



Voting & Athletics

UC Votes

Between June and August:

- Register your new athletes to vote as soon as they move in:
 - If they wish to register to vote in Ohio:
 - If they have an Ohio driver's license or state ID, they can register to vote online via <https://uc.turbovote.org/>
 - If they do not have an Ohio driver's license or state ID, they can register to vote with a paper voter registration card: https://www.ohiosos.gov/globalassets/elections/forms/vr_form_04-2015.pdf
 - If they wish to register to vote in another state:
 - They can likely register to vote online via <https://uc.turbovote.org/>
- Have returning athletes check and update their voter registration status via <https://uc.turbovote.org/>
 - Note that it is illegal to incentivize voter registration, but it is NOT illegal to incentivize checking voter registration statuses
- Encourage coaches to sign the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge's Coaches' Pledge in August at <https://allinchallenge.org/coaches/pledge/>

Between September and November 7:

- Encourage athletes to volunteer on National Voter Registration Day (September 17)
 - Teams can host their own voter registration tables, and UC Votes can provide all the materials and supplies that are needed (and UC Votes can train athletes on how to register other students to vote)
 - Contact Keith Lanser at keith.lanser@uc.edu if individual athletes or entire teams are interested in helping on National Voter Registration Day
- During National Voter Education Week (October 7-11), encourage athletes to look up their sample ballots using <https://www.vote411.org/> and access nonpartisan voter guides through the League of Women Voters of Cincinnati Area via <https://my.lwv.org/ohio/cincinnati-area>
- During National Voter Education Week (October 7-11), encourage athletes to make a voting plan using the UC Votes website: <https://www.uc.edu/campus-life/cce/UCVotes.html>
 - There are 3 ways to vote in Ohio:
 - Voting early in-person at their county's Board of Elections starting on October 8
 - Voting by mail starting on October 8
 - Voting in-person on Election Day on November 7
- By October 15, have athletes submit brief videos of 10-15 seconds to UC Votes explaining why they are voting this November: "My name is Keith Lanser, I play soccer at UC, and I'm voting this November because it is my civic duty."
 - Videos can be sent to keith.lanser@uc.edu
- Encourage athletes to vote early on Vote Early Day (October 29) at their county's Board of Elections
 - Hamilton County Board of Elections' address is 4700 Smith Road, Cincinnati, OH 45212
- By the end of October, discuss why voting matters to your athletes

Check out the ALL IN Coaches Playbook for more information on how to engage your athletes in voting this fall: <https://allinchallenge.org/wp-content/uploads/Coaches-Playbook.pdf>

Questions about voting? Contact Keith Lanser at keith.lanser@uc.edu or check out our UC Votes website at <https://www.uc.edu/campus-life/cce/UCVotes.html>