NCAA Rules in Regards to Boosters and Occasional Meals

Permissible Activities

- ✓ A student athlete or the entire team in a sport may receive an occasional meal in the locale of the institution on infrequent and special occasions from an institutional staff member
- ✓ A Booster may provide an occasional meal to a student-athlete or the entire team on infrequent or special occasions
    - The meal may only be provided in an individual's home, on campus or at a facility that is regularly used for home competition and may be catered; and
    - A booster may provide reasonable local transportation to student-athletes to attend the meal function only IF the meal function is at the home of the Booster
    - Must complete the Occasional Meal form **prior** to the meal

Examples of Violations

Booster provided an impermissible occasional meal to a sports team during the team's travel to an away-from-home contest. Specifically, the Booster paid for a team meal at a Tampa, Florida restaurant while the team was in Tampa for an away-from-home competition. The meal was provided at a restaurant and not at the residence of the Booster. (October 10, 2015)

Two Boosters contributed $30 to the bill of two student-athletes (SAs) who were dining at a local restaurant. While dining at the restaurant, boosters approached the SAs at the restaurant and wished them luck on the upcoming season. When the bill arrived for the meal, the server informed them that another table at the restaurant had paid $30 of the bill. (March 24, 2016)

Booster provided an occasional meal to members of the basketball team over the holidays. Since the SAs families were in town for the Holidays the Booster also invited the SAs families over for the meal. Boosters may provide an occasional meal to student-athletes but not to the SAs families. (January 25, 2016)