



## “TOP TEN” NCAA RULES

1. You may not provide current or prospective student-athletes (any student who has started classes for the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) grade, including students in prep schools and junior colleges and individuals who have officially withdrawn from a four-year institution), their families, or friends a benefit that is not permitted by the NCAA (“Extra Benefit”), specifically prohibited financial aid, benefits or arrangements include, but are not limited to the following:

- A special discount, payment arrangement, or credit on any purchase or service;
- Gifts of cash, clothing, or any other item with value;
- Loan of money or co-signing of a loan;
- An automobile, or use of an automobile or transportation expenses;
- Free or reduced-cost services, purchases or rentals;
- Employment or loan arrangements for a prospective or current student-athlete’s friends or relatives;
- Free or reduced-cost rent or housing;
- Payment to a student-athlete for a speaking engagement; or
- Entertainment on or off- campus.

2. Employment of current student-athletes during the academic year and vacation periods is permissible, provided the following conditions are met:

- A student-athlete may only be paid for work actually performed at a rate commensurate with the going rate in the area for similar services;
- A student-athlete may not be compensated for any value that he or she may have for an employer because of any publicity, reputation, fame, or personal following that he or she has obtained because of his or her athletic ability;
- Employers may not advertise a student-athlete’s employment to generate extra business, nor may they use a student-athlete’s name or picture to advertise, promote, or recommend the sale or use of any commercial product or service;
- Student-athletes cannot be provided with any benefits not provided to other employees;
- Student-athletes must report all jobs to the McNeese Athletics Compliance Staff.
- A student-athlete can receive money from you or your family for teaching or giving lessons in his or her sport if the following conditions are met:
  - MSU facilities CANNOT be used;
  - To simply “play” against the student-athlete is not permitted (e.g., playing lessons);
  - Documentation and prior approval of the lessons must be on file with the Compliance Office;
  - The compensation for the lesson must be paid by the lesson recipient (or their family) and not another individual or entity.

3. It is not permissible to use a student-athlete's name, picture or appearance for any promotional/charitable/non-profit activities without prior approval from MSU's Athletics Compliance Office. You may not use a student-athlete's name, picture, or appearance for commercial purposes or to sell student-athlete memorabilia.
4. Only MSU coaches may be involved in the recruiting process. You may not have any telephone, written (e.g., letter, email, fax, Twitter, Facebook, chat rooms, message boards, etc.), or in-person contact with a prospective student-athlete for recruiting purposes. If you have a pre-established relationship with a prospect or the prospect's parents/relatives (relationship was initiated prior to the individual becoming a prospect and based on factors unrelated to athletics), you may continue to have normal contacts with those individuals, provided such contacts are not made for recruiting purposes and are not arranged by members of the MSU coaching staff.
5. You may contribute money to an athletics team, provided the fund benefits the team in general and is not earmarked for a particular student-athlete. In addition, you may make donations in-kind for the benefit of a team (e.g., equipment, practice/competition apparel).
6. You may not entertain a prospective student-athlete's high school, preparatory school, junior college, or club coach or provide them with any other type of benefit.
7. You may not provide anything to a current student-athlete in exchange for the student-athlete's autograph, memorabilia, varsity awards, Southland Awards, NCAA awards, etc.
8. You may notify MSU coaches of prospects (basic information such as prospect's name, high school, position, and sport played) who may be strong additions to MSU athletic teams.
9. You may not provide prospective student-athletes or their families/friends with any expenses (e.g., transportation to visit campus, meals, lodging, complimentary admissions to MSU athletic events, educational expenses, medical expenses, etc.).
10. **ASK BEFORE YOU ACT!** MSU is responsible for the actions of its boosters. When a violation occurs, regardless of intention, it can jeopardize the eligibility of our prospective and current student-athletes and result in the student-athlete and the athletics program being penalized by the NCAA and the Southland Conference.

PLEASE CONTACT MSU'S ATHLETICS COMPLIANCE OFFICE SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING NCAA RULES AND REGULATIONS.



**THANK YOU AND GEAUX POKES!**

**MSU ATHLETICS COMPLIANCE OFFICE**

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