

Booster Tip Sheet

The following is basic information concerning NCAA rules and regulations that applies to a representative of Valparaiso University athletics and is intended to assist you in your efforts to ensure that the Valparaiso University tradition of fair play and athletic success continues.

Boosters CAN

- Contribute funds to finance a scholarship for a particular sport or team position.
- Call the compliance office to have student-athletes speak at charitable or education functions.
- Notify coaching staff of outstanding prospective student-athletes.
- Notify head coaches or the athletic department of job possibilities for student-athletes.
- Contact Valpo Compliance staff to provide an occasional meal to a team.
- Pay student-athletes for work actually performed and at a rate commensurate with the going rate for similar services and your own business.
- Continue established relationships.

Boosters CAN NOT

- Do not provide a student-athlete, or his/her family, complimentary tickets to a Valpo sporting event.
 - Do not provide tickets or transportation for high school, prep school, or community college coaches at any location, at any time.
 - Do not contact a prospective student athlete on or off campus.
 - Do not contact an enrolled student-athlete at another institution for the purpose of encouraging their transfer to Valpo and participation in our athletic programs.
 - Do not pay or offer to pay for registration fees for summer sports camps for a prospect.
 - Do not contact the prospect's coach, principal, or counselor for the purpose of evaluating the prospect.
 - Do not invite selected high school or community college prospective student-athletes to alumni events.
 - Do not employ or arrange for the employment of a prospect or an enrolled student-athlete without first checking with the compliance office.
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- Do not provide transportation for prospects or student-athletes in your employment unless transportation is provided for all other employees.
 - Do not provide a prospective student-athlete or student-athlete with any extra benefits or special arrangements such as expense money, movie passes, free meals at restaurants, long distance charges, or free or reduced housing arrangements.
 - Do not provide preferential treatment or discounted professional services (e.g. legal, medical) because of a student-athlete's athletics reputation or payback potential as a professional athlete.
 - Do not pay a student-athlete's expenses or loan an automobile to the student-athlete for use to any destination, for any reason including personal reasons or to receive an athletics-related award.
 - Do not provide the family or friends of student-athletes with transportation or housing expenses to visit an enrolled student-athlete or attend an away-from-home contest.
 - Do not provide a student-athlete with an award or gift for his/her athletics participation, even after the student-athlete's graduation and exhaustion of eligibility.
 - Do not employ a student-athlete or use his/her picture or name for the purpose of directly advertising, recommending or promoting a commercial product or service.
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