



Dear Aztec Fans:

The SDSU Athletics Department is grateful to have outstanding support for all our sports programs. We would be unable to meet our goal of achieving excellence without this assistance. **Our commitment to adhere to NCAA rules and regulations is one important aspect of our success.** The SDSU Compliance Office is responsible for educating our student-athletes, staff members, fans, and the community about NCAA rules and regulations. As a season ticket holder, you are considered a “booster” under NCAA rules, and because of this, we wanted to remind you of a few applicable NCAA rules.

NCAA rules prohibit boosters from providing “**extra benefits.**” Extra benefits are special arrangements or gifts provided to student-athletes, or their families/friends, that are not available to the general student body. The receipt of extra benefits by a student-athlete or their family/friends can jeopardize the student’s NCAA eligibility and result in significant penalties for the university. Some general examples of extra benefits include cash, discounted housing/rent, and gifts. On game days, common types of extra benefits include:

- Providing a ticket/access for a reserved seat or to a premium seat area (clubs, suites, etc.)
- Providing transportation to or from a game
- Providing lodging through a special arrangement or at a free/reduced cost

Additionally, please be aware these same rules also pertain to prospective student-athletes (recruits) and their families/friends but are called “**recruiting inducements**” rather than “extra benefits.” Prospective student-athletes are identified as a student who has started classes for the ninth grade (or in Men’s Basketball & Softball the 7th grade). Boosters are not permitted to take part in the recruiting process, so we appreciate you leaving the actual recruiting to our coaches!

While we hope that the above examples give context to some of the NCAA rules, it is not an exhaustive list. Feel free to contact us with specific questions, or visit the compliance webpage on goaztecs.com for the [Mountain West Conference Sportsmanship Initiative](#) and additional resources.

Sincerely,

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