



### PERMISSIBLE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Athletics representatives are permitted to host an occasional meal in their home for a specific team or group of scholar-athletes. All meals must be pre-approved by the UC San Diego Athletics Compliance Office as there are monthly and annual limits to the number of meals that can be provided. Transportation may also be provided for scholar-athlete eating such a meal at an athletics representative's home. Athletics representatives may also provide employment opportunities for scholar-athletes as long as positions are filled using regular hiring procedures and scholar-athletes are paid a similar rate to others in that position for work they actually perform. All scholar-athlete employment must be pre-approved by UC San Diego Athletics. Please contact us before providing a meal or arranging employment for our scholar-athletes!

### GIVING GIFTS TO ATHLETICS STAFF MEMBERS

Institutional policy generally precludes UC San Diego Athletics employees from accepting gifts that could influence or appear to influence them in their official job duties or conduct. This likely results in their inability to accept any gift from our generous donors. If you would like to show your support for UC San Diego Athletics and our staff, we encourage you to donate to the Triton Athletic Fund, which is the official fundraising entity of UC San Diego Athletics. We appreciate your support!

### POSSIBLE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF NCAA RULES

Violating any NCAA rule, including all those mentioned in this document, can pose serious issues for UC San Diego Athletics and the individuals involved. Penalties are levied by the NCAA Committee on Infractions or Enforcement staff in an effort to eliminate any competitive advantage or benefit received by our institution, teams, athletics staff or scholar-athletes. These penalties reflect the severity of the violation, and may include actions such as:



- Complete disassociation from specific athletics representatives over a specified period of time;
- Discontinuing recruitment of a prospective scholar-athlete;
- Reduction in recruiting activities for the sport program (e.g., prohibition on communication with specific prospects during specific time frames, reduced number of official visits, etc.);
- Loss of eligibility for an enrolled scholar-athlete (ranging from withholding from games to permanent ineligibility);
- Repayment of the value of an extra benefit by the scholar-athlete before regaining eligibility;
- Post-season competition ban;
- Coaching suspensions; or
- Institutional probation.

### QUESTIONS?

NCAA, Big West Conference and UC San Diego rules are extensive and complex, and as such, they cannot all be covered here. We encourage fans to contact us directly should you have questions or concerns about any issue which might involve future Tritons—prospective scholar-athletes, our current scholar-athletes, coaches or staff. It is our job to protect the interests of UC San Diego and Triton Athletics, which we cannot fully do without your help as a part of our team.

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## PROSPECTIVE SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

A prospective scholar-athlete (also commonly referred to as prospect, PSA, or recruit) is any student who has started classes for the ninth grade, regardless of their athletic participation. A student who has not started high school classes still could be considered a prospect if they have received a benefit from UCSD that is not otherwise available to prospective UCSD students.

NCAA recruiting rules start to apply when an individual becomes a prospect based on the above definition. Students who have made a verbal commitment to attend UCSD or signed a National Letter of Intent are still considered prospects, and NCAA recruiting rules continue to apply until they enroll at UCSD.

## REPRESENTATIVE OF ATHLETICS INTERESTS

Any individual who has made financial contributions to Triton Athletics (such as buying season tickets) or has otherwise been involved in promoting Triton Athletics is considered a representative of UCSD's athletics interests (also commonly referred to as a donor or booster, but referred to as "athletics representative" in this document). Once an individual meets the definition of an athletics representative, they maintain that status indefinitely.

NCAA rules limit the types of benefits prospective and current scholar-athletes may receive from athletics representatives.

## RECRUITING

Recruiting draws the interest of many fans, but may only be conducted by Athletics coaches and staff and UCSD faculty members. Members of the public, including athletics representatives, may not be involved in any prospect's recruitment. The following sections provide a general overview of the basic recruiting rules that apply to those who meet the definition of an athletics representative.

## OFFERS AND INDUCEMENTS

Athletics representatives may not directly or indirectly provide or arrange for any financial aid, benefits, or gifts for a prospect or their family members or coaches unless permitted by an exception to NCAA rules. These rules apply regardless of whether similar financial aid or benefits are available to members of the general public or to other students who are not involved in athletics. Specifically prohibited items include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Funding a prospect's visit to UC San Diego;
- Arranging for employment for a prospect's relative;
- A gift of clothing, equipment or any tangible item;
- Co-signing a loan;
- Free or reduced-cost services, housing, loans, rentals or purchases of any type; or
- Sponsorship of, or arrangement for, an awards banquet for high school, prep school or two-year college student-athletes by UC San Diego, the Triton Athletic Fund or any other booster group.

## OTHER RECRUITING RULES FOR ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVES

Do you know of a prospect who might be a great fit for one of our UC San Diego teams? Athletics representatives may communicate a prospect's name and information to a coach at UC San Diego, but may not be involved in their recruiting process. Athletics representatives may only have general conversations with prospects as long as the content of their discussion does not involve recruiting that athlete to attend UC San Diego and they are not directed to do so by UC San Diego staff. This extends to interaction with prospects via social media for purposes of recruiting them to UCSD. Similarly, athletics representatives are welcome to attend sporting events where prospects are competing as long as

attendance is not directed by a member of the UC San Diego Athletics staff and no contact is made with a prospect to discuss any aspect of their athletic recruitment. This prohibition extends to contacts with the prospect's coach, high school principal or teachers in attempts to discuss his or her collegiate choice, or to evaluate the prospect athletically or academically.

## EXTRA BENEFITS AND PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR CURRENT SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

NCAA rules permit current and former scholar-athletes to receive various benefits from the Athletics Dept in addition to their scholarships, including academic counseling and tutors, apparel and equipment, transportation for practice and competition, medical services, and specific meals related to their participation. However, benefits provided by athletics representatives are considered "extra benefits," which are impermissible under NCAA rules. An extra benefit is defined as any benefit, gift, or service provided to a scholar-athlete that is not otherwise available to other UCSD students or members of the public. Some specific benefits that are generally prohibited include:

- Cash or loans of any amount;
- Co-signing or arranging for a loan;
- Gifts or free services (ex: airline tickets, restaurant meals, gift cards, summer storage space, concert tickets, etc.);
- Rent-free or reduced cost housing;
- Employment of a scholar-athlete at a rate higher than the normal average for that position and type of work;
- Transportation (other than transportation provided locally for an occasional meal—see "Permissible Ways to Get Involved");
- Promise of employment or payment after college graduation; or
- Invitations to your home or property for purposes other than an occasional meal (e.g., boating, hunting)

**Note:** Some exceptions can be made for established relationships, but they must be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Athletics Compliance Office prior to the provision of any benefits to a scholar-athlete.