Xavier Musketeer Excellence

The Do’s and Don’ts of Supporting Xavier Athletics
Consistent with the Jesuit philosophy of education and the mission of the University, the Xavier University intercollegiate athletics program strives to enhance and integrate the intellectual, moral, spiritual, emotional, social and physical growth of young men and women. Each sport operates in an environment of integrity and ethical conduct which promotes: academic success, fiscal responsibility, competitive excellence, sportsmanship, community service and equitable opportunities for all students and staff, including women and minorities.
Dear Xavier Fan,

The information contained in XAVIER MUSKETEER EXCELLENCE: The Do’s and Don’ts of Supporting Xavier Athletics, is designed to provide a general summary of National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Rules and Regulations. Xavier University is committed to the principle of institutional control in operating its athletic department in a manner that is consistent with the letter and spirit of NCAA, Atlantic 10 Conference and Xavier University rules and regulations.

According to the NCAA, the control and the conduct of Xavier University’s intercollegiate athletics program shall be the responsibility of the institution itself. This responsibility shall include accountability for the acts of all individuals that are identified as “Athletic Representatives” or “Boosters.”

As you review this brochure, keep in mind that this publication does not include all applicable provisions of NCAA legislation. This brochure only provides guidance to the general understanding of NCAA rules, with a view to avoid involvement in a violation of NCAA legislation that might result in the loss of an individual’s eligibility or disciplinary action against Xavier University.

Should you have any questions about the information in this brochure, please contact my office at 513-745-3413. Xavier University is committed to compliance with NCAA regulations and therefore believes it is critical to Ask Before You Act. Thank you for your cooperation, and I look forward to seeing you at a Xavier University athletic event.

Sincerely,

Dawn Rogers
Director of Athletics
Prospects - Recruiting - Boosters

Who is a Prospect?

A Prospect, or Prospective Student Athlete (PSA), is an individual who has started classes for the ninth grade or has received any benefit from an institution or a booster. In addition, a student who has not started classes for the ninth grade becomes a PSA if the institution provides an individual with any financial assistance or other benefits that the institution does not provide to prospective students generally. An individual remains a Prospect even after signing a National Letter of Intent to attend Xavier University until:

• The Prospect reports for regular squad practice;
• The Director of Admissions certifies that the Prospect is officially registered and enrolled at Xavier University on the opening day of classes; or
• The Prospect attends a class or classes in any regular term as a full-time student.

What Constitutes Recruiting?

• Recruiting is any solicitation of a Prospect or a Prospect’s family for the purposes of securing a Prospect’s enrollment and ultimate participation in Xavier University’s athletic program.

Only Xavier University Coaches who have passed the NCAA Coaches Certification Examination may be involved in the recruiting process.
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Who are ‘Representatives of Athletic Interests’? (i.e., Boosters)

A Representative of Athletic Interests or a Booster is an individual who **HAS EVER:**

- Joined any athletic booster support group (Musketeer Club);
- Contributed to Xavier University’s athletic program (All for One Club);
- Helped arrange employment for enrolled Student-Athletes during the summer or semester break;
- Promoted the athletic programs at Xavier University; or
- Participated in a Xavier University athletic program.

According to NCAA Rules, Once an individual is identified as a Booster, He or She retains that status **FOREVER.**
Boosters May Not Ever:

Related to Prospects and Recruiting:

• Write a letter to a Prospect or a Prospect’s Family.

• Telephone a Prospect or a Prospect’s family.

• Make an in-person contact with a Prospect or a Prospect’s family on or off the campus of Xavier University with the intention of encouraging a Prospect’s enrollment and ultimate participation in Xavier athletics.

• Contact Student-Athletes attending another four-year institution regarding his or her possible transfer to Xavier University.

• Approach a Xavier University Coach who is speaking with a Prospect and/or a Prospect’s family at an athletic event.

• Make contact with a Prospect or a Prospect’s family during a Prospect’s Official Visit (this includes contacting a Prospect at an athletic event, entertaining the Prospect, or providing Xavier University tickets for the Prospect).

• Provide cash or an automobile to a Student-host or Prospect for use during a Prospect’s Official Visit.

• Contact a Prospect’s coach, principal or counselor for the purpose of evaluating a Prospect.
Boosters May Not Ever:

Related to Prospects and Recruiting:

• Obtain game films or transcripts from a Prospect’s school to be used at Xavier University.

• Pay or offer to pay registration fees or other costs related to attendance of summer sports camps for a Prospect.

• Contribute funds to finance a scholarship for a particular Prospect.

• Be directly or indirectly involved in making arrangements for a Prospect or the Prospect’s relatives or friends to receive money, financial aid or an equivalent inducement.

• Entertain high school, preparatory or junior college coaches in any location. This includes providing tickets to a Prospect’s coach to any Xavier University contest.

• Reimburse a Prospect’s coach for expenses incurred in transporting a Prospect to visit Xavier University’s campus.


**Boosters May Not Ever:**

**Related to Enrolled Student-Athletes:**

- Provide a Student-Athlete with any extra benefits or special arrangements such as expense money, movie passes, free meals at restaurants or free or reduced housing arrangements.

- Provide preferential treatment or discounted professional services because of a Student-Athlete’s athletic reputation or pay-back potential as a professional athlete.

- Provide use of long distance services free of charge to Student-Athletes.

- Pay for or provide typing or tutorial services for course related projects or reports.

- Pay a Student-Athlete’s expenses or loan an automobile to a Student-Athlete for use to return home or to travel to another destination for a personal reason or to receive an athletically-related award.
Booster May Not Ever:

Related to Enrolled Student-Athletes:

• Provide a Student-Athlete with an award or gift for his or her athletic participation, even after the Student-Athlete’s graduation and exhaustion of eligibility.

• Employ a Student-Athlete or use his or her picture or name to directly advertise, recommend or promote a commercial product or service (this includes selling or donating to a raffle/auction any item autographed by a current Xavier University Student-Athlete; such items may not be sold or donated until the Student-Athlete has graduated from Xavier University).

• Provide the family or friends of Student-Athletes with transportation or housing expenses to visit an enrolled Student-Athlete or attend an away-from-home contest.

*Any provision of an EXTRA BENEFIT to a Prospect or Student-Athlete by a Booster jeopardizes the athletic eligibility of an individual.*
A Booster May:

• Forward general information to appropriate Xavier University Coaches about a Prospect.

• Provide the coach of a Prospect with the names of the Xavier University Coaches and direct inquiries about any of the athletic programs toward the respective Coach.

• Attend high school or junior college athletic competitions at his or her own initiative, **but is not permitted to contact any Prospects at the contest.**

• Continue established relationships with family friends and neighbors even when Prospects may be involved.

• Contact a Prospect regarding a summer job prior to his or her enrollment at Xavier University, **provided such contact is made after a Prospect has signed a National Letter of Intent to attend Xavier University. Employment of a Prospect must not begin until after the Prospect has graduated from high school and must receive approval from the Xavier University Athletic Department.**
A Booster May:

• Contribute funds to finance a scholarship for a particular sport or team position.

• Employ Student-Athletes with prior approval from the Xavier University Athletic Department. The rate of compensation must be consistent with the rate in this area for like services and must be for work actually performed.

• Provide Student-Athletes with an occasional meal at his or her home provided the Booster does not provide or arrange for transportation and the activity is approved in advance by the Head Coach.

• Have Student-Athletes speak at charitable or educational functions. However, the Student-Athlete must not receive an honorarium for the speaking engagement. In addition, the Student-Athlete must receive prior approval from the Athletic Department.
Xavier University is ultimately responsible for all representatives of athletic interests in relation to the NCAA and University rules. If a Prospect ever contacts you, please have the Prospect contact the appropriate Xavier University Coach (513-745-3413).

Xavier University is constantly striving for excellence in both the academic and athletic arenas. This mission of excellence requires continued commitment and involvement from within Xavier University and throughout the Xavier Community.

Xavier University appreciates the support of our alumni and fans. We ask, however, that you help keep Xavier University’s tradition of athletic integrity intact by following NCAA Regulations. Your assistance will ensure that the eligibility of both Prospective Student-Athletes and Enrolled Student-Athletes is protected.