



NCAA Rules Education for Prospective Student-Athletes

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE

You are a "prospective student-athlete" when you start ninth-grade classes. Before the ninth grade, you become a prospective student-athlete if a college gives you (or your relatives or friends) any financial aid or other benefits that the college does not provide to prospective students generally.

You become a "recruited prospective student-athlete" at a particular college if any coach or representative of the college's athletics interest (booster or representative) approaches you (or any member of your family) about enrolling and participating in athletics at that college. Activities by coaches or boosters that cause you to become a recruited prospective student-athlete are:

- providing you with an official visit;
- placing more than one telephone call to you or any other member of your family; or
- visiting you or any other member of your family anywhere other than the college campus.

ACADEMICS

It is extremely important for you to give maximum academic effort as you conclude your high school attendance. To practice or play during your freshman year, you must meet the provisions of NCAA Bylaw 14.3, which include: (a) graduating from high school, (b) achieving a minimum cumulative grade point average in a successfully completed core curriculum of at least 13 academic courses, and achieving a corresponding minimum combined score on the SAT, or a minimum sum total score on the ACT as determined by the initial eligibility clearinghouse. The NCAA Clearinghouse must certify all incoming freshman student-athletes. Therefore, you must register with the clearinghouse as soon as possible.

For online web access contact: www.ncaaclearinghouse.com

INDUCEMENTS

All institutional staff members and booster are prohibited from offering or providing any financial aid or other benefits to you or your relatives or friends other than those expressly permitted by NCAA regulations. Specifically prohibited inducements include:

- providing cash or loans in any amount, or signing or co-signing for a loan
- providing gifts of any kind, including clothing or equipment
- providing special discounts for goods or services
- providing free or reduced housing/rent

Should you have any questions regarding NCAA rules and regulations, please feel free to contact the University of Florida Athletic Association at (352) 375-4683, extension 6022.

Remember, Ask Before You Act



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