



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

Booster Bulletin

Information for Boosters and Representatives of Athletics Interests

In March, the Booster Bulletin newsletter provided employment rules for current, former, and prospective student-athletes as they pertained to boosters and booster organizations. For April 2013, 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 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 parents' 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

> Football	
4/13 - Garnet & Black Spring Game	1:00 PM
> Baseball	
4/2 - vs. Charleston Southern	7:00 PM
4/3 - @ Furman (Greenville, SC)	7:00 PM
4/5 - @ Tennessee	6:00 PM
4/6 - @ Tennessee	12:30 PM
4/7 - @ Tennessee	2:00 PM
4/9 - vs. The Citadel	7:00 PM
4/11 - @ Florida	7:30 PM
4/12 - @ Florida	7:30 PM
4/13 - @ Florida	4:00 PM
4/16 - vs. College of Charleston	7:00 PM
4/19 - vs. Kentucky	7:00 PM
4/20 - vs. Kentucky	3:00 PM
4/21 - vs. Kentucky	1:30 PM
4/23 - @ Gardner-Webb	6:00 PM
4/26 - @ LSU	7:00 PM
4/27 - @ LSU	7:30 PM
4/28 - @ LSU	3:00 PM
> Women's Golf	
4/12-14 - Ping ASU Invitational (Tempe, AZ)	
4/19-21 - SEC Championship (Birmingham, AL)	
> Men's Golf	
4/6-7 - Augusta State Invitational (Augusta, GA)	
4/13 - Georgia Tech Dual Match (Atlanta, GA)	
4/19-21 - SEC Championship (St. Simons, GA)	
> Track & Field	
4/3 - Gamecock Outdoor Invitational (Columbia, SC)	
4/5-6 - Florida Relays (Gainesville, FL)	
4/12-13 - Spec Towns Invitational (Athens, GA)	
4/25-27 - Penn Relays (Philadelphia, PA)	

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.

NCAA DEFINITION CENTER

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.

Two Recruiting-Based Rules Working Group Proposals Suspended

A few key legislative proposals in the NCAA's comprehensive deregulation plan have been suspended, further delaying changes intended to make the rules more streamlined and straightforward.

After reviewing NCAA membership feedback, the NCAA Rules Working Group recommended that the Division I Board of Directors modify two proposals that were adopted in January. Shortly thereafter, the Board of Directors suspended the proposals citing suggestions from member institutions that they will have a negative impact on prospective student-athletes and their families. The two suspended proposals are as follows:

RWG Proposal 11-2 – would have allowed any institutional staff member to be involved with recruiting coordination functions (e.g., making phone calls, etc).

RWG Proposal 13-5A – would have deregulated printed materials that can be sent to prospects other than general correspondence.

Under both the current and proposed rules, boosters are not allowed to have recruiting telephone contact with prospects or their parents/guardians. Boosters are also not permitted to send printed materials or general correspondence to a prospect, as only the institution may do so.

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> Softball

4/3 - vs. Appalachian State	7:00 PM
4/5 - vs. Kentucky	7:00 PM
4/6 - vs. Kentucky	4:00 PM
4/7 - vs. Kentucky	1:00 PM
4/10 - vs. Coastal Carolina	7:15 PM
4/12 - vs. Georgia	7:00 PM
4/13 - vs. Georgia	4:00 PM
4/14 - vs. Georgia	1:00 PM
4/16 - vs. Presbyterian	6:00 PM
4/19 - @ Auburn	7:00 PM
4/20 - @ Auburn	7:00 PM
4/21 - @ Auburn	2:00 PM
4/24 - vs. Charlotte	6:15 PM
4/26 - @ Mississippi State	7:00 PM
4/27 - @ Mississippi State	2:00 PM
4/28 - @ Mississippi State	2:00 PM

> Equestrian

4/18-20 - NCEA Championship
(Waco, TX)

> Men's Tennis

4/5 - @ Mississippi State	3:00 PM
4/7 - @ Ole Miss	2:00 PM
4/12 - vs. Vanderbilt	5:00 PM
4/14 - vs. Kentucky	1:00 PM
4/17-21 - SEC Tournament (Oxford, MS)	

> Women's Tennis

4/5 - vs. Mississippi State	5:00 PM
4/7 - vs. Ole Miss	1:30 PM
4/12 - @ Vanderbilt	5:00 PM
4/14 - @ Kentucky	12:00 PM
4/17-21 - SEC Tournament (Starkville, MS)	

