



Once a Booster, Always a Booster

Athletics Compliance

Northern Colorado Athletics Booster(s):

- Anyone that is a current or previous member of an agency or organization that promotes UNC Athletics
- Have made any financial contributions to UNC athletics/booster organization
- Has been involved in promoting UNC athletics
- Have ever been a season ticket holder
- Have provided benefits to enrolled student athletes or their family

According to the NCAA, once a person is identified as a booster, they hold that title indefinitely, despite their current relationship with the program 13.02.15.1

NCAA Booster Prohibitions:

- Providing an extra benefit to current student athletes/ prospective student athletes, or their family/friends
 - Provide/cosign for a loan
 - Allow the use of personal property (Boat, home, car, credit card)
 - Give Cash/free goods and services
 - Give a gift for any reason including birthdays and holidays
 - Purchase goods/services from a PSA's/current student athletes', or their relatives at inflated prices
 - Provide free or reduced cost in lodging
 - Buy Student Athletes' meal(s)

Receipt of a benefit by student-athletes or their family members 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 family members or friends or to a particular segment of the student body 16.02.3

- Influencing Prospective Student Athletes' Decision to Attend UNC
 - Never contact a prospect or their family to encourage them to attend UNC
 - Cannot engage in recruiting activities
 - Host/buy meal for a prospect
 - Contact PSA through social media
 - Arrange/finance a PSA's unofficial visit on campus
 - Discuss experiences at UNC with a PSA

Booster Violation Examples:

- **Georgia Tech University**
 - Both current student-athletes and a prospective student-athlete received impermissible meals, shoes, travel expenses, and clothes from an athletics' booster
 - Said booster also engaged in impermissible recruiting conversations with a prospective student-athlete

Violation resulted in:

- (1) Four years of probation.
 - (2) A 2019-20 postseason ban for the men's basketball team.
 - (3) A fine of \$5,000 plus 2% of the men's basketball program budget.
 - (4) A reduction of one men's basketball scholarship during each year of probation.
 - (5) Recruiting restrictions for the men's basketball program that will apply for each year of probation, including:
 - a. An eight-week ban on unofficial visits.
 - b. A three-visit reduction from the permissible number of official visits.
 - c. An eight-week ban on recruiting communications.
 - d. A reduction of 19 recruiting-person days from the permissible number.
 - (6) A vacation of records in which the men's basketball student-athletes competed while ineligible.
 - a. The university must provide a written report containing the contests impacted to the NCAA media coordination and statistics staff within 14 days of the public decision release.
 - (7) A prohibition from scheduling official visits in conjunction with home men's basketball competitions during the first two years of probation.
 - (8) Disassociations of the following individuals (self-imposed by the university):
 - a. A three-year disassociation of the former assistant coach.
 - b. A three-year disassociation of the former Georgia Tech men's basketball student-athlete and booster.
 - c. A disassociation of the head coach's friend and booster.
- **University of Mississippi**
 - Booster offered a prospective student-athlete \$10,000 in order to sign with Ole Miss, and not competitor, Mississippi State

Violation resulted in:

- (1) Three years of probation from Dec. 1, 2017, to Nov. 30, 2020.
- (2) A financial penalty of \$5,000 plus 1 percent of its average football budget for three years, which was calculated at \$179,797 (self-imposed by the university).
- (3) A postseason ban for the 2017 (self-imposed by the university) and 2018 seasons.
- (4) The head coach must serve a two-conference-game suspension for the 2018 season should any NCAA school hire him between Dec. 1, 2017, and Nov. 30, 2018.

- (5) An eight-year show-cause order for the operations coordinator, during which he must not hold any athletically related duties or have contact with prospective student-athletes and their families.
- (6) A five-year show-cause order for the assistant coach who facilitated standardized test fraud and living arrangements. He must not hold any athletically related duties during this time.
- (7) A two-year show-cause order for the other involved assistant coach. During this time, he must not participate in off-campus recruiting activities or hosting any meals for prospects or student-athletes.
- (8) A five-year show-cause order for the assistant athletics director. He must not participate in any recruiting activities during this time.
- (9) Vacation of all regular-season and postseason wins in which ineligible student-athletes competed.
- (10) Scholarship reductions through 2018-19, as detailed in the public report (self-imposed by the university).
- (11) Recruiting restrictions, as detailed in the public report.
- (12) Disassociation of boosters, as detailed in the public report (self-imposed by the university).