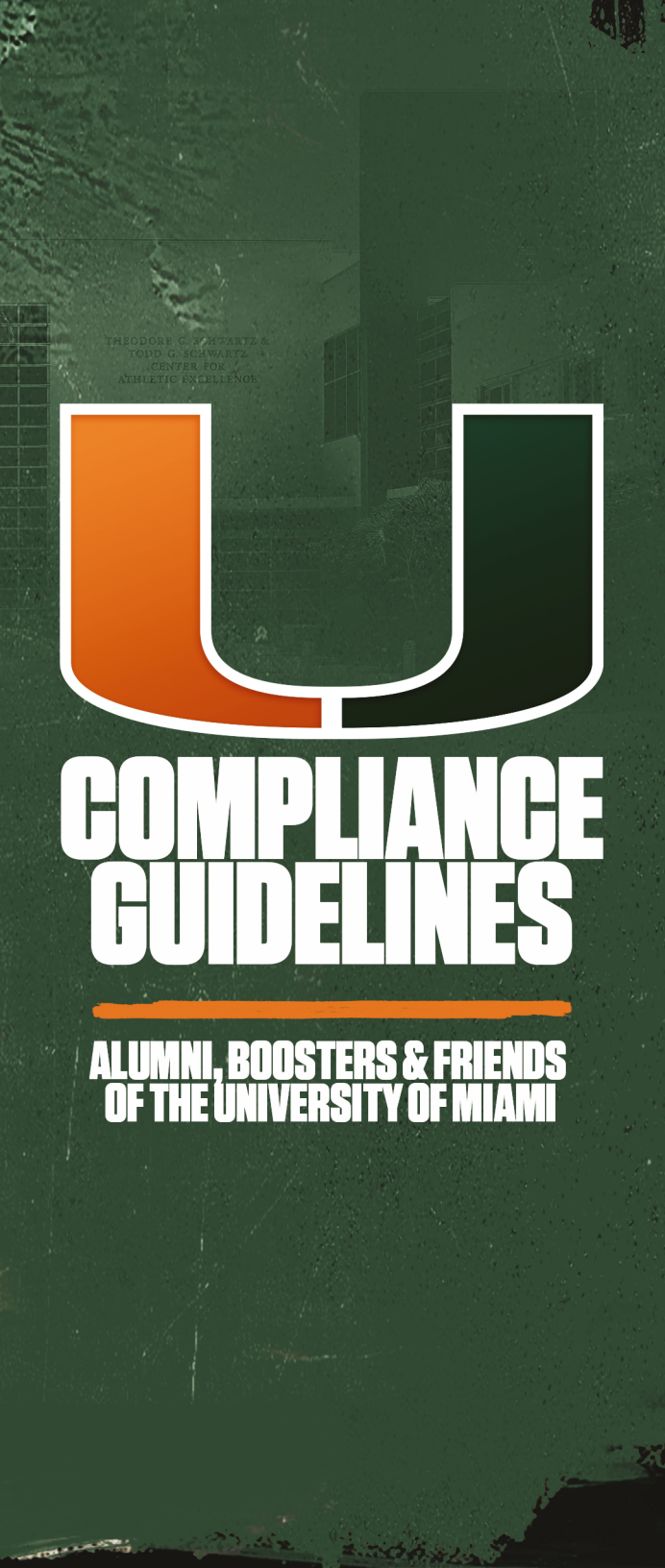

COMPLIANCE GUIDELINES

ALUMNI, BOOSTERS & FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

KEY DEFINITIONS

REPRESENTATIVE OF ATHLETICS INTERESTS (BOOSTER)

You are a representative of athletics interests (booster) for the University of Miami for any of the following reasons:

- You are a member of ANY organization that promotes UM Athletics (e.g., Hurricane Club).
- You have made financial contributions to UM Athletics or to an athletics booster organization.
- You have assisted or have been asked to assist in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes (which is not permitted).
- You have provided benefits (e.g., summer jobs or occasional meals) to enrolled student-athletes or their families.
- You are a former student-athlete at the University of Miami.

REMEMBER: ONCE A BOOSTER, ALWAYS A BOOSTER!

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE (PROSPECT/RECRUIT)

A prospect is any individual who has started classes for the 9th grade. Individuals enrolled at preparatory schools or two-year colleges are also considered prospects. Individuals maintain prospect status until enrolled full-time at a four-year collegiate institution.

STUDENT-ATHLETE

A student-athlete is any individual enrolled in classes who participates in the University of Miami's Athletics program. This includes both recruited individuals and walk-ons.

EXTRA BENEFIT/RECRUITING INDUCEMENT

An extra benefit or recruiting inducement is any special arrangement by a University of Miami employee or booster to provide a student-athlete/prospect or a student-athlete's/prospect's relatives or friends with:

- A benefit not authorized by NCAA rules,
- A benefit not available to the general student body,
- A benefit not available to a particular segment of the student body on a basis unrelated to athletics.

BOOSTERS AND PROSPECTS

BOOSTERS MAY ...

- Notify or forward information to appropriate members of the University of Miami's coaching staff about a prospect in your area.
- Attend a prospect's athletics contest as long as no contact is made with the prospect, his/her relatives or friends, or any other individual associated with the prospect regarding the academic or athletic ability of the prospect.
- Accept telephone calls initiated by prospects that are not related to University of Miami Athletics. All recruiting or athletics questions must be deferred to the appropriate coaching staff.
- Employ prospects, but compensation must be for work actually performed and at a rate commensurate with experience. Compliance must be notified if you are employing a student-athlete or a prospect.

BOOSTERS MAY NOT ...

- Contact a prospect or their relatives or friends for recruiting purposes. This includes contact via telephone, mail, email, instant messenger, social networking (e.g. Twitter, Facebook) or fax.
- Face-to-face contact cannot be made on or off-campus for the purpose of recruiting.
- Assist the University of Miami's coaching staff by picking up transcripts, game films, or any other information from a prospect's educational institution.
- Provide benefits of any kind (e.g., cash, clothing, special discounts, lodging, meals, transportation, loans, camp admissions, etc.) to a prospect or his/her relatives or friends.
- Contact a prospect to congratulate him/her on signing a National Letter of Intent to attend the University of Miami.· Make contact with a prospect or his/her parents while on campus for an official or unofficial visit (e.g.,tailgating).
- Provide or arrange transportation for a prospect or his/her relatives or friends.
- Employ or arrange employment for a prospect prior to the completion of his/her senior year in high school or graduation or withdrawal from prep-school/junior college.

BOOSTERS AND STUDENT-ATHLETES

BOOSTERS MAY...

- Employ or arrange for employment of a student-athlete during the academic year or summer, provided compensation is:
  - only for work actually performed,
  - paid at a rate commensurate with the going rate for similar services in that locale, and not related to the student-athlete's reputation due to the publicity the student-athlete obtained because of athletic ability.
  - All employment activities must be reported to the Compliance Office.

BOOSTERS MAY NOT ...

- Pay or arrange for payment of room, board, or transportation at any time for currently enrolled student-athletes, their relatives, or friends.
- Provide a student-athlete or his/her relatives or friends with any type of extra benefit or any benefit not available to the general student body.
- Provide cash, special discounts (e.g., free or reduced meals/housing), payment arrangements (e.g., cosigning a loan), or services (e.g., transportation, use of telephone) to student-athletes, their relatives, or friends.
- Provide awards or gifts of any value to student-athletes for any reason, including honorariums for speaking engagements.
- Entertain student-athletes or their family or friends.
- Facilitate any communication between a student-athlete and agents, or representatives of agents.
- Use a student-athlete's name, image or likeness in the advertisement, recommendation, or promotion of commercial products and/or services because of the potential effect on his/her amateur status.

ASK BEFORE YOU ACT

Call us at **305.284.2692** or reach out via email to **athleticscompliance@miami.edu**

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q **May boosters contact prospects to encourage them to attend Miami either in person or through social media?**

A No. Any such contact could result in the prospect being declared ineligible to participate in University of Miami Athletics.

Q **May a booster attend a public event at which prospects are present (e.g., high school awards banquet)?**

A Yes, as long as the booster does not make contact with the prospect, or his/her family, and does not attempt to recruit him/her.

Q **What extra benefits are prohibited for current student-athletes, prospects, and their family and friends?**

A Prohibited extra benefits include, but are not limited to, the following: cash, loans, promise of employment after graduation, special discounts, employment of family/friends, use of any type of vehicle, providing transportation, co-signing a loan, a loan or gift of money or any tangible item, free or reduced rent, any type of entertainment on or off-campus, educational expenses, or camp fees.

Q **What happens if an individual commits an NCAA violation?**

A All violations carry penalties. Student-athletes may lose eligibility, be withheld from competition, or be required to pay financial restitution. Coaches and staff may be reprimanded and prohibited from recruiting activities. Boosters may be subject to a loss of benefits and privileges, including the revocation of season tickets and in severe cases disassociation from the institution.

COMMITMENT TO COMPLIANCE

The University of Miami is committed to maintaining an athletics program in compliance with all NCAA, ACC, and University regulations. The responsibility to maintain compliance falls on all members of the Miami family, including boosters. Your awareness of and adherence to NCAA regulations are essential to the success of the University of Miami's athletics programs.

Under NCAA rules, the university is responsible for boosters who violate NCAA rules, so we encourage you to contact the Compliance Office if you have any questions or knowledge of a potential rules violation. Asking the compliance staff questions about what you can and cannot do is the best way to protect the University of Miami and current student-athletes, as well as safeguard against future problems.

To preserve the Hurricane tradition of excellence in the classroom and on the field of play, we must always seek the highest standard of ethical conduct and institutional control. With your assistance and cooperation in adhering to NCAA rules, we believe these goals can be accomplished. The Department of Athletics thanks you for your continued support and loyalty to the University of Miami and its athletics program.

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