

IMPORTANT NCAA RECRUITING RULES FOR NAVAL ACADEMY ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

Dear Alumni, Staff and Friends:

One of the important cornerstones of Navy Athletics is the integrity, loyalty and enthusiasm of Navy fans who have shown unwavering support. The NAAA appreciates your great support of our programs and the encouragement that you give our student-athletes.

However, we must be cautious not to let our enthusiasm for athletics lead us into conflict with the very specific rules and regulations of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) or the Patriot League.

The NCAA definition of “a representative of the University’s athletics interest” is very broad and encompasses many, if not all of the people who are regular attendees at our sporting events. If you fall into this category, there are a number of activities regarding inappropriate contact with student-athletes and athletic recruits that could put the Academy at risk for NCAA sanctions.

The Academy is charged with the responsibility to exercise institutional control of its athletics interests and we are committed to maintaining the kind of responsible program in which all of us take such great pride.

Institutional control of athletics is a fundamental requirement of NCAA legislation. The NCAA constitution provides that each institution shall be responsible for ensuring that members of the institution’s staff, student-athletes and other individuals or groups representing the institution’s athletics interest comply with all applicable Association rules.

This brochure is intended to provide you with basic information concerning NCAA rules that apply to a “representative of the academy’s athletics interests.” The brochure highlights rules concerning situations encountered by alumni, staff and friends of the Naval Academy.

Because of the complexity of NCAA rules, not all applicable situations are included. Since we need your help to ensure we are always using good judgment and complying, please contact the Athletics Compliance Office (410.293.8936) if you have questions.

Remember to Ask Before You Act!

Are you a Representative of Athletics Interest?

You are considered a representative of athletics interest (or booster) if you:

- are or have been a member of any organization promoting Navy Athletics
- have ever made a donation to the NAAA, The Blue and Gold or any Navy team or support organization
- have ever assisted in the recruitment of prospects
- have ever helped to arrange or have provided employment or benefits to enrolled student-athletes, prospects or their parents or relatives
- otherwise promoted the Naval Academy’s athletic program.

Once you become a representative of the athletics interests, you retain this status FOREVER!

Definitions You Should Know

Prospective Student-Athlete. A prospect is a student who has started classes for the ninth grade or is attending another 2 or 4-year collegiate institution. Prior to the ninth grade you can become a prospect if you receive a benefit that the institution does not provide to prospective students in general.

Student-Athlete. A student-athlete is a student whose enrollment was solicited by a member of the athletics staff to participate in intercollegiate athletics.

Contact.

A contact is any face-to-face encounter between a prospect or their parents and an institutional staff member or athletics representative during which any dialogue occurs in excess of an exchange of greeting. Any such face-to-face encounter that is prearranged or that takes place on the grounds of the prospect’s educational institution or a the site of organized competition or practice involving the prospect or the prospect’s high school, prep school, two-year college or all-star team shall be considered a contact, regardless of the conversation that occurs.

Recruiting.

Recruiting is any solicitation of a prospect or the prospect’s family by a Academy staff member or by a representative of athletics interest for the purpose of securing the prospect’s enrollment at the Academy and/or participation in the athletics program.

Basic Points You Should Know

Benefits or Special Arrangements.

Athletics Representatives may NOT provide any benefits or special arrangements to an enrolled student-athlete, his or her parents, relatives or friends.

No Contact with Prospects.

Athletics Representatives are prohibited from making in-person, on- or off-campus recruiting contacts, as well as written or telephone communications with a prospect or the prospect's parents or relatives.

If a prospect logs into a chat room, initiates a telephone or email contact with you, or you have an inadvertent face-to-face encounter with a prospect or their parents or relatives, do not enter into a recruiting conversation. Please refer the prospect to the athletics department and advise the sport coach of the contact.

No Contact with Prospect's School or Staff.

Athletics Representatives may NOT contact the prospect's coach, principal or counselor in an attempt to evaluate a prospect or visit the prospect's institution to pick up films or transcripts pertaining to the evaluation of the prospect.

Attendance at Prospect's Event

Athletics Representatives may attend events (e.g. contests, banquets) where prospects are present subject to the understanding that the representative may NOT contact the prospect or the prospect's parents or relatives.

Inform Navy Coach

Athletics Representatives may inform the Navy coaches of prospects in their area by calling the coach or sending newspaper articles with the names of particular prospects.

Pre-established Relationship

Athletic Representatives who have pre-established relationships with prospects, their parents and relatives may continue normal contacts with the understanding that such contacts are not made for recruiting purposes and are not arranged by members of the institution's coaching staff.

Limited Exceptions for Faculty and Staff

- Faculty and staff members of the Naval Academy are permitted to contact prospects only on the Yard.
- Faculty and staff members of the Naval Academy, at the direction of the coaching staff, may begin to write prospects on or after Sept 1 at the start of their junior year of high school.
- Faculty and staff members of the Naval Academy, at the direction of the coaching staff, may telephone prospects (except in football) for the purpose of recruiting beginning July 1 subsequent to the prospect's junior year in high school. However in football, telephone calls may not be made before Sept 1 or the prospect's senior year of high school.

Contacts with Enrolled Student-Athletes

Benefits or Special Arrangements

Athletic Representatives may NOT provide any benefits or special arrangements to an enrolled student-athlete, his or her parents, relatives or friends.

Student-Athletes and Promotional Activities

Use of a student-athlete's name, picture or appearance to support any charitable, educational and nonprofit promotional activities requires the signature of the student-athlete and the authorized representative of the event on a release statement that requires written approval from the Director of Athletics.

Student-athletes are not permitted to be involved in the advertisement, recommendation or promotion of a commercial organization for sales or use of a commercial product or service of any kind.

Occasional Meals

Friends of our athletic interests may provide an enrolled student-athlete or an entire team with an occasional family meal. The occasional meal may be catered, must be provided in an individual's home, and must be restricted to infrequent or special occasions. Transportation may be provided to the student-athlete by the friends of our athletic interests ONLY if the meal function is at the home of that representative. Arrangements for TEAM events must be made in advance with the head coach and the appropriate NAAA administrator.

Gambling

NCAA rules do not permit student-athletes or staff members to knowingly:

- Provide information to individuals involved in organized gambling activities concerning intercollegiate athletics competition.
- Solicit, accept or place a bet on any intercollegiate team.
- Participate in any gambling activity that involves intercollegiate athletics or professional athletics through a bookmaker, parlay card, computer or any other method employed by organized gambling.

Athletics Team or NAAA Support Groups

These groups may finance the following institutional awards and recognition banquets, provided all expenses are paid through the NAAA:

- Single Team Postseason Awards Banquet
- All Sports Postseason Awards Banquet
- All Sports Academic Awards Banquet
- Single Team Recognition Banquets prior to or during the season may be financed as well as the team's transportation expenses to the event, if it is not more than 100 miles from campus and no tangible award is provided to the members of the team.

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MEN'S SPORTS

All in Area Code 410

Baseball	Paul Kostacopoulos	293-5571
Basketball	Billy Lange	293-2627
Crew	Rick Clothier	293-3636
150# Crew	Steve Perry	293-2418
Cross Country	Al Cantello	293-5574
Football	Ken Niumatalolo	293-2241
Sprint Football	Maj. Jake Jenkins	293-5559
Golf	Pat Owen	293-9745
Gymnastics	Dr. Sho Fukushima	293-5552
Lacrosse	Richie Meade	293-5547
Soccer	Dave Brandt	293-3153
Squash	Craig Dawson	293-2240
Swimming	Bill Roberts	293-3012
Tennis	John Officer	293-5589
Track	Steve Cooksey	293-5568
Water Polo	Mike Schofield	293-5558
Wrestling	Bruce Burnett	293-3011

WOMEN'S SPORTS

Basketball	Sefanie Pemper	293-5591
Crew	Mike Hughes	293-2419
Cross Country	Karen Boyle	293-5579
Lacrosse	Cindy Timchal	293-8746
Soccer	Carin Gabarra	293-5562
Swimming	John Morrison	293-3081
Tennis	Keith Puryear	293-8709
Track	Carla Criste	293-5580
Volleyball	Mike Schwob	293-5546

CO-ED SPORTS

Sailing (Intercoll)	Ian Burman	293-5617
Sailing (Offshore)	Jahn Tihansky	293-5608
Rifle	Bill Kelley	293-4339

