

Compliance Guidelines for Nebraska Fans

The University of Nebraska Athletic Department takes great pride in abiding by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the Big 12 Conference rules and guidelines that govern Division I competition. For the benefit of the many alumni, fans and booster club members who are so active in supporting and assisting the Huskers throughout the year, we would like to remind everyone of a few definitions and rules that apply to all athletic representatives and boosters.

NCAA Principles

Institutional Control

It is the responsibility of the University of Nebraska to control its intercollegiate athletic program in compliance with the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

Responsibility

The University of Nebraska's responsibility for the conduct of its program includes responsibility for the actions of its staff members and for the actions of any other individual, booster or organization engaged in activities promoting the athletic interests of the institution.

Compliance

The University of Nebraska must monitor its program to assure compliance and to identify and report to the NCAA instances in which compliance has not been achieved. An institution found to have violated NCAA rules is subject to disciplinary and corrective actions as determined by the NCAA.

NCAA Definitions

Athletic Representative/Booster

You are considered to be a University of Nebraska athletic representative if you:

- ▶ Are a present or past member of a University of Nebraska booster club or agency that promotes the Huskers' intercollegiate athletic program;
- ▶ Have made financial contributions to the athletic department or to an athletic booster organization of the University of Nebraska;
- ▶ Are, or have been, providing benefits (e.g., summer jobs, meals etc.) to enrolled student-athletes, their family members or friends;
- ▶ Are, or have been involved in any manner of promoting the University of Nebraska intercollegiate athletic program.

Please note: Once an individual is identified as an athletic representative, that person retains that identity indefinitely. The University of Nebraska is ultimately responsible for the acts of all "representatives of athletic interests" in relation to NCAA rules and regulations.

The Devaney Society

Achieving greatness in both the classroom and on the playing field has long been a goal of the University of Nebraska. Our nation-leading 233 academic All-Americans and 22 team national titles reflect the manner in which we strive to achieve to the highest level.

Rising costs has made funding these athletic scholarships increasingly difficult. To help offset the expenses, the University of Nebraska established an athletic scholarship endowment fund to honor Hall of Fame Football Coach Bob Devaney.

Follow in the footsteps of Coach Devaney and commit to the long-term success of Nebraska Athletics. We are sincerely grateful to those who committed to our future stability and established a Devaney Society Scholarship for male and female student-athletes.

The following scholarships have been established through the Devaney Society: **Bill and Betty Cook Jr. Scholarship** (football), Given by Bill and Betty Cook, Beatrice, Neb.; **Harley and Marcia Bergmeyer Scholarship** (football), Given by Harley and Marcia Bergmeyer, DeWitt, Neb.; **Russell and Elouise Brehm Scholarship** (football), Given by Russell and Elouise Brehm, Lincoln, Neb.; **Donald Swanson Scholarship** (football), Given by Donald Swanson, Lincoln, Neb.; **Brook Berringer Memorial Scholarship** (football), given by friends and family of Brook Berringer; **Jake Young Memorial Scholarship** (football), given by friends and family of Jake Young; **Dennis and Connie Dailey Scholarship** (football), Given by Dennis and Connie Dailey, North Platte, Neb.; **Robert and Dorothy Metcalf Scholarship** (football), Given by Robert and Dorothy Metcalf, Lincoln, Neb.; **Lance and Betsy deStwolinski Scholarship** (football), Given by Lance and Betsy deStwolinski, Omaha, Neb.; **Richard and Peggy Herman Scholarship** (football), Given by Richard and Peggy Herman, Omaha, Neb.; **Jon J. and Marianne R. Rhine Scholarship** (football), Given by Jon J. and Marianne R. Rhine, Freeland, Wash.; **Jon J. and Lyle F. Rhine Scholarship** (football), Given by Jon J. and Lyle F. Rhine, Freeland, Wash.; **William A. Henry Scholarship** (football), Given by William F. Henry and Lynne Henry Coyne, Omaha, Neb.; **Dave Noble Scholarship** (football), Given by Bob and Joanne Berkshire, Omaha, Neb.; **David L. Stannard Scholarship** (football), Given by anonymous; **Richard Raimondi Memorial Scholarship** (softball), Given by the Raimondi Family, Fremont, Calif.; **Julie Geis Memorial Scholarship** (softball), Given by the Geis Family and Friends, Beaver Crossing, Neb.; **Louis and Charlotte Orloff Fund** (tennis), given by Charlotte Orloff, Lincoln, Neb.

Prospective Student-Athlete

A prospective student-athlete is a student who has started classes for the ninth grade or above, including students in prep schools and junior colleges as well as students who have officially withdrawn from a four-year institution and plan to transfer to another institution. In addition, a student who has not started classes for the ninth grade becomes a prospective student-athlete if the institution or a Nebraska booster provides the individual or the individual's relatives or friends with any financial assistance or benefits that the institution does not provide to prospective students in general. A good rule of thumb is to treat ALL STUDENTS as prospects.

Student-Athlete

A student-athlete is a student whose enrollment was solicited by a member of the Nebraska athletic staff or other representative of athletic interests with a view toward the student's ultimate participation in the intercollegiate athletic program.

Contact

A contact is any face-to-face encounter between a prospect, or the prospect's parent or legal guardian, and a Nebraska staff member or athletic representative during which any dialogue occurs.

Recruiting

Recruiting is any solicitation of a prospect or a prospect's family member (or guardian) by an institutional staff member or by athletic representative of the institution, for the purpose of securing the prospect's enrollment and ultimate participation in Nebraska's intercollegiate athletic program.

Guidelines and Reminders for Boosters

- ▶ A booster may not contact the prospect, prospect's coach, principal or counselor in an attempt to evaluate or recruit the prospect.
- ▶ A booster may not expend funds to entertain or provide transportation for a prospective student-athlete, the prospect's family members or friends.
- ▶ A booster may not become directly or indirectly involved in making arrangements for a prospect, or the prospect's relative or friends to receive money or financial aid of any kind.
- ▶ A booster may not contact a prospective student-athlete through letter writing, e-mail, telephone calling, text messaging, other forms of communication, etc.

However, here are a few ways that a Husker booster may be involved:

- ▶ You may discuss summer employment opportunities with a prospect after he/she has signed a National Letter of Intent with the University of Nebraska.
- ▶ You may attend high school athletic events without contacting prospective student-athletes.
- ▶ You may continue existing friendships with families and friends of prospective student-athletes.
- ▶ You may send recommendation letters, newspaper clippings or similar information about prospective student-athletes to Husker coaches.

Extra Benefit Guidelines and Reminders for Boosters

Extra Benefit

An extra benefit is any special arrangement by a Nebraska employee or an athletic representative to provide a student-athlete or the student-athlete's relative or friend a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation.

Boosters may not provide any special arrangement considered to be an extra benefit by NCAA definition. Examples of extra benefits include but are not limited to:

- ▶ Providing cash or loans of any amount;
- ▶ Signing or co-signing for a loan or other forms of financial assistance;
- ▶ Providing use of a telephone or calling card to make local or long distance calls;
- ▶ Transporting a student-athlete or providing the use of a vehicle;
- ▶ Providing free or reduced rent housing;
- ▶ Giving gifts of any kind (i.e. birthday, Christmas, Valentine's Day);
- ▶ Promising a student-athlete postgraduate education or employment;
- ▶ Offering free services (i.e. clothing, airline tickets, laundry, car repair, haircuts, restaurant meals);
- ▶ Providing payment to a student-athlete for a booster club speaking engagement;
- ▶ Providing employment for a prospect's relatives or friends.

Here are a few ways that a Husker booster may help:

- ▶ Do invite a student-athlete to participate in non-profit, charitable or educational events, but make sure to contact the compliance office for approval before the event.
- ▶ Do invite a student-athlete into your home for an occasional meal.
- ▶ Do pay a student-athlete the commensurate rate for actual and legitimate employment.

If you choose to assist in any of the ways described above, please contact the compliance office to receive prior approval.

For further information regarding NCAA Guidelines for Athletic Representatives, please contact the athletic compliance office at (402) 472-2042 or 1-(800) 927-7220. Inquiries may also be mailed to: Athletic Compliance Office, 300 West Stadium, P.O. Box 880219, Lincoln, NE, 68588-0219. Questions can also be faxed to (402) 472-4609 or e-mailed to compliance@huskers.com.