

## Protecting Academic Integrity

*An important reminder from the Office of Athletic Compliance*



At UConn, we value the research and scholarship of our students and faculty, and are committed to a culture of honesty and integrity in all academic matters. This shared commitment is fundamental to our academic excellence and includes our student-athletes, coaches, staff, and representatives of student-athletes interest (commonly known as “boosters”). Below are key reminders and expectations related to academic misconduct and impermissible academic assistance that can affect a student-athlete's NCAA eligibility.

### Academic Misconduct



Academic misconduct refers to the violation of University policies involving academic integrity. This may include: academic offenses, violations of the academic honor code, plagiarism, or academic fraud.

As members of the UConn community, it's important that we uphold and meet the highest ethical standards.

Violations of academic conduct policies may result in disciplinary measures and could jeopardize a student-athlete's athletic career. Additionally, such violations may result in potential NCAA sanctions, including but not limited to: negative reputational impacts, reduction in athletic financial aid scholarships, and even limits or prohibition of certain activities, such as recruitment, campus visits, and participation in athletic post season competition.

## Impermissible Academic Assistance

Current or former institutional staff or boosters are prohibited from providing impermissible academic assistance to a student-athlete.

### Impermissible academic assistance includes:

Substantial assistance provided to student-athletes that is not otherwise generally available to UConn students, which results in the certification of a student-athlete's eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics, and/or receive financial aid.

An academic exception that results in a grade change, academic credit or fulfillment of a graduation requirement when such an exception is not generally available to the institution's students and the exception results in the certification of a student-athlete's eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics, and/or receive financial aid.

### Examples of impermissible academic assistance may include:

- A tutor or professor completing coursework for student-athletes.
- Providing student-athletes with additional time to complete an assignment when that is not provided to any other student and it resulted in the student-athlete passing the class and remaining eligible.
- A booster arranging for a student tutor to complete a student-athlete's homework assignments in order to receive a passing grade and remain eligible.

## Additional Guidance and Resources



For additional guidance or to report possible NCAA violations, please contact the Office of Athletic Compliance at (860) 486-1652 or via email at [OAC@uconn.edu](mailto:OAC@uconn.edu).

[Office of Athletic Compliance Webpage](#)



Linked below are additional NCAA resources related to Academic Integrity.

[Academic Misconduct Booklet](#)

[NCAA Web Resource: Promoting & Protecting Academic Integrity](#)

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