As a part of the Fordham University Athletics Program, we wanted to thank you for your continued support of Fordham Athletics. Your donation helps add to the success of our over five-hundred student-athletes, both on and off the field. As a Division I member of NCAA athletics, Fordham has a responsibility to ensure that our donors, boosters, alumni, and friends abide by NCAA, conference, and institutional rules and regulations.

Who is a Booster?

Under NCAA legislation, a booster is anyone who has ever made any type of contribution to Fordham Athletics, joined any sport-specific support group, assisted in any manner in the recruitment of prospects, participated as a student-athlete at Fordham, promoted Fordham Athletics in any way, or are the parent of legal guardian of an enrolled student-athlete.

Recruiting

Who is a Prospect?  Any student who has started classes for the 9th grade. For men’s basketball, a prospect is any student that has started classes for the seventh grade. A student remains a prospect until the start of classes or official team practice. Signing an NLI or committing to Fordham does not remove the status of “prospect.”

What is Permissible?  It is permissible to continue to have contact with an established family friend or neighbor who is a prospect. You can also view a prospect’s game on your own initiative, so long as you do not have contact with their parents or guardians.

What is a Violation?  Contacting or calling a prospect, their parent, coach, or principle for a recruiting purpose, assisting with the evaluation of talent at the director of Fordham coaching staff, or encouraging prospects to attend Fordham.

Extra Benefits

It is a violation of NCAA rules for you to provide a prospect, a student-athlete, their friends or relatives any benefit that is not generally available to the student body as a whole.

What are Examples of an Extra Benefit?  Cash, loans, money; signing or cosigning a loan; tangible gifts; free or discounted goods or services; free or discounted entertainment (professional tickets); assistance paying bills; transportation or the use of an automobile.
PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES: There are many NCAA rules regarding the employment of prospective student-athletes. It is permissible for prospects who have signed an NLI to be employed for a booster the summer before their enrollment. If you are planning on hiring a prospect, please contact the Compliance Office prior to the beginning of the employment arrangement.

STUDENT-ATHLETES: Current student-athletes may be employed if: they are paid for only work actually performed; paid at a rate commensurate with the going rate in the locale for similar services; they are not compensated for their value as a student-athlete; the student-athlete and the student-athlete registers the job with the Compliance office.

TRUE OR FALSE: An individual that has made a donation to Fordham Athletics is considered a booster.
TRUE OR FALSE: A donor may send a gift to an enrolled student-athlete for their performance.
TRUE OR FALSE: It is permissible for a booster to purchase a meal for a student-athlete at a restaurant.
TRUE OR FALSE: All prospects are students that have started classes for the seventh grade.
TRUE OR FALSE: A donor is permitted to have contact with a prospect after they have signed an NLI to arrange summer employment.
TRUE OR FALSE: A booster can lend their car to an enrolled student-athlete so that they can drive back and forth to practice.

Thank you for helping participate in a group effort to keep our student-athletes and department safe. As we are here to help the young men and women that compete for Fordham, we are also here to help you in any situation that may arise. If you have any questions regarding the information above or other situations not listed, please feel free to contact our Compliance staff at the numbers below.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in assisting Fordham Athletics.