

Representatives of Athletics Interest

Information Brochure

Who is a Representative of Athletics Interest (Booster)?

An individual who is known (or should have been known) by a member of the institution's executive or athletics administration to:

- a) Having participated in or to be a member of an agency or organization, including corporate entities (e.g. apparel and equipment companies), promoting the institution's intercollegiate athletics program;*
- b) Having made financial contributions to the athletics department or to an athletics booster organization of that institution;*
- c) Be assisting or to have been requested (by the athletics department staff) to assist in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes;*
- d) Be assisting or to have assisted in providing benefits to enrolled student-athletes of their families; or*
- e) Have been involved otherwise in promoting the institution's athletics program*

Once an individual is identified as such a representative, the person retains that identity indefinitely.

As a Representative of Athletics Interests, you may not...

- a) Contact a prospective student-athletes coach, principal, or counselor in an effort to evaluate and/or recruit;*
- b) Visit the prospective student-athletes institution to pick up film or transcripts pertaining to the evaluation of the prospective student-athlete's academic eligibility or athletics ability;*
- c) Contact a prospective student-athlete. His/her parent/legal guardian, or spouse, on or off campus;*
- d) Contact a prospective student-athlete by phone or in writing;*
- e) Make special arrangements for entertainment for recruiting purposes;*
- f) Provide "extra benefits" to a prospective or current student-athlete at LR, their parents/legal guardian or family.*

Who is a prospective student-athlete?

NCAA rules state that a prospective student-athlete is a person who has started classes for the ninth (9th) grade, regardless of his/her athletic ability and/or participation.

- a) A prospective student-athlete remains a prospect even after he/she has signed a National Letter of Intent or accepts an offer of financial aid to attend an institution.*
- b) A prospective student-athlete remains a prospect until he/she reports for the first day of classes for a regular term (fall or spring) or the first official day of practice (whichever comes first).*

Transfer Student-Athletes

As a representative of athletics interest you are not permitted to contact any student-athlete or family member/legal guardian or a student-athlete who is or has enrolled at another institution for the purposes of recruiting and/or to determine the possibility of transferring to LR. The same rules apply to these student-athletes as they do for other prospective student-athletes.

Occasional Meals **(LR Athletics defines this as no more than once per week)**

- a) **Institutional Staff Members** – A student-athlete or the entire team in a sport may receive an occasional meal in the locale of the institution on infrequent and special occasions from an institutional staff member. An institutional staff member may provide reasonable local transportation to student-athletes to attend such meals.*
- b) **Representative of Athletics Interest** - A student-athlete or the entire team in a sport may receive an occasional family home meal from a representative of the institution's athletics interest provided the meal is in the individual's home, on campus or at a facility that is regularly used for home competition and may be catered. The booster or an institutional staff member may provide reasonable local transportation to student-athletes to attend such meals. Please note that providing meals at restaurants or off-campus is not permissible.*

What is an Extra Benefit?

An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or a representative of the institution's athletics interests to provide a student-athlete or the student-athlete's relative or friend a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation. Receipt of a benefit by student-athletes or their relatives or friends is not a violation of NCAA legislation, if it is demonstrated that the same benefit is generally available to the institution's students or their relatives or friends or to a particular segment of the student body (e.g., international students, minority students) determined on a basis unrelated to athletics ability.

Please be aware of the following:

- a) *A student-athlete cannot accept anything from an employee of LR or representative of the Athletics Department (e.g., use of car, haircuts, clothing, gifts, money, tickets for any kind of entertainment, payment of long distance telephone calls, professional services, etc...).*
- b) *A student-athlete cannot accept free or reduced cost room and/or board from any LR employee or representative of the LR athletics programs. This includes on and off campus, in the student athlete's home city or any other location. This would preclude a student-athlete from "house sitting" without paying rental costs at a comparable rate for similar housing in that locale.*
- c) *A student-athlete may not accept free or reduced cost storage room for personal belongings for the summer months from any LR employee or representative of the LR athletics programs.*
- d) *A student-athlete cannot accept free or reduced merchandise or services from any merchant unless that free or reduced cost item is also available to the general public.*
- e) *On infrequent, special occasions (e.g., a birthday, Thanksgiving, etc...), a student-athlete may accept an invitation to the home of an employee of LR or athletics representatives for a meal. Be aware that there may be multiple requests for a particular student-athlete for a given week. Please use the request form noted below.*
- f) *Members of the Athletic Department staff or an athletics representative are not permitted to type reports, papers, letters, etc., for a student-athlete.*
- g) *A student-athlete cannot receive a special discount, payment arrangement or credit on a purchase (e.g., airline tickets, clothing, etc...), or service (e.g., laundry, dry cleaning, etc...) from an employee of LR or an athletics representative.*
- h) *A LR employee or donor/booster cannot provide a student-athlete with a loan of money, a guarantee of bond, the use of an automobile, or the signing or co-signing of a note to arrange a loan, or pay or provide other compensation for work performed or not performed at unreasonable levels.*
- i) *In order to provide a meal before or after an away from home contest, the team must incur the expense and then the booster can make a donation to the athletics program to cover the cost.*
- j) *Any employment offered to a student-athlete must be only for hours worked, at a rate commensurate with the going rate in the locality of similar work, and the athletics reputation must not be used in hiring.*

What are the consequences of violating NCAA rules?

Recruiting violations by LR employees and/or representatives will result in the prospective or enrolled student-athlete becoming immediately ineligible to represent LR in intercollegiate athletics. A major recruitment violation can cause a prospect or current student-athlete to become permanently ineligible for intercollegiate athletics at LR.

There is an "Occasional Meal Request Form" located on the [LR Compliance](#) page. This is required 3 days prior to the scheduled event.

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