



**Q: What is recruiting?**

**A:** Recruiting is any solicitation of a prospect or a prospect's parent/legal guardian for the purpose of securing the prospect's enrollment at West Virginia University and/or participation in West Virginia University's athletics programs.

Recruiting activities involve letters, e-mails, telephone conversations, in-person contacts with prospects and prospects' families (both on and off campus) and social networking websites such as Facebook, Twitter and message boards.

**Q: Can a booster recruit for West Virginia University Athletics?**

**A:** No, only coaches and Athletic Department staff members may be involved in the recruiting process. NCAA rules specifically prohibit boosters from engaging in recruiting activities. As a booster, you may not have contact with a prospect or the prospect's family on or off campus. This rule also applies to prospects making official and unofficial visits to West Virginia University.

**Q: Is it permissible to communicate with a prospect while the prospect is on campus for an official or unofficial visit?**

**A:** No. As a booster you may not have contact with a prospect or the prospect's family. It is also not permissible to encourage the prospect to attend West Virginia University with signage, "hi-fives," or cheers from the stands.

**Q: Is it permissible for a booster to telephone or correspond with prospects once they have committed to, or signed a National Letter of Intent with West Virginia University for the purpose of congratulating them?**

**A:** No. Even if the purpose of the call/correspondence is only to congratulate the prospect, he/she is still a prospect and contact rules continue to apply after committing or signing with an institution.

**Q: Can a booster interact with a prospect through Facebook, Twitter or any other social networking site?**

**A:** No. A booster should not have any type of interaction with a prospect through social network sites or forums. Examples of impermissible social networking activities include tweeting, direct messaging, Facebook messaging or chatting with prospect and/or their parents or legal guardians.

**Q: Can a booster create an online group or fan page dedicated to convincing or encouraging a prospect to attend West Virginia University if the group members do not directly contact the prospect?**

**A:** No. Boosters cannot engage in any recruiting activities involving prospects.

**Q: If only West Virginia University coaches, athletic department, and/or institutional staff members may recruit a prospect how may a booster help?**

**A booster may:**

- Attend as many athletic contests as you desire, provided you are not making contact with the prospect or any individual associated with the prospects to encourage the prospect's attendance at WVU.
- Call, write, or send newspaper articles to the WVU coaching staff regarding outstanding prospects in his/her area.
- Feel free to offer assistance such as lodging or meals to members of the coaching staff who are recruiting in his/her community.