



Athletic NCAA Compliance - General

2018-19

Given the nature of your responsibilities, you may come into contact with students interested in athletics at Notre Dame. These students will come in many varieties from the casual (i.e., those wanting to know about the athletic environment on campus, inter-hall sports) to the serious (i.e., prospective student-athletes, those students who either are being recruited as varsity athletes or those wishing to be recruited).

As a volunteer, you are defined by the NCAA as a University representative and must be careful regarding your interactions with prospective student-athletes.

Prospective Student-Athlete Definition

- Any student who has started classes for the ninth grade.
- A student younger than the ninth grade who receives any benefits from an institution or athletics representative.
- Student enrolled at a two-year college or preparatory school

Contact with Prospective Student-Athletes

AVCs may have contact with prospective student-athletes provided that your contact is part of regular responsibilities. In general terms, you may do for athletes as you would do for any other student you contact.

- If you would normally provide college brochures to interested students at a high school fair and you are approached by a student who informs you that s/he is a recruited athlete, you may provide that student with a college brochure.

- If you call or email all admitted students and congratulate them on their admission, you may do that for an admitted recruited athlete.
- If you invite all admitted students to a reception, you may do that for admitted recruited athletes.
- If you invited all confirmed First Year students to a send-off event, you may do that for confirmed recruited athletes.

Please note: **Prospects cannot be introduced at any events (other than by name at admitted student receptions or student send-offs)**, and may not be provided with any benefits other than those provided to all attendees.

Please do not form special friendships with or take a particular interest in any prospective student-athlete beyond the normal volunteer-student relationship. While you might consider such behavior merely friendly and genuine, your actions could result in that student being ruled ineligible for participation in athletics. These requirements remain in effect even after a prospect has signed a National Letter of Intent.

Contact and More Information

For further information regarding NCAA compliance, please consult the following website: ncaacompliance.nd.edu

The NCAA Compliance Office may be reached at 574-631-9647 or ncaacomp@nd.edu.

