



As a University of South Carolina (USC) season ticket holder, alumnus, Gamecock Club member, or fan, you are, by NCAA definition, a representative of USC athletics interests. We value your interest and support, but we must remind you that an inappropriate action on your part can jeopardize the eligibility of a student-athlete, prospect, and/or the compliance of the University with SEC and NCAA Regulations. This guide is intended to provide you with a basic understanding of some of the NCAA rules and regulations that you should know. We thank you for your support.

### **TOP 10 THINGS FANS & FRIENDS OF USC ATHLETICS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT NCAA RULES:**

1. The NCAA holds USC accountable for the actions of its fans and friends.
2. You may not be involved in recruiting prospective student-athletes on behalf of USC. A prospective student-athlete is defined as a student who has started classes for the ninth grade or above.
3. You may send web content, news stories and other information about talented prospects to USC coaching staff members.
4. You may not become involved in arranging for a prospect, a USC student-athlete, or a USC student athlete's friends or family to receive financial assistance of any kind.
5. You may not provide transportation to a prospect, student athlete or their friends and family.
6. You may not spend funds to entertain prospects, student athletes, or their friends and family.
7. You may not use the name, image or likeness of a student-athlete for commercial purposes (e.g., promoting your business in any manner) or sell student-athlete memorabilia.
8. You may not provide benefits or free/discounted services to student-athletes or their friends or family.
9. Breaking NCAA rules can render prospects and student-athletes ineligible for competition at USC.
10. Always ask before you act!



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