



# REBEL CONNECTION

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## MONTHLY MUSINGS

### Am I a Booster and What does that Mean?

The NCAA defines a Representative of Athletics Interest (i.e. “booster”) as an individual, independent agency, corporate entity or other organization that has:

- ◆ Participated in or been a member of a group promoting the institution’s athletics program (i.e. QB Club, Kennedy’s Korner, etc.)
- ◆ Made financial contributions to the athletics department or an athletics booster organization (i.e. donated to the Ole Miss Foundation, purchased season tickets, etc.)
- ◆ Otherwise been involved in promoting the institution's athletics programs

Once an individual has become a booster they remain a booster indefinitely even if they no longer contribute to the foundation, booster club, etc. Further an institution is responsible for the actions of its boosters. Providing student-athletes “extra benefits” or prospective student-athletes “recruiting inducements” can jeopardize the eligibility of those students. In addition, the university can face NCAA sanctions for actions of its boosters that are not permissible.

Additional information is available at [www.olemissports.com/compliance](http://www.olemissports.com/compliance). The compliance office also is active on Twitter (@RebelCompliance) where we tweet about rules, NCAA current events and other compliance news stories. Finally, if you have questions we can be reached via email at [compliance@olemiss.edu](mailto:compliance@olemiss.edu) or by phone at 662-915-1594.

*NCAA rules are often very complicated so if you find yourself in a position where you have questions about this or any other compliance-related topic, please do not hesitate to contact us using the contact information at the bottom of this page. GO REBS!*

## COMPLIANCE IN THE NEWS

The [University of North Carolina](#) has acknowledged the NCAA has reopened its investigation.

[Clemson University](#) reported a total of 15 NCAA violations over the last year.

The [University of Utah](#) has reported 99 NCAA violations since 2010.

[Auburn University](#) reported 21 NCAA violations from July 2013 to June 2014.

The [University of Georgia](#) requests the NCAA reduce allegations of Level I violations (most serious) against its swimming and diving coach to Level II allegations.

The [University of Alabama](#) released its list of NCAA violations for 2013-2014. The women’s basketball team forfeited a scholarship for 2014-2015 as a penalty for one of the violations.

The [University of Texas](#) reported that an agent purchased meals for two football players. The provision of meals would be an NCAA violation that could cause the players to be withheld from games depending on the value of the meals.