



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

Booster Bulletin

Information for Boosters and Representatives of Athletics Interests

In February, the Booster Bulletin newsletter provided employment rules for current, former, and prospective student-athletes as they pertained to boosters and booster organizations. For March 2014, our topic is the following:

6. "You may not provide transportation to a prospect, student-athlete, or his/her friends and family members."

If you have questions about transportation expenses and providing them to prospects, prospects and their family members or current student-athletes and their family members, please contact the Office of Compliance Services.

TRANSPORTATION FOR CURRENT STUDENT-ATHLETES

Provision of transportation by a booster to student-athletes or their family members would be considered an extra benefit. Below are some specific examples of impermissible transportation activity involving student-athletes and families.

- ◇ A student-athlete who is serving as a student host for a prospect on his/her official visit may not have use of a booster's automobile.
- ◇ A booster may not be involved in obtaining a discounted rate on a car loan or car purchase.
- ◇ A booster may not pay for a student-athlete's gas.
- ◇ A booster may not pay for a parent's travel to a postseason event (e.g., bowl game).
- ◇ A booster may not provide discounted or free car customization (rims, tinted windows, stereo system upgrades, etc.)

If a booster is hosting an occasional meal at his or her home, the booster is allowed to provide reasonable transportation to student-athletes attending this meal. Please ensure that you have received approval from Compliance Service prior to planning such a meal.

If a booster organization is involved in transportation aiding the institution in transporting prospects (e.g., van rental company), the organization may not provide a discount to the institution or upgrade them to a premium vehicle (e.g., limousine).



Upcoming Gamecock Athletics Events

- > **Baseball**
 - 3/1—Clemson, Greenville, SC
 - 3/2—at Clemson
 - 3/4—Stetson
 - 3/5—Stetson
 - 3/7—Brown
 - 3/8—Brown
 - 3/9—Brown
 - 3/11—Furman
 - 3/14—Ole Miss
 - 3/15—Ole Miss
 - 3/16—Ole Miss
 - 3/18—at The Citadel
 - 3/21—at Kentucky
 - 3/22—at Kentucky
 - 3/23—at Kentucky
 - 3/25—College of Charleston
 - 3/26—Coastal Carolina
 - 3/28—Tennessee
 - 3/29—Tennessee
 - 3/30—Tennessee
- > **Men's Basketball**
 - 3/1—Kentucky
 - 3/4—Florida
 - 3/8—at Mississippi State
- > **Women's Basketball**
 - 3/2—at Tennessee
 - 3/5—SEC Tournament
- > **Equestrian**
 - 3/1—Auburn, Blythewood, SC
 - 3/8—at Tennessee
 - 3/28—TBA
 - 3/29—TBA
- > **Men's Golf**
 - 3/10—Palmetto Intercollegiate
 - 3/11—Palmetto Intercollegiate
 - 3/16—Seahawk Invitational
 - 3/17—Seahawk Invitational
 - 3/23—Hootie at Bulls Bay Intercollegiate
 - 3/24—Hootie at Bulls Bay Intercollegiate
 - 3/25—Hootie at Bulls Bay Intercollegiate
- > **Women's Golf**
 - 3/7—Darius Rucker Intercollegiate
 - 3/8—Darius Rucker Intercollegiate
 - 3/9—Darius Rucker Intercollegiate
 - 3/28—Bryan National Collegiate
 - 3/29—Bryan National Collegiate
 - 3/230—Bryan National Collegiate
- > **Women's Sand Volleyball**
 - 3/21—Oregon
 - 3/29—Florida State/Jacksonville/LSU/Stetson, Tallahassee, FL
 - 3/30—Florida State/Jacksonville/LSU/Stetson, Tallahassee, FL

Transportation for Prospective Student-Athletes

Please remember that an institution must pay for all expenses incurred for the purposes of recruiting prospective student-athletes. Boosters are not allowed to arrange for the payment of transportation expenses for a prospect or the prospects relatives. Additional restrictions are as follows:

- ◇ Boosters may not arrange for special or reserved parking for a prospect's visit (e.g., hold a spot in a paid parking lot at Williams-Brice stadium).
- ◇ Neither a prospect nor their family members may have use of a booster's car while on-campus for an official or unofficial visit.
- ◇ A booster cannot pay for a prospect to attend an institutional orientation session or for a prospect to travel to campus for the purpose of enrolling at the institution.
- ◇ A booster may not reimburse a coach for transportation expenses incurred while transporting a prospect to USC's campus for a visit.

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Unofficial Visit (n): a visit to campus that can be made by a prospective student-athlete beginning in the 9th grade. A PSA can visit campuses for unofficial visits an unlimited number of times. The only expenses that can be received are a maximum of three (3) complimentary admissions to a home athletics contest within 30 miles of campus.

Official Visit (n): a visit to campus where expenses (generally meals, travel, lodging, and entertainment) may be paid for the prospect and the prospect's parents, legal guardians, spouse, or child. Only high school senior prospects and two-year college transfers can come on an official visit. Limited to one official visit per prospect per school.

5,300

Hours of
Community Service

1.09
Million

Total Home Attendance
for All Sports

669

Student Athletes

Gamecock Athletics Career Network

The Athletics Department at the University of South Carolina has established the Gamecock Athletics Career Network to assist student-athletes in their transition from college to career. Interested professional former student-athletes can contribute to the success of the program by volunteering as career resources for current student-athletes. Some of the programs available to student-athletes include career shadowing, career counseling, mentoring, internships, summer jobs, and full-time employment.

In the fall of each year, the Athletics Department invites USC Lettermen and members of the career network to assist the department staff in training our student-athletes with the skills needed to begin their professional careers. These seminars include topics such as interviewing, resume and cover letter writing, networking skills, dress and presentation.

To learn more about how you can become more involved in the Gamecock Athletics Career Network, please email Erica Nelson (enelson@mailbox.sc.edu) or Andre Goodman (goodmaat@mailbox.sc.edu), or call 803.777.9913

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> Softball

- 3/1— Detroit, Tempe, AZ
- 3/4— Charleston Southern
- 3/7— at Alabama
- 3/8— at Alabama
- 3/9— at Alabama
- 3/11— Eastern Kentucky
- 3/14— Texas A&M
- 3/15— Texas A&M
- 3/16— Texas A&M
- 3/19— Minnesota
- 3/21— at Tennessee
- 3/22— at Tennessee
- 3/23— at Tennessee
- 3/25— Furman
- 3/28— Ole Miss
- 3.29— Ole Miss
- 3/30— Ole Miss

> Swimming and Diving

- 3/10—Zone B Diving Championships
- 3/20—NCAA Women's Championships
- 3/27—NCAA Men's Championships

> Men's Tennis

- 3/2—at Texas A&M
- 3/5—at Clemson
- 3/9—at Florida
- 3/14—Georgia
- 3/16—Tennessee
- 3/21—Alabama
- 3/23—Auburn
- 3/28—at LSU
- 3/30—at Arkansas

> Women's Tennis

- 3/2—Texas A&M
- 3/8—Florida
- 3/14—at Georgia
- 3/16—at Tennessee
- 3/21—at Alabama
- 3/23—at Auburn
- 3/28—LSU
- 3/30—Arkansas

> Women's Track and Field

- 3/1 —SEC Indoor Championships
- 3/14— NCAA Indoor Championships
- 3/15— NCAA Indoor Championships
- 3/20—Shamrock Invitational
- 3/21—Shamrock Invitational
- 3/22—Shamrock Invitational
- 3/28—Weems Baskin Invitational
- 3/29— Weems Baskin Invitational