

## DONORS - BOOSTERS

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### YOU ARE A REPRESENTATIVE OF ATHLETICS

#### INTEREST IF:

- You participate in or have been a member of any donor, booster, or alumni group.
- You make or have made a donation to any USCB athletic program
- You provide or have helped to arrange employment for student-athletes
- You have been involved in promoting USCB Athletics in any way
- You are a parent or legal guardian of an enrolled student-athlete
- You participated as a varsity athlete at USCB.

According to NCAA rules, once an individual has been identified as an institutional representative of athletics interest, this status is retained for life.

And as a representative of athletics interest, remember that you are responsible for making the USCB Compliance Office aware of any infractions that you know have occurred immediately. Even if the violation is unintentional, the eligibility of a prospect or enrolled student-athlete could be in jeopardy.

## EMPLOYMENT

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**PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES:** Contact may be made between a prospect and a donor or booster to arrange summer employment after the prospect has signed a Letter of Intent or athletics aid agreement,

**ENROLLED STUDENT-ATHLETES:** Employment may be arranged for the academic year and summer at any time once the student-athlete has enrolled at USCB.

#### Rules to Remember:

Providing employment to a prospect or enrolled student-athlete must be approved by the Compliance Office by completing the appropriate paperwork and specifies the following:

- *The student-athlete receives only remuneration for the value of the work, not because of their reputation, fame or athletic ability*
- *The student-athlete is to be compensated only for work actually performed.*

The student-athlete is to be compensated at a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar services.

## RECRUITING

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**A PROSPECT** - any student who has started classes for the 9th grade is considered a prospect. Or any individual that receives a benefit that is not available to all prospects of USCB.

**A RECRUITING CONTACT** - any face-to-face encounter between a prospect, a prospect's parents or legal guardian, and a college staff member or representative of athletics interest during which any dialogue occurs in excess of an exchange of a greeting.

#### Recruiting Rules:

- Only NCAA certified coaches and college staff members can be involved in the recruiting process.
- Donors, boosters, and other representatives of athletics interests are prohibited from making contact (in-person, on/off campus, by phone, fax, or letter) with a prospect for the purpose of encouraging participation in the USCB athletic program.
- Students remain prospects even after signing a Letter of Intent or athletics aid agreement.
- Prospects retain that status until the official beginning of team practice or the 1st day of classes for the semester.

#### Impermissible Activities:

- A donor or booster may not have any contact with a prospect. Contact includes phone calls, letters and faxes.
- A donor or booster may not provide tickets, transportation, or room and board for a prospect, coach, or relative to visit the campus.
- A donor or booster may not entertain in any way or give gifts, benefits, and free or reduced services to any prospect, coach, or relatives.
- A donor or booster may not contact a prospect's coach, principal, or counselor in an attempt to evaluate the prospect.
- A donor or booster may not co-sign a loan, loan their automobile, or pay for summer camp registration fees.

#### Permissible Activities:

- A donor or booster may view a prospect's game as long as no contact is made.
- If an established relationship already exists between a donor or booster and a prospect, the relationship may continue as long as the relationship is not for recruitment purposes.
- If unavoidable incidental contact occurs, only normal greetings may take place.
- A donor or booster may receive calls from prospects only if the prospect initiates the call and no recruitment takes place during the conversation.



## ENROLLED STUDENT-ATHLETES

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**AN ENROLLED STUDENT-ATHLETE** - a student who is presently participating in athletics or has completed their eligibility, but is still enrolled at USCB.

**AN EXTRA BENEFIT** - any special gift or arrangement provided to an enrolled student-athlete, relative, or friend that is not available to the general student body of the USCB or expressly authorized by the NCAA.

#### Prohibited Extra Benefits:

- Cash or loans given in any amount, or signing/co-signing for a loan for a student-athlete or member of their family.
- Gifts of any kind, including birthday cards and holiday gifts, clothing, and entertainment, or cars to student-athletes or their families.
- Free or reduced-rent housing to student-athletes or their families.
- Purchasing complimentary admissions from a student-athlete.
- Awarding an honorarium to a student-athlete for a speaking engagement.
- Paying for meals for a student-athlete(s) without Compliance or Head Coach approval.
- Room, board, transportation, or any other special arrangement that is made for a student-athlete's family or friends.

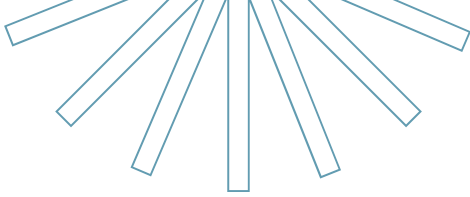
## GAMBLING

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Student-athletes, coaches, athletic department staff members, and non-athletic department staff members who have responsibilities within or over the athletic department are prohibited from participating in ANY FORM of gambling on college, amateur, or professional sports.

Examples include, but are not limited to, March Madness pools, Super Bowl picks/squares, parlay cards, and fantasy sports leagues.

Booster clubs are also prohibited from participating in gambling activities related to college athletics.



## INTRODUCTION

USCB, as a provisional member institution of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), is responsible for ensuring that its donors, boosters, student-athletes, alumni, friends, and fans abide by NCAA, Peach Belt Conference, and institutional rules and regulations.

Your continued support of USCB Athletics, along with all of the support of our fans and friends is greatly appreciated and has helped our athletic program achieve success both on the field, in the classroom, and around our community.

However, in order to sustain and build upon this success, it is important that we adhere to all rules and regulations, as our goals come to fruition while maintaining the highest ethical standards.

Inappropriate actions, whether inadvertent or intentional, can jeopardize the eligibility of a prospective or current student-athlete and adversely affect the entire athletic department and/or institution.

Please take a moment to read through this publication carefully and assist USCB in its commitment to integrity. This brochure is merely a guide for you; it cannot adequately address every possible situation where NCAA rules come into play for donors, alumni, fans, and friends of Sand Shark Athletics. Please do not hesitate to contact the Compliance Office with any questions you may have.

**FINS UP!**

## Test Your Knowledge

1. **True or False** - An individual that has donated to USCB Athletics is considered a representative of athletics interest.
2. **True or False** - It is permissible for a donor to rent an apartment to an enrolled student-athlete at a discounted rate.
3. **True or False** - A prospect is any student that has started classes for 8th grade.
4. **True or False** - A donor can attend a state high school tournament and talk to parents of prospects about attending USCB.
5. **True or False** - A donor can cut out newspaper articles featuring top prospects in their area and send them to USCB coaching staff members.
6. **True or False** - A donor may send a gift to an enrolled student-athlete for earning a weekly conference honor.
7. **True or False** - A donor may not send flowers to an enrolled student-athlete recovering from surgery.
8. **True or False** - It is not permissible for a donor to purchase a meal for a student-athlete at a restaurant.
9. **True or False** - A donor is permitted to have contact with a prospect after they have signed an athletics aid agreement to arrange summer employment.
10. **True or False** - A donor can lend their car to an enrolled student-athlete so they can get back and forth from off campus practice locations.

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# A Guide to NCAA Regulations for Donors, Alumni, & Friends of USCB Athletics



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