

Online Communication with Prospective Student-Athletes

Alumni, Boosters and Friends of the University of Miami -

The internet has provided the opportunity for Canes fans and supporters from all over the world to communicate with each other in ways not previously possible. The following regulations regarding the internet are very important for all Canes fans and supporters to know:

Prospective Student-Athlete: A prospective student-athlete (prospect) is any high school aged individual. Regardless of if the individual plays a sport.

Message Boards: University of Miami fans participating on a message board are not permitted to write, call, instant message, text, chat with, or e-mail a prospect. Further, as soon as someone on a message board e-mails or sends a message out to a recruit, they automatically become a booster and are subject to the NCAA rules prohibiting such contact.

Social Networking: Boosters, Canes fans, and institutional staff members may permissibly take actions ("like," "favorite," republish) on social media that indicate approval of content that was generated by prospects. Boosters are not permitted to use social networking websites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Tik Tok (and others) to contact or otherwise attempt to correspond with prospects. This includes but is not limited to posting on a prospect's Facebook wall, using the inbox/e-mail feature, instant messaging, "@replies," "mentions," direct messaging, or other types of communication with the prospect.

As electronic communication technology continues to advance, the opportunity for the supporters of an athletics program to have impermissible contact with a prospect or a prospect's family is greatly increased, however, the institution's responsibility for that contact remains the same.

We ask that all Canes fans and supporters who have access to the type of social media platforms described above assist us in following the guidelines that govern those sites. As always, your efforts to help the University of Miami maintain a culture of compliance are greatly appreciated.

Please contact the University of Miami Athletics Compliance Department with any questions regarding NCAA, ACC or University of Miami rules or regulations at athleticscompliance@miami.edu or 305-284-8232.

Remember, always ASK BEFORE YOU ACT!