

Questions and Answers

Q: Who is able to recruit for Marist College?

A: Only Marist College coaches who have passed the NCAA Recruiting Examination may be involved in the recruitment process for any sport. Therefore, all boosters/athletics representatives who are not employed by the College are prohibited from contacting a prospect or members of the prospect's family by telephone, letter or in person on- or off-campus for the purpose of encouraging participation in Marist's athletic program.

Q: What are the basic provisions of the regulation?

A: In Division I, representatives of an institution's athletics interests are prohibited from making in person on- or off-campus recruiting contacts, or written or telephone communications with a prospect of the prospect's relatives or legal guardians.

Q: Is Marist responsible for the acts of representatives/booster and booster support groups?

A: Yes. Boosters are governed by the same NCAA and institutional rules as those placed upon all institutional athletics staff members.

Q: Once an individual has been identified as a representative how long does he or she retains this identity?

A: Forever

Q: Can I entertain relatives and friends of a prospect at a site off-campus?

A: No.

Q: Is the contact rule applicable to established family, friends or neighbors?

A: No. However, it must be understood that such contacts may not be made for recruiting purposes and may not be initiated by Marist's coaching staff members.

Q: May a prospect call a representative?

A: Yes. However the prospect must initiate the call and it can't be prearranged by any Marist institutional staff member. Be advised no conversation pertaining to recruiting can take place.

Q: May I evaluate a prospect on behalf of Marist?

A: NCAA legislation does not prohibit a representative from viewing a prospect's contest on his or her initiative. However, this is with the understanding that the representative may not contact the prospect.

Q: May I provide gifts or awards to a student-athlete for his or her athletics performance?

A: No. All awards must conform to NCAA awards legislation and must be approved by Marist athletic department.

Q: May I provide employment to a student-athlete?

A: Yes. However, the student-athlete must receive prior written approval and be paid for work actually performed and at a rate commensurate with the going rate for similar service in the community and your own business.

Q: May I contact high school coaches or guidance counselors directly regarding a prospect?

A: No. Such contact would involve specific athletic recruiting and not general institutional recruiting. Further, representatives are prohibited from visiting a prospect's educational institution to pick up game films or transcripts pertaining to a prospect.

Q: May I accompany the coach during his or her "home" visit with the prospect?

A: No. This would constitute your direct involvement in the athletic recruitment of a prospect.

Q: May I drive a prospect to a secondary school's reception in my local area?

A: No, unless such arrangements are made for all students in attendance. Otherwise, providing such transportation would be considered an "extra benefit and would render the prospect ineligible to play if he or she enrolled at Marist College.

Q: What are considered other types of inducements?

A: Other types of inducements that are prohibited include, but are not limited to the following: cash or loans; promise of employment after college education; special discounts or payment arrangements on loans; employment of relatives or friends of a prospect; involvement in arrangement for free or reduced charges for professional or personal services, purchases or charges; signing or co-signing a note for a loan; the loan or gift of money or other tangible items (e.g., clothes, cars, jewelry); purchase of items or services from a prospect or prospect's family at inflated prices; and providing directly or indirectly transportation to enroll in classes at the College.

Please Note: Marist College encourages all representatives of Marist athletic interests to contact the Athletic Department if there is doubt concerning their contact with potential or enrolled student-athletes.