

QUESTIONS

If you have questions regarding meals, housing, or awards please contact the Athletics Compliance Office.

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PARENT GUIDE

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UC SAN DIEGO: PARENT GUIDE TO MEALS & BENEFITS

UC San Diego's commitment to playing - and succeeding - within the rules has never been more important than in today's enforcement climate. That is why we offer this educational piece to help you and your son or daughter remain informed about and in compliance with NCAA rules.

Thank you for all that you do to make our programs so special, and thank you for helping your son or daughter and UC San Diego continue to set the standard for ethical conduct in intercollegiate athletics.

BOOSTERS

As a parent/guardian of a current UC San Diego student-athlete, you should be aware that the NCAA has imposed limitations and boundaries on the kinds of interactions you may have with people whom the NCAA defines as "Representatives of Athletics Interests" or boosters. The NCAA broadly defines a booster as an individual, agency, entity or organization who is known or should be known by an institution to:

- Have participated in or been a member of an agency or organization that promotes UC San Diego's athletics program;
- Have made financial contributions to the athletics department or a booster organization for the department;
- Have been involved otherwise in promoting the institution's athletics program;
- Have been a season ticket holder; or
- Have provided benefits to student-athletes or their relatives or friends.

Once an individual has been defined as a booster, they retain that status forever.

A booster meets at least one of the criteria listed above. Thus, a former student-athlete or the parent of a former student-athlete would be considered a booster. As you and your child are very likely to meet and interact with boosters, remember that it would be impermissible to accept anything of value (e.g. clothing, parking passes, cash, cars, etc.) from a booster.

EXTRA BENEFITS

Student-Athletes or members of their families or friends may not accept an "extra benefit" from an employee of UC San Diego, a booster, or any other person or entity. As a general rule, if something is not available to the UC San Diego student body or the general public does not have access to it, it is an extra benefit. The receipt of an extra benefit by a student-athlete or his or her family member or friends will immediately jeopardize the student-athlete's eligibility.

Common examples of impermissible extra benefits offered may include but are not limited to:

- Free or reduced housing;
- Free game tickets (other than the allowed complimentary admissions);
- A free meal (other than a permissible occasional meal);
- Cash or gift cards;
- Tickets for professional sports games;
- Use of a car;
- A loan of money; or
- Free merchandise or services.

MEALS

As a parent/guardian of a current student-athlete you may provide or purchase meals for your son or daughter and their teammates at any location. This can be done in a variety of ways, such as:

- Hosting the team at your home for a meal on a road trip;
- Paying for a meal at a restaurant the night before a home game;
- Bringing food to a home or away competition for a pre or post game meal; or
- Providing a donation to the team to pay the cost of a meal.

It is also permissible for your son or daughter to receive a meal from a "booster" on an occasional basis. These meals must be hosted at the home of the booster or at a location on UC San Diego's campus, with prior approval from the Athletics Compliance Office. The booster may provide local transportation to and from his/her home in conjunction with the meal. It is also permissible for a booster to make a donation to cover the cost of a team's meal, please contact the Athletics Compliance Office for information on how to do so.

HOUSING

You cannot provide off-campus housing free of charge or at a reduced rate to other student-athletes. For example, if you own a home in San Diego and intend to allow you son or daughter's teammates to live there, you must charge each of them a fair market rate. Please contact the Athletics Compliance Office with any questions.

AWARDS

Only the athletics department may provide student-athletes with awards for their participation in their sport at UC San Diego. Furthermore, there are NCAA mandated limits on the maximum value of an award provided to a student-athlete. As a parent/guardian you cannot provide awards directly to student-athletes or any gift for a student-athlete's participation in a UC San Diego sport. If you have questions regarding awards please contact the Athletics Compliance Office.

