

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Can a representative of athletics interest contact high school coaches or guidance counselors directly regarding a prospective student-athlete?

A: NO.

Q: Can a representative of athletics interests be involved when a prospect is on an official or unofficial visit?

A: NO. Representatives of athletics interest are restricted from all recruiting activities.

Q: As a representative of athletics interest, if I attend a prospect's athletic event, may I talk to the prospect's coach after the event?

A: NO. A representative of athletics interest may not contact the coach, the prospect, the prospect's family members, the principal, or the guidance counselor in an attempt to evaluate a prospect.

Q: Is it permissible for a representative of athletics interest to reimburse the coach of a prospect for expenses incurred in transporting a prospect to visit the campus?

A: NO.

Q: Is it permissible for a representative of athletics interest to provide any financial assistance or benefits (e.g. free admission, registration fees, entertainment money, new automobile, etc.) to a prospective student-athlete?

A: NO.

Q: May a representative of athletics interest speak to a UL coach if a prospect is with the coach?

A: If a UL coach is with a prospect, do not approach the coach until the prospect and his/her family have gone elsewhere.

Q: What if a prospect calls a representative of athletics interest?

A: A representative of athletics interest may have a telephone conversation with a prospect ONLY if the prospect initiates the call and the call is not prearranged by an institutional staff member. All athletically related questions must be referred to the athletics department.

Q: As a representative of athletics interest, is it permissible to purchase a wedding gift for an enrolled student-athlete who is getting married?

A: NO. It is not permissible to purchase a wedding gift for a student-athlete unless there was a pre-established relationship.

BASIC POINTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

⚠ ONCE A BOOSTER....ALWAYS A BOOSTER! ⚠

Benefits or Special Arrangements

Athletics representatives may NOT provide any benefits or special arrangements to an enrolled student-athlete, his or her parents, relatives or friends. Please contact the Compliance Office at 337-482-5195 if you have a question regarding a specific situation.

Donation Requests

Please contact the Compliance Office at 337-482-5195 for any questions regarding the donation of equipment or athletic apparel. All donations must go through the Compliance Office.

No Contact With Prospects

Athletics representatives of an NCAA Division I institution are prohibited from making in-person on- or off-campus recruiting contacts, as well as written or telephone communications with a prospect or the prospect's parents or relatives. If a prospect initiates a telephone contact with you, or you have an inadvertent face-to-face encounter with a prospect or their parents or relatives, DO NOT enter into a recruiting conversation. Also, under such circumstances, refer questions about the athletics program to the athletics department and advise the appropriate coach of the contact.

Pre-Established Relationship

Athletics representatives who have pre-established relationships (relationship began before the student was being recruited by the institution) with prospects, their parents and relatives may continue normal contacts with the understanding that such contacts are not made for recruiting purposes and are not arranged by members of the institution's coaching staff.

Gambling

NCAA rules do not permit student -athletes or athletic department staff members to knowingly:

- Provide information to individuals involved in organized gambling activities concerning intercollegiate athletics competition.
- Solicit or accept a bet on any intercollegiate team.
- Participate in any gambling activity that involves intercollegiate or professional athletics through a bookmaker, a parlay card, tournament pool or any other method employed by organized gambling.

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ARE YOU A REPRESENTATIVE OF ATHLETICS INTERESTS?

You are considered a “Representative of Athletics Interests” if you:

- Hold, or have ever held season tickets; or
- Have been a member of any organization promoting Ragin’ Cajuns athletics; or
- Contribute to the Athletics Department or its booster organization (e.g. RCAF); or
- Have assisted or are assisting in providing benefits (e.g., summer employment) to enrolled student-athletes; or
- Promote Ragin’ Cajuns Athletics in any way.

Once you become a Representative of Athletics Interests,

⚠️ YOU retain this status FOREVER! ⚠️

DEFINITIONS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Prospective Student-Athlete

A “prospect” is a student who has 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 benefits that the institution does not provide to all prospective students in general.

In men’s basketball, a prospective student-athlete is an individual who has started classes for the seventh grade. The University of Louisiana at Lafayette requests that you treat ALL students as prospects.

Student-Athlete

A student-athlete is a student whose enrollment was solicited (i.e. recruited) by a member of the athletics staff or other representative of athletics interests with a view toward the students’ ultimate participation in the intercollegiate athletics program.

Contact

Any face-to-face encounter between a prospect or the prospect’s parent or legal guardian and an institutional staff member or athletics representative during which any dialogue occurs in excess of an exchange of a greeting.

Recruiting

Recruiting is any solicitation of a prospect or the prospect’s family by a University staff member or by a representative of athletics interests for the purpose of securing the prospect’s enrollment at the university and/ or participation in the intercollegiate athletic program.

WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR ENROLLED STUDENT-ATHLETES?

Benefits or Special Arrangements

Athletics Representatives may NOT provide any benefits or special arrangements to an enrolled student-athlete, his or her parents, relatives, or friends.

Employment for Enrolled Student-Athletes

Employment for enrolled student-athletes may not be arranged by Athletics Representatives without first receiving prior approval from the Compliance Office at 337-482-5195. Compensation must be based on work actually performed and at a rate commensurate with the going rate in the locality for services of like character.

Rules Governing Student-Athlete Participation in Promotional Activities

Use of a student-athlete’s name, picture or appearance to support any charitable, educational or nonprofit promotional activities requires the signature of the student-athlete and the authorized representative and requires written approval from the Director of Athletics. Forms must be obtained from the Compliance Office at 337-482-5195.

Employment for Prospects

Athletics Representatives may arrange employment for prospective student-athletes. The prospect must have signed a National Letter of Intent, and the prospect may not begin the job until after completion of the prospect’s senior year in high school. Compensation must be based on work actually performed and at a rate commensurate with the going rate in the locality for services of like character. Do not provide any benefits (e.g., transportation or meals) for prospective student-athletes that you employ unless the benefits are provided for all other employees. Please contact the Compliance Office at 337-482-5195 if you are interested in employing a student-athlete.

Occasional Meals

Athletics representatives may provide an enrolled student-athlete or an entire team with an occasional family meal. The occasional meal may be catered, must be provided in an individual’s home, and must be restricted to special occasions. Transportation may be provided to the student-athletes by the athletics representative ONLY if the meal function is at the home of that representative. Forms must be obtained from the Compliance Office at 337-482-5195 in order to provide an occasional meal to an enrolled student-athlete or an entire team.

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WHAT ARE SOME ACTIVITIES THAT YOU ARE ALLOWED TO DO?

- ✓ Observe a prospect’s athletic contest, provided there is no contact with the prospect or the prospect’s parents and/or relatives
- ✓ Notify the coaching staff of outstanding prospects in the area
- ✓ Continue to have normal contact with any neighbor, relative, or family friend that might be a high school prospect so long as you do not engage in the recruitment process
- ✓ Refer any and all recruiting questions to an athletic department staff member

WHAT ARE SOME ACTIVITIES THAT YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO DO?

- ✗ Write, call, or make in-person recruiting contacts with a high school prospect or his/her parents or legal guardians
- ✗ Utilize social media to contact or show support for a prospective student-athlete (e.g., tweet at a prospect)
- ✗ Contact a coach, principal, and/or counselor, to evaluate a high school prospect
- ✗ Visit a high school prospect’s school to pick up a transcript or video to evaluate the prospect’s academic or athletic ability or provide to an athletics department staff member
- ✗ Sponsor or arrange an awards banquet for a high school, preparatory school, or two-year college
- ✗ Provide extra benefits to high school prospects, enrolled college student-athletes, or their relatives, and friends
- ✗ Types of inducements that are prohibited, but are not limited to: cash or tangible items, the use of an automobile, signing or cosigning a note for a loan, the promise of employment after college, the promise of financial aid for post graduate education



REMEMBER:
ALWAYS ASK
BEFORE YOU ACT!

