



Q: Can a booster contact high school coaches or guidance counselors directly regarding a prospective student-athlete?

A: No. This contact would constitute recruiting.

Q: If only WVU coaches, athletic department, and/or institutional staff members may recruit a prospect how may a booster help?

A: A booster may:

- Attend as many athletic contests as he/she desires to evaluate talent, provided they are not making contact with the prospect or any individual associated with the prospective student-athlete to encourage the prospect's attendance at WVU.
- Call, write, or send newspaper articles to the WVU coaching staff regarding outstanding student-athletes in his/her area.
- Offer assistance such as lodging or meals to members of the coaching staff who are recruiting in his/her community.

Q: As a booster, if I attend a prospect's athletic event, may I talk to the prospect's coach after the event?

A: No. A booster may not contact the coach, the prospect or family members, the principal or counselor in an attempt to evaluate a prospect.

Q: What if a booster attends an athletic event and finds himself/herself sitting next to the parents of the prospect?

A: Do not initiate conversation with the relatives. If conversation is initiated with the parents, respond in a civil manner but do not discuss the WVU Athletics Program with them. If they ask questions about the program, remind them that the NCAA prohibits a booster from discussing the program with them. Encourage the family to contact the WVU Athletic Department directly.

Q: As a booster may I visit the prospect's school to pick up transcripts or videotape/film to send to a college coach?

A: No. A booster may not visit the prospect's school to pick up transcripts or videotapes/film pertaining to the evaluation of the prospect's academic or athletic ability.

Q: May a prospect call a booster?

A: Yes. A booster may have a telephone conversation with a prospect only if the prospect initiates the call. The telephone call may not be prearranged by an institutional staff member, and the booster is not permitted to have a recruiting conversation with the prospect but may exhibit normal civility. The booster must refer any questions about the institution's athletics program to the athletics department staff.



Q: May boosters entertain relatives and friends of a prospective student-athlete at any site off-campus?

A: No.

Q: May a booster make a contact with a prospect and/or his or her guardian during an official or unofficial visit to campus?

A: No.

Q: Is it permissible for a booster to pay costs incurred by an athletics talent scout in studying or recruiting a prospect?

A: No.

Q: Is it permissible for a booster to provide free admission to WVU's away contests to prospects, their relatives, or friends?

A: No.

Q: Is it permissible for a booster to pay in whole or in part the registration fees for summer sports camps?

A: No.

Q: Is it permissible for a booster to be involved in the on-campus entertainment of a prospect and/or his or her guardian during an official or unofficial visit?

A: No.

Q: During the recruitment of a prospect or prior to a prospect's enrollment, may a booster be involved directly or indirectly in making arrangements for a prospect, the prospect's relatives or friends to receive money, financial aid or equivalent inducements regardless if similar financial aid, benefits or arrangements are available to prospective students in general, their relatives or friends?

A: No. Other types of inducements that are prohibited include, but are not limited to:

- the use of an automobile;
- signing or cosigning a note for a loan;
- special discounts or payment arrangements on loan;
- cash or tangible items (e.g., clothes, cars, jewelry, stereo equipment , even a soft drink);
- the promise of employment after college;
- an employment arrangement for a prospect's relatives or friend;
- purchase of items or services from a prospect or the prospect's family at inflated prices;
- free or reduced -cost housing arrangements;
- free or reduced-cost services or rentals of any type;
- the promise of financial aid for post graduate education;
- the promise to pay or arrange payment of transportation costs incurred by relatives or friends of prospective student-athletes;
- the use of WVU's athletic equipment (e.g., for a high school all-star game); or
- sponsorship of or arrangement for an awards banquet for high school , prep school or two year college athletes by an institution, boosters, or its alumni groups or booster clubs.



HOT TOPIC

Q: My son is a current student at WVU. I own a suite at the football stadium and often give my son five tickets to invite his friends to watch the game with us. He is friends with one of the WVU student-athletes. Is it okay for the WVU student-athlete to join us in the suite during the games?

A: No. Allowing the student-athlete to attend the suite at anytime during a competition is considered an extra benefit as this constitutes preferential seating to an athletic contest. Since suite seating is not available to the general student body this would be a special arrangement provided by a booster and would result in the student-athlete being declared ineligible. As a result, the student-athlete would be required to pay back the cost of the benefit received (e.g. if the cost of the ticket is \$500 the student-athlete would have to pay that amount to a charity of choice). Dependent upon the value of the benefit received, the student-athlete would be required to sit out of the prescribed number of competition(s). The student-athlete's eligibility would not be reinstated until repayment was made and the game suspension fulfilled. Even though the student-athlete may be friends with your son or daughter, the NCAA student-athlete status supersedes friendship in regard to the NCAA legislation.

WVU may provide its student athletes with admission to all regular season home contests in sports other than which the student-athlete participates however the following criteria must be met:

- Admission is provided via a pass list.
- Proof of identity is provided.
- Seating is only located in the general seating area of the facility.

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