

## MESSAGE FROM JAVELINA COMPLIANCE

It is a wonderful time to be involved with Javelina Athletics; however, we must be careful to ensure that our passion does not exceed the limits set by the NCAA. As you'll see, most everyone associated with JAVELINA Athletics is seen as a "representative of the JAVELINA's athletics interests" (commonly known as a booster). With this title comes responsibility to ensure your personal compliance with NCAA regulations. During this period of growth, we cannot afford to be set back through the overzealousness of those wishing to support us. Please review this informative piece regarding your involvement in compliance with NCAA rules. Above all, if you ever have any questions contact our staff and ask before acting. With your assistance and commitment to winning 'the right way,' our path to prominence will be that much more satisfying.

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Athletic Director

### Some guidelines for boosters:

#### Who is a booster or representative of JAVELINA Athletics?

The NCAA defines "booster" or "representative of the institution's athletic interests" as any individual or business that:

- Is a current or former member of any group promoting JAVELINA Athletics, such as the Javelina Club;
- Has ever contributed financially to the JAVELINA Athletics Department, such as through the purchase of tickets or attendance at an Athletics event;
- Has ever been involved in JAVELINA Athletics through the employment of a student-athlete, assisted in the recruitment of a student-athlete, or otherwise promoted the athletics programs at TAMUK;
- Has, in any way, promoted the athletics program.

***Remember, ONCE a Booster, ALWAYS a Booster!***

#### Who is a prospect?

A prospect (or prospective student-athlete) is:

- Any student who began classes for the ninth grade, whether or not he or she participates in sports;
- Any student in a prep school (post 12th grade), junior college, or a student who has officially withdrawn from a four-year school;
- Any student who has not yet started ninth grade but who may become a prospect if JAVELINA or a booster provides the student or his or her relatives with financial assistance or benefits not generally provided to students who are not athletes.

***A prospect remains a prospect – regardless of whether they have signed a National Letter of Intent – until they enroll as a JAVELINA and attend the first day of classes, or report for practice (whichever happens first).***

#### What is recruiting?

- Only JAVELINA coaches may be involved in the recruiting process. Our coaches must first pass an NCAA Coaches Certification Exam and must be recertified yearly.

#### What is allowed within recruiting?

As a booster, you are allowed to do the following in regards to recruiting:

- Attend high school or community college athletics events while wearing your JAVELINA apparel, as long as you do not make any contact with prospects, their family, or friends;
- Continue to maintain friendships previously developed with prospects before they reach ninth grade as long as the conversation is not about recruiting;
- Notify the JAVELINA coaching staff of prospects you think are of interest.

#### What is an extra benefit?

An extra benefit is considered to be any special arrangement to a prospect or enrolled student-athlete, their family/relatives and their friends with a benefit not authorized by NCAA rules. Extra benefits for prospects or enrolled student-athletes are strictly forbidden.

Examples of extra benefits include:

- Cash, loan of money, signature or co-signature on a loan, or guarantee for a bond in any amount;
- Special discounts or payment arrangements;
- Meals at restaurants, clothing, equipment, or housing arrangements;
- Use of a car or other personal property;
- Employment or the promise of future employment for the student-athlete, family, or friends;
- Expenses or fees for any camp (unless they are for the booster's children or dependants);

## Occasional meals

A booster may provide an "**occasional**" meal to a student-athlete at his or her home. The meal may be catered and cannot be held at a restaurant.

## What is not allowed?

- Providing any type of inducement or benefit to a current student-athlete, their family or friends;
- Using the name, picture or appearance of a current student-athlete to directly advertise, recommend or promote sales of any commercial product;
- Providing an award or gift to a student-athlete for any reason;
- Paying for, or arranging for the payment of, any expenses incurred by family and friends to visit a student-athlete.

## Student-athlete employment

Boosters **are allowed** to:

- Provide employment to a JAVELINA student-athlete, provided the student-athlete is paid the going rate for actual services rendered and employment is approved in writing in advance by the Director of Athletics, compliance staff and head coach;
- Employ a prospect; however, employment cannot be discussed until after a National Letter of Intent has been signed.

Boosters **may not**:

- Pay for work not performed or pay more than wages normally paid to others for similar work;
- Provide a benefit to a student-athlete or prospect (such as lunch or transportation to work) that is not available to other employees performing the same work.

## Thank you for your support of the Javelinas and our efforts to follow all NCAA rules.

Any questions related to NCAA rules can be directed to:

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