Dear Aggie Friends and Alumni,

Thank you for your continued support and loyalty which has developed into the foundation of Utah State University Athletics. We know that you expect us to run a clean, honest and successful athletics program. This cannot be accomplished without your knowledge and commitment to compliance with NCAA rules.

Please take a moment to read through this informative brochure. It is designed to provide you with a greater understanding of the NCAA rules that apply to boosters. Any violation of these rules could result in sanctions by the NCAA against individual athletes, the athletics department and the university as a whole.

If you have any further questions regarding permissible actions by a booster, please contact the USU Athletic Department Compliance Office at (435) 797-1853 or jake.garlock@usu.edu. Remember, "Ask before you act!"

Go Aggies,

S. Scott Barnes

S. Scott Barnes
Director of Athletics



You are a booster if you:

- ◆ Have participated in booster or alumni groups at USU
- ◆ Have contributed to the athletics department or booster organizations
- ◆ Have assisted in recruiting student athletes
- ◆ Have been involved in promoting the athletics program
- ◆ Have provided benefits such as summer employment to a student-athlete or his/her family
- ◆ Are the parent/guardian of a current student athlete
- ◆ Participated as a varsity athlete at USU
- ◆ Have been involved with supporting USU athletics in any other manner

Once you have become a booster, you retain that identity for life. USU is ultimately responsible for actions of all boosters in relation to NCAA rules.

Terms boosters should know:

Prospective student-athlete: an individual who has started classes for the ninth grade.

Enrolled student-athlete: a current student-athlete at USU who has joined an intercollegiate team at USU.

Recruiting Contact: any face-to-face encounter between a prospect (or a prospect's parent/guardian) and a USU coaching staff member or booster where dialogue goes beyond a greeting.

Extra Benefit: any special gift or arrangement provided to an enrolled student-athlete, relative, or friend that is not offered or

available to the general student body of USU or expressly authorized by NCAA rules.

A booster may:

- ◆ Attend a prospect's athletic contests (no contact allowed)
- ◆ Call, write, or send newspaper articles to USU coaches regarding outstanding student-athletes in his/her area
- ◆ Offer assistance to coaches who are recruiting in his/her community (without contacting the prospect)
- ◆ Contact a prospect to discuss summer employment after that prospect has signed a National Letter of Intent (remember to pay the going rate and only pay for services rendered and nothing more)
- ◆ Provide an occasional family home meal to a student-athlete or team. This meal must be in the booster's home and not in a restaurant. Meals may only occur infrequently and on special occasions. Transportation may be provided by the booster only if the meal is in the booster's home. Please make arrangements for such meals through the coaching staff.

A booster may not:

- ◆ Have face-to-face contact in excess of a greeting with a prospect or their parents, guardians or relatives to encourage them to enroll at USU (contact also includes phone calls, letters, emails, faxes)
- ◆ Mail anything to a prospect including newspapers, posters, programs, etc.
- ◆ Cosign a loan for a prospect or student-athlete
- ◆ Provide tickets, transportation or lodging for a prospect, prospect's coach or prospect's relative to visit USU; this also applies to current student-athletes

- ◆ Contact a prospect's counselor, principal or coach in an effort to evaluate or solicit that prospect
- ◆ Provide any extra benefit or special arrangement to a prospect or current student athlete to go to the high school of a prospect to pick up transcripts or video/film to give to a college coach
- ◆ Entertain guests, friends or relatives of a prospect at any site
- ◆ Have any contact with a prospect during an official or unofficial visit
- ◆ Provide free admission to a prospect at an away game for a USU team
- ◆ Pay fees for prospect to attend a USU summer camp
- ◆ Pay for a student athlete's meal at a restaurant at any time including on road trips
- ◆ Use the name, picture or presence of a student-athlete to advertise for a commercial business

Penalties for violations:

- ◆ The student-athlete could be declared ineligible for competition at USU
- ◆ The violator may be disassociated from the USU athletic department
- ◆ USU could be placed on probation and may have to forfeit games, revenues and championships

