

NCAA Guidelines for Interactions Between Alumni and Student-Athletes

The purpose of the Carnegie Mellon University Student-Athlete Alumni Mentoring Program is to foster relationships between past and present student-athletes to provide guidance, wisdom and opportunities to the current generation of Tartans. Formal mentoring relationships within the program will last for a period of six months, after which student-athletes will be able to search for and pair with a different mentor for a new six-month mentoring period. Current student-athletes will have one alumni mentor at a time, while the alumni mentors, at their discretion, may accept up to two mentees at any point.

All Carnegie Mellon University student-athlete alumni are regarded as representatives of athletics interests ("boosters") for the university within NCAA regulations. The NCAA also considers anyone who has made a financial donation to Carnegie Mellon Athletics or has assisted or promoted the athletics program also to be a booster. Once an individual has been identified as a booster for Carnegie Mellon that title remains permanently.

We are proud of our current and former student-athletes and we are confident that all participants in the mentoring program will make every effort to act within NCAA rules at all times. The NCAA has specific regulations on what is and is not acceptable of boosters in regards to actions with enrolled student-athletes, and we have provided guidelines below.

A booster may provide:

-An occasional meal to a student-athlete or an entire team so long as the meal takes place in the locale of the institution. This includes dining on campus, in Oakland, Shadyside or other nearby restaurants. Meals must be restricted to infrequent and special occasions.

-Transportation to the student-athlete or team for the occasional meal. Again, this meal must take place within the locale of the institution.

-A meal to a student-athlete or entire team away from the locale of the institution only if the meal is in conjunction with, or en route to or from, an away-from-home contest.

A booster may not:

-Give any extra benefit or special arrangement to a student-athlete which is not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation. An extra benefit is something which is not generally available to the institution's students, the students' relatives or friends or a particular segment of the student body determined on a basis unrelated to athletics ability.

-Hire a student-athlete for a job in which the student-athlete is paid for work not performed or is paid at a rate higher than the usual or commensurate wage for such a position.

-Provide, co-sign, or arrange a loan for a student-athlete, the student-athlete's parents, relatives or friends.



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- Pay for, arrange for payment of, or provide cost-free room, board, or transportation for a student-athlete or their family and friends.
- Provide or arrange for the provision of gifts or free or reduced-cost services of any kind (e.g. restaurant meals, summer storage space, use of laundry facilities, retail discounts) for a current student-athlete or his for her family members.
- Provide entertainment or entertainment expenses to student-athletes or their families.
- Give tickets to sporting events, concerts, or other paid performances to student-athletes or their families.
- Present any award (e.g. financial aid award, most valuable player award) to student-athletes which are not approved by the department of athletics or provided through the university.
- Offer professional services (for which a fee would usually be charged) to a student-athlete for a reduced or no charge.
- Provide an honorarium to a student athlete for a speaking engagement to an educational or charitable group; student-athletes may receive only necessary travel expenses.

These guidelines are non-inclusive, and any questions or concerns related to this or any matter of NCAA compliance should be directed to one of the following Athletics staff members:

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