

**Dear Roadrunner Fans,**

Thank you for your continued support of UTSA Athletics. This is an exciting time to be a Roadrunner and your continued support of Roadrunner Athletics is appreciated more than ever. As part of our commitment to NCAA rules and regulations, this brochure has been created to educate our Alumni, boosters, and fans about NCAA legislation regarding boosters, extra-benefits, and recruiting. While we encourage you to familiarize yourself with these regulations, remember to “ASK BEFORE YOU ACT.”

Even simple, inadvertent actions on your part can jeopardize the eligibility of a student-athlete and/or prospects (recruits) and the compliance of the University with NCAA legislation.

Please contact Josh Daume, Asst. AD -Compliance at (210) 458-5493 with any questions or concerns regarding NCAA regulations.

Thanks again for your support and **GO ROADRUNNERS!**



You are a “Representative of Athletics Interests” and will **always** retain the identity if you:

- **are or ever have been** a Contributor to the Roadrunner Athletic Fund
- **are the spouse** of a UTSA Athletics Department employee
- **have ever** made a donation to the UTSA athletics program (either time, services or financial)
- **have ever** helped to arrange or have provided summer employment for enrolled student-athletes or for prospects who have signed a National Letter of Intent or offer of admission to UTSA
- **have ever** assisted in providing any benefit to enrolled student-athletes or their families
- **have ever** been involved in any way with the UTSA athletics program that would trigger inclusion as a “representative of athletics interest.”
- **are associated** with a corporate entity or business that has a partnership with UTSA athletics.

A prospective student-athlete (PSA) is a student who has begun classes for the ninth grade whether he/she participates in high school athletics or not.

In addition, a student who has not started classes for the ninth grade becomes a prospect if the university provides the individual (or relatives or friends of the individual) any financial assistance or other benefits not provided to prospective students generally.

**WHAT IS AN “EXTRA BENEFIT?”**

An “extra benefit” is any **special arrangement** by an institutional employee or representative of athletics interests to provide a student-athlete (or relative or friend of the student-athlete) a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation.

A student-athlete **CANNOT ACCEPT :**

- **anything** from a UTSA employee or booster that is not available to all UTSA students.
- **free** or reduced cost room and/or board
- **meals** at a restaurant as the guest of a booster or UTSA employee.
- **free** or reduced merchandise or services from any merchant unless that free or reduced cost item is also available to the general public.

**CANNOT ACCEPT:**

- **a special discount**, payment arrangement or credit on a purchase or service from a UTSA employee or booster.
- **a loan of money**, guarantee of bond, use of an automobile, or the signing or cosigning of a note to arrange a loan from a UTSA employee or booster.
- **cannot use** an Athletics Department copy machine or fax machine, or make long distance telephone calls using a departmental telephone.
- **may not** have his/her papers and/ or reports typed by a member of the Athletics Department or booster.

**MAY ACCEPT :**

- reasonable and occasional local transportation (within 30 miles) from a UTSA employee.
- on an infrequent occasion, an invitation to the home of a UTSA employee or booster for a meal with prior approval of the Compliance office.



## RECRUITING REGULATIONS

According to the NCAA definition, "Recruiting is any solicitation of a prospect or prospect's relatives (or legal guardians) by an institutional staff member or by a representative of athletics interests for the purpose of securing the prospect's enrollment and ultimate participation in the institution's athletics program." With this definition in mind, the basic provisions of this NCAA regulation are as follows:

### A Booster is Prohibited from:

- making in-person, on- or off-campus recruiting contacts
- having written or telephone communication with a prospect or the prospect's relatives or legal guardians
- contacting any enrolled student-athlete at another institution for the purpose of encouraging a transfer to UTSA and participating in our athletics program.
- contacting the prospect's coach, principal or counselor for the purpose of evaluating the prospect.
- picking up films or transcripts from the prospect's educational institution.

- entertaining a prospect and/or relatives and friends of a prospect at any site, either on- or off-campus.
- providing tickets free or at a reduced cost to any UTSA home or away athletic or non-athletic event for prospects, their relatives or friends. *\*Only the Department of Athletics can provide complimentary admissions to prospects and only for HOME events.*
- paying or arranging for transportation for a prospect and/or relatives and friends of a prospect to visit campus. *\*While it is permissible for a friend or neighbor to transport a high school or community college student who is NOT an athlete to the campus, NCAA regulations prohibit that activity for a prospect.*

### A Booster is Permitted to:

- send newspaper clippings or any other information regarding a prospect to the respective coaching staff member.
- attend high school and community college athletics events. *\*Contact with prospects or relatives/friends at these events is prohibited.*
- have a telephone conversation with a prospect ONLY if the prospect initiates the call. However, the booster is not permitted to have a recruiting conversation with the prospect and the call cannot be prearranged by a UTSA staff member.

- continue established family relationships with friends and neighbors. Contact with sons or daughters of these families is permitted as long as they are not made for recruiting purposes.

If a prospect approaches you regarding the athletics program, explain that NCAA rules prohibit such a discussion and suggest to the prospect that he/she contact the head coach of the sport for information

## EMPLOYMENT RULES

- A booster is **prohibited** from providing employment transportation for prospect or student-athletes unless such transportation is available to all employees.
- A booster is **permitted** to pay student-athletes employed for work actually performed and at rate commensurate with the going rate for similar services in the business locale.

**Additional Resource Information can be found at:**

[www.goutsa.com](http://www.goutsa.com)  
[www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)  
or

**Become a fan of UTSA Athletics  
Compliance on Facebook**

# UTSA Department of Athletics



## A Guide to NCAA Rules for Alumni, Boosters, Friends & Fans

