WHO IS A BOOSTER?

You are a Representative of Saint Anselm College Athletics Interest (booster) if you:

- Make or have ever made financial contributions to Athletics or its booster organizations
- Participate in or have ever been a member of a sport support group or booster club of Saint Anselm College
- Are the parent or legal guardian of a student-athlete
- Provide or helped to arrange allowable benefits (e.g., summer jobs) to enrolled student-athletes
- Promote or have ever promoted Saint Anselm Athletics in any manner
- Participated as a varsity student-athlete at Saint Anselm College

NCAA Bylaw 13.02.12

The NCAA stipulates that once an individual is identified as a “representative” of Saint Anselm College’s athletic programs he or she retains this status forever. This is true even if the individual no longer contributes to the athletics program.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

The following are allowable activities:

- Viewing a prospect’s game on your own initiative
- Receive a call from a prospect only if the prospect initiates the call and it is not for a recruiting purpose
- Continue to have contact with an established family friend or neighbor who is a prospect
- Notify the coaching staff of outstanding prospects
- Invite a current Saint Anselm student-athlete into your home for an “occasional” meal, but this must be coordinated through the Athletic Department and the respective Head Coach

WHAT YOU CANNOT DO?

The following are all non-allowable activities:

- Contact or call a Saint Anselm College prospect, which includes texting, Facebook, Twitter or other forms of electronic communication
- Contact or call a Saint Anselm prospect’s parent, coach, principal or counselor
- Assist with the actual evaluation of talent
- Purchase a ticket (complimentary admission) from a current Saint Anselm student-athlete

In addition you may not give/provide a prospect or current student-athlete:

- Cash or loans in any amount
- Gifts of any kind including on special occasions such as birthdays, holidays, etc.
- Free or reduced cost services, rentals or purchases of any type (e.g., clothing, airline tickets, meals, etc)
- Use of an automobile or any other mode of transportation
- Ticket to an athletic or other event

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Is Saint Anselm College responsible for the actions of its alumni and boosters?
A. YES. Alumni and boosters are governed by the same NCAA and institutional rules as those placed upon institutional staff members.

Q. What is an “extra benefit”?
A. An “extra benefit” would include provision of any transportation, meals, clothes, entertainment, preferential loan terms, free legal advice or other benefits offered to an enrolled or prospective student-athlete that is unavailable to the general student population. A student-athlete may not be treated any differently than a student who does not participate in athletics.

Q. May a prospective student-athlete call an alumnus or booster?
A. Yes, an alumnus or booster may have a telephone conversation with a prospective student-athlete ONLY if the prospect initiates the call. The telephone call may not be pre-arranged by an institutional staff member, and the alumnus or booster is not permitted to have a recruiting conversation with the prospect, but may exhibit normal civility. The alumnus or booster must refer all questions regarding the College’s athletic program to the Athletic Department.
This information is for boosters, fans and friends of Saint Anselm College. Your relationship to the institution is one the Saint Anselm College Athletic Department cherishes and would like to strengthen. To enhance this relationship, we must all adhere to the rules and regulations that govern our athletics program.

Under NCAA regulations, we are, or can unintentionally make ourselves, “representatives of Saint Anselm College’s athletic interests” and thereby are bound to the same rules and regulations as coaches, athletic administrators and staff members. When violations occur, whether intentional or not, Saint Anselm College is responsible for our actions. Ignorance of the rules cannot be used as an excuse.

This document is a handy reference to the NCAA rules governing situations most likely encountered by alumni and friends. Please remember that it does not, however, include all applicable provisions.

Therefore, please call us before you do anything involving contact with, or employment of, any prospective or current student-athletes. As members of the “Saint Anselm College Community,” we must make sure that the eligibility of our student-athletes is not endangered by inadvertent rules violations.

When in Doubt, Seek Us Out!