

# ADMINISTRATION

## UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ADMINISTRATION



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## UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION'S MISSION STATEMENT

The University Athletic Association, Inc. exists to advance the University of Florida's teaching, research and service missions. Through the education and the promotion of the health and welfare of students, the University Athletic Association seeks to link experiences of all backgrounds, races, origins, genders, and cultures to prepare generations of students and staff, including women and minorities, to be productive members of society. The character of the athletics programs at the University Athletic Association reflects the character of the University of Florida as a major, public, comprehensive institution of higher learning.

The University Athletic Association is dedicated to the intellectual, physical and personal development of student-athletes, as well as staff, including women and minorities. Demonstrating leadership in all decisions affecting college athletics, the University Athletic Association will act in an ethical and honest manner, will promote an environment fostering the professional and personal achievement of coaches, administrators and staff, will attain excellence in athletic performance, sportsmanship, financial strength, and superior fan satisfaction. This vision in athletics is at the core of our responsibility to the University, to our students, and to the public at large.



## NCAA RULES EDUCATION FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES

### PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE

You are a "prospective student-athlete" when you start ninth-grade classes. Before the ninth grade, you become a prospective student-athlete if a college gives you (or your relatives or friends) any financial aid or other benefits that the college does not provide to prospective students generally.

You become a "recruited prospective student-athlete" at a particular college if any coach or representative of the college's athletics interest (booster or representative) approaches you (or any member of your family) about enrolling and participating in athletics at that college. Activities by coaches or boosters that cause you to become a recruited prospective student-athlete are:

- providing you with an official visit;
- visiting you or any other member of your family anywhere other than the college campus;
- placing more than one telephone call to you or any other member of your family; or
- signing a National Letter of Intent or a University of Florida written offer of athletically related financial aid.

### ACADEMICS

It is extremely important for you to give maximum academic effort as you conclude your high school attendance. To practice or play during your freshman year, you must meet the provisions of NCAA Bylaw 14.3, which include: (a) graduating from high school, (b) achieving a minimum cumulative grade point average in 14 core courses (increases to 16 core courses beginning August 1, 2008), and achieving a corresponding minimum combined score on the SAT, or a minimum sum total score on the ACT as determined by the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse. The NCAA Clearinghouse must certify all incoming freshman student-athletes. Therefore, you must register with the clearinghouse as soon as possible.

For online web access contact: [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)

### INDUCEMENTS

All institutional staff members and booster are prohibited from offering or providing any financial aid or other benefits to you or your relatives or friends other than those expressly permitted by NCAA regulations. Specifically prohibited inducements include:

- providing cash or loans in any amount, or signing or co-signing for a loan
- providing gifts of any kind, including clothing or equipment
- providing special discounts for goods or services
- providing free or reduced housing/rent

Should you have any questions regarding NCAA rules and regulations, please feel free to contact the University of Florida Athletic Association Compliance Office at (352) 375-4683 extension 6022.



**Remember, Ask Before You Act**