

INTRODUCTION

Tulane athletics is proud to have a loyal, generous, and vocal fan base. However, it is important that all supporters of Tulane athletics are aware of NCAA rules that pertain to outside support of intercollegiate athletics. In this respect, it is important that Tulane University and all of its boosters, friends, and fans abide by NCAA rules relating to contributions to Tulane athletics.

The following information is provided as a resource to all supporters of Tulane athletics so that they may better understand the rules and regulations of the NCAA, Conference USA, and Tulane. However, this information is only a guide and the Compliance Office reminds all supporters of Tulane athletics to "Ask Before You Act." If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call (504-865-5344) or visit (James W. Wilson, Jr. Center, Room 340).

COMPLIANCE OFFICE PHILOSOPHY

Tulane University is committed to the principle of institutional control in the operation of its athletic department. This means following the letter and spirit of the rules and regulations set forth by the NCAA, Conference USA, and Tulane administration.

The Compliance Office coordinates, monitors, and verifies compliance with all NCAA requirements. The compliance office also educates members of the university community regarding NCAA and Conference USA rules and regulations. Through educational programs and interpretive support, the Compliance Office strives to ensure that all individuals associated with Tulane athletics understand and abide by the rules and regulations of the NCAA and Conference USA.

The goal of the Compliance Office is to take a proactive approach to educating, monitoring, and overseeing the intercollegiate athletic programs at Tulane University and cultivating a positive environment for NCAA compliance.



Questions or concerns about NCAA rules?
Contact the Compliance Office.

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Top Five Things You Should Know

5. Am I A Booster? As an alum, fan, or friend of Tulane University you are considered a booster. Tulane is responsible for the actions of its boosters. If a booster violates an NCAA rule, even unintentionally, there are penalties for the university and the individuals involved. Once a booster...Always a booster.

4. What Is An Extra Benefit? You may not provide any type of extra benefit to a prospective or enrolled student-athlete or their family or friends. Examples of extra benefits include, but are not limited to cash, gifts; a vehicle or use of a vehicle; free or reduced cost goods or services; free or reduced cost housing. An individual can become a booster, if not previously identified as a booster, if he or she provides such benefits.

3. Can A Booster Recruit? As a booster, you may not be involved in recruiting a prospective student-athlete. A prospective student-athlete is a student who has started classes for the ninth grade.

2. Who Can A Booster Employ? You may not employ or arrange for the employment of a prospective student-athlete until after he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent and has completed his or her senior year of high school. You may employ a current student-athlete provided he or she registered the job with the Compliance Office.

1. Always Ask Before You Act!



PLAYING BY THE RULES: A Guide to NCAA Rules for Alumni, Boosters and Friends of Tulane Athletics

Are You A Booster?

You are a booster if:

- You are or ever have been a member of a booster organization that supports Tulane Athletics;
- You have made any financial contributions to any area of Tulane University;
- You have made any annual or lifetime membership commitments to a booster organization;
- You are or ever have been involved with the recruitment of a prospect;
- You have provided or are providing benefits to an enrolled student-athlete or their relatives or friends;
- You have otherwise been involved in promoting Tulane University's athletic program (e.g., alumni and friends);
- You provide or have helped to arrange employment for student-athletes;
- You are the parent(s) or legal guardians of an enrolled student-athlete; or
- You are or ever have been a season ticket holder.

Once A Booster...Always A Booster

According to the NCAA, once an individual has been identified as a booster, he or she retains this identity forever.

Who Is A Prospect?

Any student who has started classes for the ninth grade is considered a prospective student-athlete or "prospect." Any student who has not started classes for ninth grade becomes a prospect if Tulane contacts the student for recruiting purposes or provides the student or the student's relatives or friends any financial assistance or other benefit that the institution does not provide to prospective students generally.

An individual remains a prospect until he/she enrolls in a minimum full-time program of studies and attends class at Tulane or when he/she participates in a team practice or competition for Tulane that occurs before any term of the academic year.

What Is An "Extra Benefit"?

An extra benefit is any special arrangement by a Tulane University employee or booster to provide a prospect or a student-athlete or their relatives or friends a benefit not expressly authorized by the NCAA. Examples of impermissible extra benefits include, but are not limited to:

- Cash or any type of gifts
- Loans or cosigning of loans
- Vehicle or the use of a vehicle
- Payment for or arrangement of transportation costs for the student-athletes, their family, relatives, or friends
- Free or reduced cost goods or services
- Free or reduced cost housing
- Concert or sporting event tickets

Who Is A Student-Athlete?

A student-athlete is a student who is enrolled at Tulane University and presently is participating in athletics or has completed his/her eligibility, but is still enrolled at the university.

What is Recruiting?

Recruiting is any solicitation of a prospect or the prospect's parent/legal guardian by a Tulane staff member for the purpose of securing the prospect's enrollment at Tulane and/or participation in intercollegiate athletics at Tulane.

Recruiting activities include, but are not limited to: general correspondence, email, fax, phone conversations, and in-person contacts (both on- and off-campus).

NCAA RULES SPECIFICALLY PROHIBIT BOOSTERS FROM ENGAGING IN RECRUITING ACTIVITIES.

What May Boosters Do?

Boosters may provide the names of prospects and/or high schools they attend to the attention of Tulane's coaching staff by sending newspaper clippings, writing emails, or calling the athletic department. However, boosters cannot be involved in the actual evaluation of a prospect's talent. Only Tulane coaching staff members can contact and evaluate prospects.

Boosters may attend athletic competitions or other events where prospects may be attendance, but boosters may not have contact with prospects or the prospect's parents/legal guardians, relatives, or friends. If you have incidental contact with a prospect or his/her family or friends, you may exchange greetings, but do not discuss Tulane or its athletic programs.

Boosters may provide an "occasional" meal at their homes for an enrolled student-athlete or an entire team if the boosters live within a 30-mile radius of Tulane's main campus. Boosters may also provide transportation to the meal. Before hosting a meal, boosters should contact the Tulane Athletics Compliance Office.

Boosters may employ Tulane student-athletes and prospects who have signed a National Letter of Intent to attend Tulane. Student-athletes and prospects may only receive compensation for work actually performed and they may only be paid at the going rate for similar services in the job's locality. All employment arrangements must be registered with the Compliance Office.

What Are The Consequences?

Tulane is responsible for the actions of its boosters. A booster who provides an impermissible benefit may be disassociated from the university's athletics program. Disassociation results in a loss of all benefits or privileges offered by the Department of Athletics and may involve other penalties as appropriate.