

## **Booster Policy**

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### **Purpose and Scope**

Those who support WCU Athletics financially must adhere to NCAA rules and regulations. In order to protect our student-athletes and coaches, it is imperative to inform and monitor those who are considered “boosters.”

### **Policy Statement**

One is considered a representative of the University's Athletic interests (commonly known as booster) if any of the following apply:

- You have made financial contributions to WCU athletics or to any other athletics booster organizations.
- You have or will assist in providing benefits to enrolled student-athletes.
- You have assisted or been requested to assist in recruiting efforts of prospective student-athletes.
- You are a current or past season ticket holder.
- You have participated in promoting the WCU athletics program.

All WCU representatives of athletics interest are bound by the rules and regulations of the NCAA, PSAC, ECAC, and WCU.

Boosters can:

- Observe a prospective student-athlete's athletic contest, provided there is no contact with the prospective student athlete or the prospect's relatives.
- Inform a member of the WCU coaching staff of a prospective student-athlete.

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- Provide an occasional meal to a current student-athlete, given the meal takes place in the booster's home.
- Continue normal communication with a neighbor, relative, or family member designated as a prospective student-athlete, as to not engage in the recruitment process.

A booster is not permitted to:

- Actively recruit a prospective student-athlete.
- Make a recruiting presentation or contact with prospective student-athletes or legal guardians.
- Provide extra benefits to a current or prospective student-athlete and their family members.
- Provide transportation to a prospective student-athlete.
- Utilize a student-athlete's name or picture to advertise a commercial product or service

### **Definitions**

Extra Benefit (NCAA Bylaw 16.02.3): An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or a representative of the institution's athletics interests to provide a student-athlete or the student-athlete's relative or friend a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation. Receipt of a benefit by student-athletes or their relatives 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 relatives or friends or to a particular segment of the student body determined on a basis unrelated to athletics ability.

### **References**

National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II Manual

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NCAA Role of Boosters: <https://www.ncaa.org/enforcement/role-boosters>

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