

We appreciate your assistance as we strive to comply with rules and regulations put forth by the NCAA, with the utmost integrity. Although this brochure is not a complete and final listing of all NCAA rules and regulations, it is a valuable quick reference for alums and friends of Shepherd University.

The NCAA Division II Manual contains all listings of the NCAA rules and regulations.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

Dear Alumni, Friends and Boosters of SU Athletics,

Thank you for being a part of the Ram Family! Your unwavering support of the athletic department and the student-athletes who make up our programs is much appreciated, and absolutely vital to our successes.

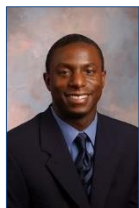
While your contributions help student-athletes and their respective programs compete towards their championship goals, they also help prepare them to become the next generation of hard-working leaders in our communities. For your efforts in helping our faculty, staff, administration and coaches in this mission, I cannot thank you enough!

Your support in all facets is openly welcomed to aid in our overall growth as a department, as well as the growth of our individual programs. With that being said, we must make every effort to comply with NCAA guidelines, rules and regulations. The NCAA's mission is to "govern competition in a fair, safe, equitable and sportsmanlike manner..." At Shepherd University, we strive to shadow the NCAA in this regard, and the guidelines listed will show you how you can best help Shepherd Athletics, all while following NCAA guidelines. This ensures that Shepherd University will remain an institution that promotes fairness, safety, and equality for all.

If you have any questions that are not answered here, please feel free to contact our compliance office as we are here to help!

Thank you for your support of Shepherd University Athletics!

Sincerely,
Chauncey Winbush
Vice President of Athletics



WHO IS A BOOSTER?

NCAA rules indicate that a representative of the institution's athletic interests or a "booster" is any individual that has ever:

- Made any type of contribution to the athletics department or to its booster club;
- Joined the institution's booster club (e.g. The Gridiron Club) or any sport-specific support group;
- Provided / helped arrange employment or provided benefits to an enrolled student- athlete or their families;
- Assisted in any manner in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes; or
- Otherwise promoted the institution's athletics program.

It is also important to note that once an individual becomes a booster, he or she remains as such for life. According to NCAA rules, the institution is responsible for all actions of its boosters.



RECRUITING

A prospective student-athlete or prospect is any student who:

- Has started classes for the 9th grade; or
- Is enrolled at another 4-year institution, junior college (2-year institution) and/or prep school.

A student-athlete remains a prospect even after signing a National Letter of Intent. Both the institution and prospect continue to be governed by NCAA recruiting legislation until enrollment occurs at the institution.

Only those coaching staff members who have passed the coaches certification exam are permitted to recruit prospective student-athletes.

NCAA legislation does not allow for a booster to play any role in the recruiting process. Listed below are restricted practices that apply not only to the prospects but also to their parents or legal guardians.

Contacts - Boosters may not make recruiting contacts in person with prospects at any site.

Communication - Boosters are prohibited from communicating to prospects for recruiting purposes via telephone calls, letters, and email, instant messaging, texting, Facebook or other means of communication.

Gifts -The provision of any financial aid or other benefits (e.g., clothing, special discounts, and tickets to events, loans of money or other items) to prospects or their relatives is prohibited.

Evaluation - A booster may view a prospect's athletics contests on his or her own initiative, however, a booster may not contact the prospect, prospect's coach, principal or counselor in an attempt to evaluate the prospect. A booster may not secure transcripts or video pertaining to the prospect's academic or athletic ability.

Employment - The employment or arranging of employment for a prospect before the end of his/her senior year of high school is prohibited. After graduation, a booster may employ a prospect as long as compensation is for work actually performed, and at the going rate for services of like character.

