As an NCAA, America East (AE), Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) and Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) member institution, the University at Albany is obligated to follow the rules governing college athletics. This obligation extends beyond the Department of Athletics to all UAlbany employees. The following are some rules relating to faculty and staff interactions with prospective (anyone entering the 9th grade and above) and current student-athletes.

**Faculty/Staff Guideline #1**

**No gifts or benefits**

Faculty/staff cannot provide free or reduced things to prospective or enrolled student-athletes unless those things (e.g., items or services) are generally available to all prospective or enrolled students.

**Examples**
- Money or discounts
- Items of value (e.g., hats, shirts)
- Tickets to movies or other events
- Transportation
- Meals

**In-person contacts**

Faculty/staff cannot have face-to-face contacts with prospects that are directed or arranged by UAlbany coaches unless they occur:
- On UAlbany’s campus
- Off campus (within 30 miles) if the prospects are on NCAA official paid visits.

**Electronic Communication**

Faculty/staff cannot:
- Email prospects regarding athletics until September 1 of their junior year.
- Post, favorite, retweet, or like anything on prospect’s social media pages.
- Publicize the recruitment of a prospect or a prospect’s visit to campus (e.g., posting a picture of a prospect’s visit on social media).

**Telephone Calls**

- Faculty/staff cannot call prospects regarding athletics.
- Faculty/staff may receive calls from prospects that are unrelated to athletics.
- Faculty/staff should inform prospects to direct questions about athletics to their UAlbany Athletics contacts.

**Faculty/Staff Guideline #2**

**No recruiting**

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**Faculty/Staff Guideline #3**

**Follow all institutional policies and procedures**

All institutional policies and procedures for students apply equally to student-athletes. Whether it’s a request for a grade change, extra credit, or the late submission of an assignment; make sure you follow University policies and procedures relating to these requests.

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