FAQ

Q: Can a booster be involved when a prospect is on an official or unofficial visit?
A: Boosters may have contact with prospective student-athletes; however such contact is confined to the institution’s campus. Boosters may not be involved on the off-campus recruitment of prospective student-athletes beyond informing the College of Staten Island’s coaches of an outstanding prospect.

Q: May Boosters entertain relatives and friends of a prospective student-athlete at any site off-campus?
A: No.

Q: Is it permissible for a booster to reimburse the coach of a prospect of expenses incurred in transporting a prospect to visit the campus?
A: No.

Q: May a booster attend a public event (high school awards banquet) at which prospects are in attendance?
A: Yes, however, contact with prospective student-athletes or their families may not occur, and no attempt can be made to recruit the prospect.

Q: Can a prospective student-athlete call a booster?
A: A Booster may have a telephone conversation with a prospect ONLY if the prospect initiates the call and the call is not prearranged by an institutional staff member. All athletically related questions must be referred to the athletics department.

Q: As a booster, if I attend a prospect’s athletic event, may I talk to the prospect’s coach after the event?
A: No. A booster may not contact the coach, the prospect, the prospect’s family members, the principal, or the guidance counselor in an attempt to evaluate a prospect.

WHOM DO I CONTACT?

This brochure was developed to offer a general overview of key NCAA rules regarding the interactions between athletics representatives and prospective student-athletes and enrolled student-athletes.

This is not a comprehensive brochure. Please understand that these rules start with a negative premise for a reason to protect the eligibility of our student-athletes and the integrity of our Athletics Department.

Due to the complexity of the rules, this brochure should not be relied upon exclusively. Compliance with NCAA rules is of the highest priority to the College of Staten Island.

Should you have further questions or Concerns, please contact:

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Thank you for supporting College of Staten Island Athletics and taking time to read this guide. Your help in preventing violations is vital and is appreciated as much as any other part you play in supporting CSI Athletics program.

ARE YOU A REPRESENTATIVE OF ATHLETIC INTEREST (BOOSTER)?

You are a representative of CSI Athletics Interest (also known as a Booster) if any of the following applies:

- You have participated in or are a member of an agency or organization, including corporate entities (e.g., apparel and equipment companies), promoting the institution’s intercollegiate athletics program;
- You have made financial contributions to the athletics department or to an athletics booster organization of that institution;
- You assist or have been requested (by the athletics department staff) to assist in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes;
- You assist or have assisted in providing benefits to enrolled student-athletes or their families;
- You have been involved otherwise in promoting the institution’s athletics program; Once an individual is identified as such a representative, the person retains that identity indefinitely

BOOSTERS CAN

- Participate with prospects in organized institutional community engagement activities when prospects reside within a 100-mile radius of the location.
- Observe a prospect’s athletics contest, provided there is no contact with the prospect or the prospect’s parents and relatives.
- Notify CSI Athletics coaching staff of outstanding prospects in the area.
- Continue to have normal contact with any neighbor, relative, or family friend that might be a high school prospect as long as you do not engage in the recruitment process.
- Refer any and all recruiting questions to an athletic department staff member.

BOOSTERS CANNOT

- Write, call, or make in-person recruiting contacts with a high school prospect or his/her legal guardians.
- Contact a coach, principal, and or counselor to evaluate a high school prospect.
- Visit a prospect’s school to pick up a transcript or video to evaluate the prospect’s academic or athletic ability or to provide it to an athletics department staff member.
- Sponsor or arrange an awards banquet for a high school, prep school, or 2-year college prospect.
- Provide extra benefits to high school prospects, enrolled college student-athletes, or their relatives and friends. Types of inducements that are prohibited include, but are not limited to: cash or tangible items, the use of an automobile, signing or cosigning a note for a loan, the promise of employment after college, the promise of financial aid for postgraduate education.

TERMS TO KNOW

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE

A student who has started classes for the ninth grade. In addition, a student who has not started classes for the ninth grade becomes a prospective student-athlete if the institution provides such an individual (or the individual’s relatives or friends) any financial assistance or other benefits that the institution does not provide to prospective students generally. An individual remains a prospective student-athlete until they enroll and attend classes or practice with a College of Staten Island athletic team.

EXTRA BENEFIT:
Any special gift or arrangement provided to an enrolled student-athlete, prospect, or their relatives or friends, which is not available to the general student body.

CONTACT:
Any face-to-face encounter between a prospect or a prospect’s parent or legal guardian and an institutional staff member or athletics representative during which any dialogue occurs in excess of a normal greeting.

RECRUITING:
Any solicitation of a prospective student-athlete or a prospective student-athlete’s relatives or legal guardian(s) by an institutional staff member or by a representative of the institution’s athletics interests for the purpose of securing the prospective student-athlete’s enrollment and ultimate participation in the institution’s intercollegiate athletics program.

EVALUATION:
Any off-campus activity designed to assess the academic qualifications or athletics ability of a prospective student-athlete, including any visit to a prospective student-athlete’s educational institution (during which no contact occurs) or the observation of any practice or competition at any site at which the prospective student-athlete participates.