



University of Minnesota Booster Clubs

Office of Athletic Compliance

The University of Minnesota is responsible for ensuring that all Golden Gopher Athletics stakeholders, including U of M faculty, coaches, student-athletes, prospective student-athletes, and representatives of U of M's athletics interests (more commonly referred to as "boosters") are compliant with NCAA and BIG rules.

Are You a Booster?

You are considered a representative of athletics interests (booster) if **ANY** of the following are true:

- You have ever made a donation to the University or our athletics booster organizations;
- Member of any organization or agency promoting University of Minnesota Athletics;
- You have ever helped arrange/ provided employment for an enrolled student-athlete;
- Participated in varsity athletics or an alumnus at U of M
- You have ever been a season ticket holder in any U of M sport; or
- You have otherwise promoted Minnesota's athletics program in ANY matter.

Note: Once you have obtained BOOSTER status, you retain this identity indefinitely.

Who is a Prospect:

All high school students (7th & 8th grade in Men's Basketball), 2 year college students, prep school, & 4 year college student-athlete that are listed on the NCAA Transfer Portal.

What You Can Do:

- Provide financial contributions directly to the institution
- Provide occasional meals with approval from the Compliance Office to current student-athletes on campus or at your home
- Inform coaches of prospects in your area
- Employ prospects and student-athletes with prior approval of the Compliance Office

What You Cannot Do:

- Recruit on behalf of the institution (e.g. contact, evaluate, phone calls, text messages)
- Contact prospects on social media
- Provide any tangible benefits to prospects or student-athletes (PSAs)
- Provide any benefits to anyone who teaches or directs PSAs (e.g. coaches, teachers)

Consequences for Booster Involvement in NCAA Violations

- Disassociation from University of Minnesota Athletics
- Ineligibility of prospects or current student-athletes
- Sanctions on University of Minnesota

Ask Before You Act

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