



# NCAA Compliance



Dear Tennessee Supporter,

As a member of the Southeastern Conference and NCAA, The University of Tennessee is committed to following established rules and regulations governing its intercollegiate athletics programs. The NCAA has explicit guidelines for its “representatives of athletics interests.” The Athletics Department appreciates your interest and support, but reminds you that any inappropriate, even inadvertent, action on your part can jeopardize the eligibility of our prospective or current student-athletes.

In Division I athletics, representatives of athletics interests (i.e., boosters) are prohibited from becoming involved in recruiting activities. They are prohibited from:

- Making in-person (on- or off-campus) recruiting contacts;
- Writing (including social networking) or making telephone calls to a prospect, their relatives or legal guardians (If a prospect initiates a telephone call to a booster, the booster may speak to the prospect; however, the booster must refer all questions about the UT athletics program to the Athletics Department staff).
- Contacting a prospect’s coach, principal, or counselor in an attempt to evaluate a prospect;
- Visiting a prospect’s school to pick up transcripts or films pertaining to evaluation of the prospect’s academic or athletics ability.

As a potential representative of The University of Tennessee’s athletics interests, you may not provide any extra benefit(s) to a prospect, currently enrolled student-athlete or their relatives and friends. The acceptance of an extra benefit is a violation of NCAA rules and places the student-athlete’s eligibility for intercollegiate competition in immediate jeopardy. Examples of extra benefits that you cannot provide include, but are not limited to:

- Cash or loans in any amount;
- Cosigning or arranging a loan;
- Providing gifts of any kind (e.g., clothing, airline tickets, or holiday cards);
- Providing special discount for goods and services;
- Use of an automobile.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and continued support of The University of Tennessee’s athletics compliance efforts. If you have any questions regarding how NCAA rules impact student-athletes, please do not hesitate to contact the Compliance Office at (865) 974-3871.

Sincerely,

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Director of Men’s Athletics



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