



The University of South Carolina Office of Compliance Services Presents...

Booster Bulletin

Information for Boosters and Representatives of Athletics Interests

The April 2014 Booster Bulletin newsletter focused on providing entertainment to prospective student-athletes, their parents/family members, and their coaches. For May 2014, the Office of Compliance Services would like to educate you on pre-existing relationships with prospective student-athletes and current student-athletes and their families.

8. You may continue established relationships with friends and neighbors whose children are prospective or current student-athletes. You may not recruit the prospect to USC or exchange benefits unless the relationship meets the NCAA guidelines for a pre-existing relationship.

This newsletter is dedicated to providing insight into the NCAA's stance on pre-existing relationships, as well as examining the test by which all such relationships must be measured.

What Is a Pre-Existing Relationship?

The NCAA has a four-part test that Compliance utilizes to determine if a relationship is truly pre-existing. See below for the parts of the

- A. Was the athlete's athletic success the reason for the relationship beginning?
- B. Did the relationship begin prior to the athlete becoming a prospective student-athlete?
 - ⇒ Remember that a prospective student-athlete is defined by the NCAA as an individual who has started classes for the ninth grade.
- C. Did the relationship develop prior to the athlete attaining fame due to his or her athletics ability or accomplishments?
- D. Have the benefits offered to the athlete before and after the athlete's attainment of athletics fame been consistent?
 - ⇒ Must be consistent in both nature and value
 - ⇒ Ex: use of a beach house—likely impermissible if it wasn't available before the athlete gained fame for his or her athletics accomplishments

Please inform the Office of Compliance Services if you believe that you have a relationship that may meet the criteria above. It is important that you do not assume that your relationship automatically meets these criteria. Providing benefits to a prospective student-athlete or student-athlete without meeting this test could render an athlete ineligible and result in punitive actions against you as a booster, possibly including disassociation from the University.

Upcoming Gamecock

Athletics Events

Baseball

- 5/2— at Georgia
- 5/3— at Georgia
- 5/4— at Georgia
- 5/7— Wofford
- 5/9— Missouri
- 5/10— Missouri
- 5/11— Missouri
- 5/13— The Citadel
- 5/15— at Vanderbilt
- 5/16— at Vanderbilt
- 5/17— at Vanderbilt
- 5/20— SEC Tournament
- 5/21— SEC Tournament
- 5/22— SEC Tournament
- 5/23— SEC Tournament
- 5/24— SEC Tournament
- 5/25— SEC Tournament
- 5/30— NCAA Regionals
- 5/31— NCAA Regionals

Men's Tennis

- 5/9— NCAA First and Second Rounds
- 5/10— NCAA First and Second Rounds
- 5/11— NCAA First and Second Rounds
- 5/15— NCAA Championships
- 5/16— NCAA Championships
- 5/17— NCAA Championships
- 5/18— NCAA Championships
- 5/19— NCAA Championships
- 5/20— NCAA Championships
- 5/21— NCAA Championships
- 5/22— NCAA Championships
- 5/23— NCAA Championships
- 5/24— NCAA Championships
- 5/25— NCAA Championships
- 5/26— NCAA Championships

Women's Tennis

- 5/9— NCAA First and Second Rounds
- 5/10— NCAA First and Second Rounds
- 5/11— NCAA First and Second Rounds
- 5/15— NCAA Championships
- 5/16— NCAA Championships
- 5/17— NCAA Championships
- 5/18— NCAA Championships
- 5/19— NCAA Championships
- 5/20— NCAA Championships
- 5/21— NCAA Championships
- 5/22— NCAA Championships
- 5/23— NCAA Championships
- 5/24— NCAA Championships
- 5/25— NCAA Championships
- 5/26— NCAA Championships

Summer Employment of Student-Athletes and Prospects

NCAA rules permit boosters to employ student-athletes provided:

- You may not provide transportation for a student-athlete unless that transportation is provided for all other employees in the same position;
- An employer may not compensate a student-athlete more based on their publicity, reputation, fame or personal following that may bring positive business to your organization;
- An employer may not use a student-athlete's name, picture or appearance to promote or endorse the sale of a commercial product;
- A student-athlete may only be compensated for work actually performed, and;
- A student-athlete must receive compensation at "the going rate" in that locality for similar services.

Student Athletes	Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball	Football	Baseball	Men's Ice Hockey	Men's Soccer
High School Student Athletes	538,676	433,120	1,086,627	474,791	35,198	410,982
High School Senior Student Athletes	153,907	123,749	310,465	135,655	10,057	117,423
NCAA Student Athletes	17,984	16,186	70,147	32,450	3,964	23,365
NCAA Freshman Roster Positions	5,138	4,625	20,042	9,271	1,133	6,676
NCAA Senior Student Athletes	3,996	3,597	15,588	7,211	881	5,192
NCAA Student Athletes Drafted	46	32	254	678	7	101
Percent High School to NCAA	3.3%	3.7%	6.5%	6.8%	11.3%	5.7%
Percent NCAA to Professional	1.2%	0.9%	1.6%	9.4%	0.8%	1.9%
Percent High School to Professional	0.03%	0.03%	0.08%	0.50%	0.07%	0.09%

Graduation Success Rate (GSR)

Each year, the NCAA publicly announces the Graduation Success Rate of all Division I institutions. The graduation-rate data are based on a six-year cohort prescribed by the U.S. Department of Education. According to the most recent Graduation Success Rate data, 82 percent of Division I freshmen scholarship student-athletes who entered college in 2004 earned a degree.

The NCAA developed the Division I Graduation Success Rate in response to college and university presidents who wanted graduation data that more accurately reflect the mobility among all college students today.

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> Track

- 5/15— SEC Outdoor Championship
- 5/16— SEC Outdoor Championship
- 5/17— SEC Outdoor Championship
- 5/18— SEC Outdoor Championship
- 5/29— NCAA East Preliminary Round
- 5/30— NCAA East Preliminary Round
- 5/31— NCAA East Preliminary Round

> Softball

- 5/2— Auburn
- 5/3— Auburn
- 5/4— Auburn
- 5/7— SEC Tournament
- 5/8— SEC Tournament
- 5/9— SEC Tournament
- 5/10— SEC Tournament
- 5/16— NCAA Regionals
- 5/17— NCAA Regionals
- 5/18— NCAA Regionals
- 5/23— NCAA Super Regionals
- 5/24— NCAA Super Regionals
- 5/25— NCAA Super Regionals
- 5/29— Women's College World Series
- 5/30— Women's College World Series
- 5/31— Women's College World Series

> Men's Golf

- 5/15— NCAA Regionals
- 5/16— NCAA Regionals
- 5/17— NCAA Regionals
- 5/27— NCAA Championship
- 5/28— NCAA Championship
- 5/29— NCAA Championship
- 5/30— NCAA Championship
- 5/31— NCAA Championship

> Women's Golf

- 5/8— NCAA Regionals
- 5/9— NCAA Regionals
- 5/10— NCAA Regionals
- 5/20— NCAA Championship
- 5/21— NCAA Championship
- 5/22— NCAA Championship
- 5/23— NCAA Championship

> Women's Sand Volleyball

- 5/2— AVCA National Championship
- 5/3— AVCA National Championship
- 5/4— AVCA National Championship

