

## Penn Compliance

### Boosters Dealing with Prospective and Current Student-Athletes

As a booster, there are many areas in which you may assist Penn Athletics. While this is not an exhaustive list, please take note of the following reminders. If you have any questions, feel free to contact a member of the Compliance Office or the Penn Champions Club.

**Definition of Prospective Student-Athlete:** A prospective student-athlete is a student who has started classes for the ninth grade. Additionally, a student who has not started classes for the ninth grade becomes a prospective student-athlete if the institution provides such an individual (or their family members/friends) any financial assistance or other benefits that the institution does not generally provide to prospective students.

**Extra Benefits and/or Favors:** It is not permissible for a representative of athletics interest (booster) to provide a prospective or current student-athlete, their family or friends any item, special arrangement and/or favor which is not available to the general public. Examples include but are not limited to: loans, use of car, unadvertised discounts, payment of bills, meals, drinks, suite tickets, clothing, cover charges, etc.

**Complimentary Tickets:** It is permissible for Penn Athletics to provide a prospective or current student-athlete and their family/friends complimentary tickets. However, boosters are not permitted to provide tickets to prospective or current student-athletes, their family/friends or the prospective student-athlete's coaches.

**Name, Image, Likeness, and/or Appearance:** A prospective or current student-athlete's name, image, likeness, and/or appearance cannot be used to advertise, recommend, or promote a business or product.

**Agents:** A prospective or current student-athlete and their family or friends may not agree, either in writing or verbally, to be represented by anyone, which may include an Athlete Agent, Financial Advisor, Marketing Manager, Brand Manager, etc., for the purpose of marketing the athlete's athletic ability in current or future negotiations. Generally, boosters may not represent a prospective or current student-athlete.

**Preferential Treatment:** A prospective or current student-athlete, their family or friends may not receive preferential treatment or services based on the prospective or current student-athlete's athletic reputation, skill, pay-back potential as a professional athlete in the future. Examples of preferential treatment include but are not limited to: loan qualifications because of potential earnings, skipping a line for admission to an event, legal representation based on athletic reputation, etc.

**Occasional Meals:** It is permissible for a booster to provide an occasional meal to a student-athlete or the entire team on infrequent, special occasions, provided that the meal takes place at the booster's home, on-campus, or at a facility used for home competition. The meal may be catered but transportation to the meal is not permitted unless the meal is at the booster's home. Please note that these meals require pre-approval from the Penn Compliance Office.

**Sports Wagering:** It is impermissible to solicit "inside information" (injury status, eligibility status, availability, etc.) from a student-athlete or athletics staff member for the purposes of sports wagering. Further, it is impermissible to accept or solicit a wager on behalf of a current student-athlete or athletic staff member for any intercollegiate, amateur or professional contest.



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