



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

# **BOOSTER BULLETIN**

## Information for Boosters and Representatives of Athletics Interests

For May 2016, the Office of Compliance Services will review tip #8 from the Top Tip for Friends and Fans of South Carolina Athletics from the September 2015 edition of the Booster Bulletin:

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.

The NCAA has a four-part test to determine if a relationship between a booster and a prospective student-athlete is pre-existing:

1. Did the relationship develop as a result of the athlete's participation in athletics?
2. Did the relationship begin prior to the athlete becoming a prospective student-athlete?
3. Did the relationship develop prior to the athlete attaining fame due to his or her athletics ability or accomplishments?
4. 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



**Remember that a prospective student-athlete is defined by the NCAA as an individual who has started classes for the ninth grade.**

Please ask the Office of Compliance Services if you believe that you have a relationship that may meet the criteria above. Please 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.

## Carolina Releases APR Scores

The APR (Academic Progress Rate) holds institutions accountable for the academic progress of their student-athletes with a point-based metric based on continuing eligibility and retaining student-athletes for each academic term. NCAA sports falling below the established point cutoff (930) may be subject to penalties including scholarship reductions. The data includes scholarship student-athletes on rosters from the 2011-12 through 2014-15 academic years.

### Highlights:

- All 19 teams registered a single-year score exceeding 950 for the fifth straight campaign.
- Nine teams had a single-year score of 1,000 for the 2014-15 campaign.
- Women's soccer made a single-year jump of 45 points from 955 in 2013-14 to 1000 for 2014-15.
- Men's golf single-year score rose 28 points to 1,000
- Football single-year score rose 25 points to 980.
- Men's tennis, women's basketball, women's cross country, and volleyball all registered a single-year score of 1000 for the second straight year.

									Single Year
Sport	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2014-15
Baseball	928	947	947	953	959	955	962	985	1000
Men's Basketball	909	908	930	968	983	983	989	989	1000
Women's Basketball	963	959	962	960	980	990	990	995	1000
Football	929	938	954	966	966	980	975	972	980
Men's Golf	976	982	994	980	993	990	986	993	1000
Women's Golf	966	985	977	984	991	992	1000	982	929
Men's Soccer	976	978	986	977	973	981	981	990	969
Women's Soccer	966	980	979	967	966	969	964	984	1000
Softball	960	964	979	986	983	984	982	985	988
Men's Swimming/Diving	948	943	959	985	983	993	990	982	967
Women's Swimming/Diving	974	980	985	985	998	995	998	998	992
Men's Tennis	979	989	1000	989	979	981	984	993	1000
Women's Tennis	978	977	970	985	985	992	1000	992	970
Women's Cross Country	983	987	990	990	991	966	975	979	1000
Men's Indoor Track/Field	952	965	976	963	964	967	956	973	936
Women's Indoor Track/Field	965	971	976	973	978	970	973	978	985
Men's Outdoor Track/Field	953	968	979	963	965	967	957	973	936
Women's Outdoor Track/Field	964	970	976	972	978	970	973	978	985
Volleyball	983	989	989	995	995	995	995	995	1000

## University of South Carolina Office of Compliance Services

The University of South Carolina is committed to the principle of institutional control in the operation of its athletics department. The Office of Compliance Services (OCS) has the goal of creating a "compliance conscience" within the institution and throughout the community by developing a comprehensive compliance program that educates its constituents about the importance of following the letter and spirit of the rules and regulations set forth by the NCAA, Southeastern Conference (SEC) and South Carolina administration.

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