

ENROLLED STUDENT- ATHLETES

During enrollment, only benefits expressly authorized by NCAA legislation are permitted. Restricted areas include, but are not limited to items listed below.

Special Benefits - The student-athlete shall not receive any extra benefit. The term "extra benefit" refers to any special arrangement to provide the student-athlete or his/her relatives or friends with a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation.

Special Arrangements - A student-athlete may not receive a special discount, payment arrangement or credit on a purchase or a service (e.g., laundry, dry cleaning, rent).

Speaking Engagements - Student-athletes may receive only necessary travel expenses associated with a speaking engagement, not an honorarium. All speaking engagements must be approved by the Compliance Office.

Employment - A booster can provide employment with compensation only for work performed and at the going rate for services of like character.

Services - An athletics representative may not provide an athlete with professional services without charge or at a reduced cost.

Telephone and Credit Cards - It is not permissible to allow a student-athlete to use a telephone for personal reasons without charge, or use a booster's credit card for purchases.

Entertainment - A student-athlete may not receive services (e.g., use of a car, dinners) from commercial agencies (e.g., car dealers, restaurants) or boosters without charge or at reduced rates.

It is also important to note that:

- Boosters may invite an enrolled student-athlete, or the entire team, to their home for an occasional meal. The term "occasional" is defined as once per month. This must be approved in advance by the Compliance Office.
- Boosters with an employment opportunity for a student-athlete should contact the Athletics Department at (304) 876-5404.
- Boosters who know of a prospect should forward information to the appropriate coaching staff member rather than contacting the prospect themselves. It is impermissible for a booster to be involved with the recruitment of a Prospective Student-Athlete (PSA).



An NCAA violation could result in the following consequences:

- A currently enrolled student-athlete being declared ineligible for competition.
- A prospect's eligibility being jeopardized.
- Damage to the reputation and to the integrity of Shepherd Athletics.
- NCAA sanctions being placed on Shepherd University and the Shepherd University's Athletics program.

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