



BGSU ATHLETICS COMPLIANCE



NCAA Rules and Regulations for Boosters



Who is a Booster (Representative of the Institution's Athletics Interests)?

You are a Booster If:

- You are or have ever been a member of an agency or organization promoting the Falcons Athletics Program;
- You have ever made a financial donation to the Falcons Athletics Program or to one of the athletics booster organizations;
- You are assisting or have ever been asked to assist in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes;
- You are assisting or have ever assisted in providing benefits to enrolled student-athletes; or
- You are or have ever been involved in promoting the Falcons Athletics Program.

Remember: Once a Booster, Always a Booster

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Who is considered a “prospect?”

- ❑ Any student who has started classes for the ninth grade regardless of their athletic ability;
 - ❑ A student not yet in the ninth grade who the institution has provided any financial assistance or other benefits to including family and friends;
 - ❑ Any student in prep school or junior college; and
 - ❑ A prospect remains a prospect even after committing to an institution or signing a National Letter of Intent.
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- ❑ An individual is no longer a prospect only after registering and enrolling at an institution or participating in practice or competition.

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Involvement in the recruiting process

- ❑ Boosters may NOT contact (via in person conversations, telephone, writings or emails) a prospect in an attempt to recruit or encourage attendance at BG, this includes contact with the prospect or parents;
- ❑ Boosters may NOT post messages on Social Networking sites (i.e., Facebook, Twitter, others) encouraging prospects to come to BG;
- ❑ Boosters may NOT contact a prospect even after he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent;
- ❑ Boosters may NOT ask current BG students to contact prospects to encourage them to attend BG;
- ❑ Boosters may NOT visit a prospect's school to pick up transcripts or recruiting materials for BG coaching staff; and
- ❑ Boosters may NOT, in any way, provide financial incentive to a prospect or his or her family as a way to entice them to attend BG.

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What can a Booster do to help?

- A Booster can attend athletic contests to evaluate talent;
- A Booster can write, or send newspaper articles to the Falcons coaching staff regarding prospective student-athletes;
- A Booster can assist the Falcon coaching staff who are recruiting in the booster's community; and
- A Booster can attend a public event but cannot have prearranged contact with a prospect.

Remember: BG is responsible for any illicit conduct by any of its
Boosters

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Extra Benefit Defined

- ❑ An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or a representative of the institution's athletics interests to provide a student-athlete or the student-athlete's relative or friend a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation. Receipt of a benefit by student-athletes or their relatives or friends is not a violation of NCAA legislation if it is demonstrated that the same benefit is generally available to the institution's students or their relatives or friends or to a particular segment of the student body (e.g., international students, minority students) determined on a basis unrelated to athletics ability.

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Extra Benefit Examples

An Extra Benefit includes, but is not limited to, providing any of the following to a student-athlete, prospect, or their family members:

- Providing the use of an automobile;
- Purchasing a meal for (see compliance office for limited exceptions);
- Providing a discount on any items purchased that is not provided to the general public;
- Providing a monetary loan that is not available to the general public;
- Providing a ticket to an event;
- Providing discounted housing or rent;
- Providing any professional service not available to the general public;
- Any other gift or benefit regardless of value that is provided because of a student-athlete's, prospect's or family member's association with Falcon Athletics.

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Preferential Treatment

Preferential treatment is similar in nature to extra benefits, but encompasses both prospective student-athletes and enrolled student-athletes; whereas extra benefits refers to enrolled student-athletes only.

- ❑ It is impermissible to provide preferential treatment, benefits or services because of the individual's athletics reputation or skill or pay-back potential as a professional athlete, unless such treatment, benefits or services are specifically permitted under NCAA legislation.
- ❑ Donations credited to or earmarked for a prospective or enrolled student-athlete for athletics participation (e.g., as an individual or a member of a team) from a sponsor (e.g., neighbor, business) other than the individual's relatives or legal guardians are considered improper benefits.
- ❑ See extra benefit examples for examples of preferential treatment.

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REMEMBER

Always contact a member of the Athletic Compliance Office with any questions regarding the presentation or other questions about NCAA rules and regulations!

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