

# FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETES



## ALWAYS A GAMECOCK

### BEING A GAMECOCK FOR LIFE

#### KEY POINTS

- ◆ **ONCE A GAMECOCK...ALWAYS A GAMECOCK! FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETES MUST ABIDE BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE NCAA, THE SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.**
- ◆ **NEGATIVE ACTIONS BY FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETES (OR INDIVIDUALS AFFILIATED WITH THEM) MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, OUR COACHES, AND/OR OUR STUDENT-ATHLETES.**
- ◆ **FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETES MAY NOT PROVIDE ANY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OR SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO CURRENT AND/OR FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETES OR THEIR FAMILIES.**
- ◆ **CONTACT THE OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE SERVICES IS YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING INTERACTION WITH CURRENT STUDENT-ATHLETES OR PROSPECTS.**

#### EXAMPLES OF ISSUES & VIOLATIONS INVOLVING FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETES

##### EXTRA BENEFITS (ISSUES INVOLVING CURRENT STUDENT-ATHLETES)

- ◆ **FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETES MAY NOT PROVIDE LIVING EXPENSES (E.G., MORTGAGE, CAR PAYMENTS, UTILITIES, CHILD SUPPORT, ETC.) FOR CURRENT STUDENT-ATHLETES.**
- ◆ **FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETES MAY NOT PROVIDE TRAINING EXPENSES (E.G., TRAVEL, EQUIPMENT, FACILITY RENTAL, ETC.) FOR CURRENT STUDENT-ATHLETES.**
- ◆ **FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETES MAY NOT PROVIDE NOMINAL EXPENSES (E.G., GAMECOCK CLUB DUES, COVER THE COST OF SOUTH CAROLINA FOOTBALL SEASON TICKETS, ETC.) FOR CURRENT STUDENT-ATHLETES.**
- ◆ **FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETES MAY NOT PROVIDE TICKETS TO PROFESSIONAL SPORTING EVENTS/CONCERTS/ETC., TO CURRENT STUDENT-ATHLETES.**
- ◆ **FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETES MAY PROVIDE AN OCCASIONAL MEAL FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES PROVIDED THEY GET PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE SERVICES.**

##### RECRUITING CONTACTS & INDUCEMENTS (ISSUES INVOLVING INTERACTION WITH PROSPECTS)

- ◆ **IT IS NOT PERMISSIBLE FOR BOOSTERS (INCLUDING FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETES) TO HAVE RECRUITING CONTACTS (E.G., PROMOTING SOUTH CAROLINA, ENCOURAGE COMING TO SOUTH CAROLINA) WITH A PROSPECT OR THE PROSPECT'S RELATIVES OR LEGAL GUARDIAN(S). THIS RESTRICTION INCLUDES PROSPECTS THAT HAVE SIGNED A VALID A NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT AND/OR ACCEPTED AN OFFER OF FINANCIAL AID FROM SOUTH CAROLINA.**



- ◆ **IN-PERSON, ON- OR OFF-CAMPUS RECRUITING CONTACT WITH A PROSPECT OR THE PROSPECT'S RELATIVES OR LEGAL GUARDIAN(S) BY A BOOSTER OR FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETE IS PROHIBITED.**
- ◆ **IF THE PROSPECT IS WITH AN INSTITUTIONAL STAFF MEMBER AND IS APPROACHED BY A BOOSTER OR FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETE, THE STAFF MEMBER IS REQUIRED TO TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT THE PROSPECT FROM HAVING CONTACT WITH THE BOOSTER .**
- ◆ **UNAVOIDABLE OR INCIDENTAL CONTACT BETWEEN A FORMER STUDENT ATHLETE AND A PROSPECT IS PERMISSIBLE PROVIDED THE CONTACT IS NOT PREARRANGED BY THE FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETE, DOES NOT TAKE PLACE ON THE GROUNDS OF THE PROSPECT'S EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OR AT THE SITES OF ORGANIZED COMPETITION AND PRACTICE INVOLVING THE PROSPECT OR THE PROSPECT'S TEAM (HIGH SCHOOL, PREPARATORY SCHOOL, TWO-YEAR COLLEGE OR ALL-STAR TEAM), IS NOT MADE FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECRUITMENT OF THE PROSPECT, AND INVOLVES ONLY NORMAL CIVILITY.**

### **WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PRACTICE!**

**ISSUES INVOLVING FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETES ENGAGING IN PRACTICE ACTIVITIES:**

- ◆ **FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETES MAY PARTICIPATE IN ORGANIZED SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETICS TEAM PRACTICE SESSIONS, PROVIDED THE FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETE RECEIVES PRIOR APPROVAL FOR SUCH ACTIVITIES FROM THE HEAD COACH, ATHLETIC TRAINING STAFF, AND THE OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE SERVICES.**
- ◆ **FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETES MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY COACHING ACTIVITIES UNLESS HE OR SHE HAS BEEN HIRED BY SOUTH CAROLINA AS A DESIGNATED COACH.**

### **MENTORING & NETWORKING**

**FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETES MENTORING OR PROVIDING NETWORKING TO CURRENT AND/OR FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETES MAY BE PERMISSIBLE IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS. PLEASE CONTACT THE COORDINATOR OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT IN ACADEMIC SERVICES AT 803.777.8521.**

### **DONATIONS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

- ◆ **FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETES MAY NOT PROVIDE CURRENT OR FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETES WITH SCHOLARSHIPS OR FINANCIAL AID. HOWEVER, YOU MAY CONTACT THE ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE ABOUT DONATION OPTIONS (803 777-4276).**
- ◆ **FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETES MAY NOT AWARD FINANCIAL AID THROUGH A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO THE CHILDREN OF FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETES.**

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT COMPLIANCE SERVICES OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [GAMECOCKSONLINE.COM](http://GAMECOCKSONLINE.COM).**

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