

California

COMPLIANCE

Extra Benefits

- An extra benefit is any special arrangement by a Cal coach, staff member or booster to provide student-athletes or their relatives/friends anything that is not allowed by NCAA rules.
 - Examples: free or reduced-cost meals, services (e.g., haircut), clothing, food, cover charges, tattoos, equipment, housing, cash, loan or cosigning of loan, etc.
- Student-athletes may not receive any benefit based on their reputation or status as an athlete.
- Student-athletes may not receive any benefit that is unavailable to the general public or general student body.
 - Example: if a local golf course allows all college students to play a round of golf for \$25, student-athletes are not allowed to play a round for less than \$25.
- These rules apply to parents of student-athletes as well.

Boosters

- A booster is any member of an organization that promotes Cal Athletics, anybody who has made a financial contribution to Cal Athletics, anybody who has assisted in recruiting, or has provided a benefit to Cal student-athletes. Once a booster, always a booster.
- Boosters may not provide benefits to student-athletes or their parents/relatives.
 - For example, a donor could not buy dinner on a road trip for a student-athlete's parents and a student-athlete's family couldn't stay at a donor's house while in town.

Amateurism

- Student-athletes must maintain amateur status to be an NCAA student-athlete. This means that student-athletes may not use athletic skill for pay, accept prize money that exceeds expenses, enter into agreement with an agent or representative, or sign a professional contract.
- **Promotional Activities**
 - Commercial entities may not use a current student-athlete's name, picture, or appearance in any manner.
 - Cal, the Pac-12, or nonprofit organizations may use a student-athlete's name, picture or appearance to support their charitable or educational activities, provided: (1) the student-athlete receives pre-approval from Compliance; (2) all money raised goes directly to Cal, the Pac-12, or the educational/nonprofit agency; (3) student-athletes do not miss class to participate; and (4) student-athletes' names or images are not used to promote the commercial ventures of a nonprofit organization.
- **Prize Money**
 - Student-athletes may accept prize money based on their finish in an event, as long as:
 - They get approval from the Compliance Office before accepting any prize money.
 - The prize money does not exceed the actual and necessary expenses to participate in the event (e.g., entry fee, meals, lodging, transportation)
 - The prize money is provided only by the sponsor of the event.

- **Agents**

- An agent is any individual who, directly or indirectly:
 - Represents or attempts to represent an individual for the purpose of marketing his or her athletics ability or reputation for financial gain; or
 - Seeks to obtain any type of financial gain or benefit from securing a prospective student-athlete’s enrollment at an educational institution or from a student-athlete’s potential earnings as a professional athlete.
- Agents and their representatives should be instructed to complete an Agent Registration Form with Compliance and talk to the Head Coach/Director of Operations before contacting Cal student-athletes.
- Agents may not provide any benefits to student-athletes.

NCAA Eligibility Requirements

- **Freshmen:** Must be NCAA Qualifiers, have their amateurism certified by the NCAA, and be admitted to Cal.
- **All student-athletes:**
 - Must pass 6 degree credits each term and 18 credits between fall and spring.
 - Must pass 24 credits in first year.
 - Must have 40%/60%/80% of degree complete entering 3rd/4th/5th year, respectively.
 - All Cal student-athletes must have a 2.0 GPA to remain in good academic standing.

Time Management Plans

- Each sport must develop a Time Management Plan. A monthly calendar must be provided to student-athletes the week prior to each month and at least 48 hours’ notice must be given for any changes to the calendar.
- In-Season Limits: Countable athletic activities are limited to 20 hours per week, 4 hours per day. Must provide 1 day off per week.
- Off-Season Limits: Countable athletic activities limited to 8 hours per week, including 4 hours of skill instruction (FB: film review). Must provide 2 days off per week.

Complimentary Admission

- In Football, Basketball, Baseball, Volleyball, Soccer, Softball, and Women’s Gymnastics, four comp admissions may be provided to student-athletes for their family/friends to attend home and away contests. Guests must be entered into JumpForward.

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Helpful Resources

Cal Housing Website: housing2.berkeley.edu (Contains great information about Move-In and more)!

Off-Campus Housing vetted by Cal Housing: CalRentals.berkeley.edu

Federal Financial Aid Application: fafsa.ed.gov

UC Berkeley Financial Aid and Scholarships Office: financialaid.berkeley.edu

Billing and Payment Plan Information: studentbilling.berkeley.edu

Student Information Portal (for personal financial aid information): calcentral.berkeley.edu

- *This is where student can authorize and delegate parent access to financial information*