

FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE- THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY DESCRIPTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES

Each member institution of the NCAA is required to appoint a faculty athletics representative. The faculty athletics representative is recognized as the representative of the institution and its faculty in the relationship between the NCAA and the local campus. The faculty athletics representative is one of five recognized individuals authorized to make contact, on behalf of The Ohio State University, to the NCAA membership services staff. Appointed by the President of the University, the faculty athletics representative provides advice and oversight for the intercollegiate athletics program at Ohio State.

The responsibilities of the faculty athletics representative fall under 4 main categories and include but are not limited to the following duties:

- 1. The Faculty Athletics Representative participates in the assurance of academic integrity of the athletics program**
 - Serve as a member (*ex officio*) of the Senate's Athletic Council
 - Serve as a member (*ex officio*) of the Academic Progress and Eligibility committee of Athletic Council
 - Meet regularly with, and participate in oversight of, the Director and leadership of Student Athlete Support Services Organization (SASSO)
 - Facilitate communication with the academic community and other campus units (Registrar, Financial Aid, etc.) in accordance with University policies
 - Serve as communication liaison for institutional reports such as APR and GSR

- 2. The Faculty Athletics Representative monitors and fosters the student-athlete experience**
 - Serve as a member (*ex officio*) of the Equity and Student-Athlete Well-Being committee of Athletic Council
 - Meet regularly with the Director of SASSO
 - Meet regularly with the Executive Committee of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)
 - Meet with Athletics leadership and staff as needed.
 - Foster awareness of:
 - Academic expectations in prospective student-athletes;
 - Best practices for student-athlete success;
 - Educational and experiential opportunities outside of and beyond the University.

- 3. The Faculty Athletics Representative participates in the assurance of institutional compliance with NCAA and Big Ten Conference regulations**
 - Participate in the preparation of all waivers or appeals from NCAA/Conference legislation or process
 - Serve as member of ad hoc compliance committees as needed
 - Meet regularly with Director of Compliance for Athletics and other compliance staff as needed
 - Administer annual NCAA compliance examinations to coaches
 - Administer selected NCAA team surveys, and other instruments as needed
 - Serve as member of the Big Ten Conference Joint Group
 - Review institutional academic-integrity cases and processes involving student-athletes

- 4. The Faculty Athletics Representative serves as the Senior Faculty Advisor to the President and the Director of Athletics**
 - Report regularly to the President of the University
 - Meet regularly with the Director of Athletics
 - Make annual reports to University Senate and/or Faculty Council
 - Represent the University at the NCAA Convention
 - Represent the University to other conferences and organizations as needed

Department of Athletics Guideline: Impermissible Communication with Other University Units

1. Purpose

1.1 As outlined in the institution's Institutional Governance Standards, this guideline ensures that the Other University Units¹ maintain independence in their decision making abilities and freedom from potential Undue Influence from athletics.

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4 Definitions

4.1 "Athletics Department staff members" means all full-time or part-time staff members employed by the Athletics Department, volunteer staff and graduate assistants.

4.2 "Booster" means an individual or organization that has ever (1) made financial contributions to the Athletics Department or athletics booster organization of the institution, including the purchase of athletics tickets; (2) provided benefits to student-athletes or their families; (3) assisted in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes, or (4) otherwise promoted the institution's athletic program.

4.3 "Faculty members" means all professors, course instructors, teaching assistants, tutors, and college advisors.

4.4 "Impermissible Communication" means (1) Undue Influence; or (2) direct communication to Other University Units in violation of the procedures below.

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5 Procedures

5.1 Except as otherwise noted herein, Athletics Department staff members and boosters will not engage in Impermissible Communication with the staff members of the Other University Units.

5.1.1 Faculty members: All communication from Athletics Department staff members or boosters with faculty members regarding the academics or graduate admission of a student-athlete or prospective student-athlete must be made by the Director of SASSO, his or her designees, the Faculty Athletics Representative, or the Athletics Compliance Office as needed.

5.1.1.1 Exception: communication between an Athletics Department staff member and a faculty member for the purpose of scheduling an academic meeting during a prospective student-athlete's visit to campus is permitted.

5.1.1.2 Exception: communication between an Athletics Department staff member or booster and a faculty member if such Athletic Department staff member or booster is the parent or legal guardian of the student-athlete or prospective student-athlete.

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