



## Dear Oregon State Supporter :

Thank you for your continued support of Oregon State University Athletics. Your help provides deserving student-athletes with the opportunity to further both their academic and athletic careers. As dedicated supporters, you must be committed to compliance with the rules and regulations of the NCAA and the PAC-12 Conference.

The information provided in this brochure will help you understand the guidelines applicable to the conduct of friends of Oregon State Athletics. Our brochure summarizes rules and regulations of various situations that have been encountered in the past.

Oregon State is proud to have your loyal support and dedication for our Athletics. As we continue to strive for excellence we must also continue to seek the highest standard of ethical conduct. With your assistance, we are confident we can continue to meet this goal.

### The Oregon State Compliance Office

## Top 5 Beaver Boosters Rules:

- 1) ASK BEFORE YOU ACT** If you are not sure, call the Compliance Office. NCAA rules are complex and not uniformly applied. It is better to check than put a student-athlete's eligibility in jeopardy.
- 2) ACTIVE RECRUITING INVOLVEMENT** is limited to coaches. Boosters cannot make any contact (in-person or telephone communications) with a prospect or the prospect's family for the purpose of recruiting for Oregon State Athletics.
- 3) EXTRA BENEFITS** are any special arrangements by an institutional employee or booster provided to a currently enrolled student-athlete, prospect or their parents, friends and relatives, that is not expressly authorized by the NCAA or which is not available to all general students. Boosters shall not offer, provide, or arrange financial assistance, directly or indirectly, to pay (in whole or in part) the cost of the prospect's education or other expenses other than summer employment, provided the compliance office has received and approved a student-athlete employment form.
- 4) ATTENDING ATHLETIC CONTESTS** at schools in your community is permitted, but contacting a prospect, prospect's parents, or prospect's coach while you are there is prohibited. If you see or hear of a potential OSU prospect, you may contact the coaches with basic information (school, position, coach).
- 5) USING A STUDENT-ATHLETES NAME, PICTURE, OR LIKENESS** is not permitted to directly advertise, recommend, or promote sales for use of a commercial product of any kind.

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### A Final Reminder :

Recruitment of prospective student-athletes is the sole responsibility of Oregon State coaches. Athletics Representatives may not be involved in the recruiting process.

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### CONTACT INFORMATION :

**Phone :** 541-737-7369

**Web :** [www.osubeavers.com](http://www.osubeavers.com)



## WHO IS AN ATHLETIC REPRESENTATIVE?

There are NCAA rules that apply to Oregon State student-athletes, coaches, and recruits, but you might not be aware that there are also rules governing your conduct as a fan and supporter of Oregon State Athletics. If you meet the definition of an Athletics Representative there are rules with which you should be familiar. You may already call yourself a fan or booster, but are you an Athletic Representative? You are if:

- You are a member of a group that supports or promotes Oregon State Athletics (Ex: Dugout Club, Our Beaver Nation).
- You have given money or gifts to Oregon State sports programs.
- You have provided any benefits (e.g. employment) to Oregon State student-athletes, prospective student-athletes, or their families.
- Oregon State has asked you to help, or you have in any way helped to recruit student-athletes.
- You have assisted in the promotion of Oregon State Athletics.

***Once you are identified as an Athletics Representative, you will remain one forever. The rules will always apply to you.***

## WHO IS A PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE?

A prospective student-athlete (PSA) is ANY student who has started classes for the ninth grade, including students in prep schools and junior colleges and individuals who have officially withdrawn from a four-year institution.

A PSA remains a prospect even after he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent or accepts an offer of financial aid to attend Oregon State University. The restrictions regarding contact between Athletics Representatives and PSAs apply until the PSAs report for a regular academic year term (e.g. fall term) or preseason team practice.

## CONTACT WITH PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES

The NCAA rules limit the type and occasions of contact an Athletics Representative may have with a prospective student-athlete (PSA).

### NCAA rules PERMIT an Athletics Representative to:

- Notify our coaches with basic information only about prospects in your area that may be strong additions to our team (e.g. school position, coach).
- Attend high school or two-year college athletic contests or other events where PSAs may compete, however, you may not have contact with the PSAs or their relatives for the purpose of providing information on Oregon State.
- Continue relationships with a PSA, his/her parents or relatives, provided the relationship pre-dates the PSA entering ninth grade and the relationship did not develop as a result of the PSAs athletic participation, but you may not recruit them to participate in Oregon State Athletics.
- Continue involvement with local youth sports that may include PSAs, provided you do not solicit any prospects participation in Oregon State Athletics.

### NCAA rules PROHIBIT an Athletics Representative from:

- Contacting a PSA or their family in person on or off campus. This includes calling, writing, emailing, or text messaging.
- Making arrangements for PSAs or their relatives or friends to receive money or financial aid of any kind.
- Providing transportation for a PSA, his/her relatives or friends to visit a campus or reimbursing another party (including a PSAs coach) for providing that transportation.
- Providing free ticket or tickets at a reduced cost to PSAs, their relatives, or friends to an athletic event.
- Entertaining high school, prep school, or community college coaches.
- Attending PSAs sports event for the purpose of providing an evaluation requested by the OSU coaching staff.

## CONTACT WITH CURRENT STUDENT-ATHLETES

The NCAA also governs the relationships you have with Oregon State student-athletes. In general, you may not provide anything or make special arrangements for student-athletes and prospective student-athletes, or their families, which are not available to the general student-population.

### NCAA rules PERMIT an Athletics Representative to:

- Invite student-athletes into their home for an occasional or special occasion meal on an infrequent basis provided you receive approval from the Compliance Office. You may NOT provide meals to student-athletes in restaurant facilities or provide free meals to parents at any time.
- Provide summer employment for enrolled student-athletes at the going rate for similar positions. Provided the student-athlete employment form is on file with the Compliance Office.
- Provide housing for enrolled student-athletes, provided student-athletes pay market rate, as determined by the Compliance Office.

### NCAA rules PROHIBIT an Athletics Representative from:

- Providing cash or loans in any amount, or signing or co-signing for a loan for a student-athlete or parents.
- Providing gifts of any kind, including birthday cards, holiday gifts, clothing, entertainment, or cars to student-athletes.
- Providing special discounts for goods and services (e.g. car repairs, legal services, meals) to student-athletes or their families.
- Providing free housing or reduced-rent housing to student-athletes or their families.
- Purchasing complimentary admissions from a student-athlete (i.e. paying for the use of the athlete's game-day pass).
- Providing an honorarium to a student-athlete for a speaking engagement.
- Allowing free telephone or cellular phone usage by a student-athlete.
- Providing room, board, transportation, or any other special arrangement for a student-athlete's family or friends.

***\*Please contact the Compliance Office for more information and approval.***