



The University of South Carolina Office of Compliance Services Presents...

Booster Bulletin

Information for Boosters and Representatives of Athletics Interests

At the close of 2012, we explored the regulations surrounding usage of current student-athletes' names, images, and likenesses. For our January 2013 edition, we focus on the third Top Tip as described in the September 2012 edition of the Booster Bulletin.

3. You may not become involved in arranging for a prospect, a student-athlete, or his/her family to receive money, financial assistance of any kind, or any other impermissible benefits.

Providing a prospect, student-athlete, or a family member of a prospect or student-athlete with an item that is not available to the general public is expressly forbidden by the NCAA. Accepting extra benefits can render a student-athlete or prospect ineligible and cause you to be disassociated with the institution you support. Therefore, although you may want to "help" a student-athlete out, please be mindful to not put these young adults in such a position or risk your own fanhood.

Specifically Prohibited Extra Benefits

The following is a non-exhaustive list of *prohibited* extra benefits. If something does not appear on this list, please check with the Office of Compliance Services (OCS) prior to providing the benefit.

- Money or loans of money
- Gifts (clothing, meals, flowers, etc.)
- Use of an automobile
- Tickets to a premium seating area (luxury box, on-field or on-court, etc.)
- Reduced cost housing, lodging, or rent
- Discounted merchandise
- Speaking honorariums beyond actual and necessary expenses
- Free or reduced cost professional services (e.g., financial consulting)
- Providing academic expenses (e.g., paying for tutoring) for recruits

Upcoming Gamecock Athletics Events

> Football

1/1 - Outback Bowl (Tampa, FL vs. Michigan) 1:00 PM

> Men's Basketball

1/5 - vs. SC State 1:30 PM

1/9 - @ Mississippi State 8:00 PM

1/12 - vs. Auburn 1:30 PM

1/16 - @ LSU 8:00 PM

1/19 - vs. Vanderbilt 1:30 PM

1/22 - @ Missouri 7:00 PM

1/25 - vs. Arkansas 1:30 PM

1/30 - @ Florida 8:00 PM

> Women's Basketball

1/3 - vs. Tennessee 9:00 PM

1/6 - @ Mississippi State 3:00 PM

1/10 - vs. Vanderbilt 7:00 PM

1/13 - @ Georgia 1:00 PM

1/17 - vs. LSU (Game moved to Carolina Coliseum) 7:00 PM

1/20 - vs. Florida 1:00 PM

1/24 - @ Kentucky 7:00 PM

1/27 - @ Arkansas 3:00 PM

OCCASIONAL MEALS

On infrequent occasions (defined as an average of once per month throughout an academic year), a team or members of a team may be provided an occasional meal. These meals may be hosted by relatives of a student-athlete or institutional staff members at any time and location. However, in order for a booster to host such a meal, the following restrictions must be satisfied:

- The meal is to be provided at either the booster's home, on campus, or at the team's regular practice or competition site.
- Reasonable local transportation can be provided to and from the location of the meal only if the meal takes place in the booster's home.
- The meal must be approved by the Office of Compliance Services prior to the meal.

NOTE: Prospects and their guests may not attend Occasional Meals hosted by boosters.

CONTACT OCS WITH QUESTIONS RELATED TO OCCASIONAL MEALS



Pre-Existing Relationship

Boosters are prohibited from providing any type of benefit to a current or prospective student-athlete, unless the booster can prove that he/she maintains a clear pre-existing relationship with the athlete or their parents.

According to the NCAA, the following criterion must be proven in order for a relationship between a booster and an athlete (or the athlete's parents) to be considered pre-existing:

1. The relationship did not develop as a result of the athlete's athletics participation or athletics notoriety;
2. The relationship must have begun before the athlete triggered prospect status (prior to the athlete entering 9th grade);
3. The relationship must predate any fame or notoriety gained by the athlete as a result of athletics achievements; and,
4. The pattern of benefits provided by the booster prior to earning skilled prospect status is similar in nature to those provided after attaining such stature.

Please do not assume that any relationships you have with a recruit or current student-athlete or his/her families are permissible based on the above criteria. Always contact the Office of Compliance Services regarding these scenarios.

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> Swimming & Diving

1/12 - @ Duke 11:00 AM

1/18 - vs. Arkansas & Florida State 4:00 PM

1/25 -26 - vs. Wingate, Queens Univ. of Charlotte & College of Charleston 5:00 PM
10:00 AM

> Women's Tennis

1/21 - vs. Winthrop 10:00 AM

1/21 - vs. USC Upstate 3:00 PM

1/26 - @ Missouri (Ann Arbor, Michigan) 1:30 PM

1/27 - @ Brown OR Michigan (Ann Arbor, Michigan) TBA

