KEY DEFINITIONS

Representative of Athletics Interest (Booster): You are a booster under ANY of the following conditions:

- You are or were a member of any organization that promotes Yale athletics (e.g., alumni or sport associations).
- You have made financial contributions to Yale athletics.
- You have provided benefits (e.g., summer jobs or occasional meals) to enrolled student-athletes or their families.
- You have promoted Yale athletics in any way.

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Prospective Student-Athlete: A prospect is any individual that has started classes for the 9th grade. Individuals enrolled at preparatory schools or two year colleges are also considered prospects. Individuals maintain prospect status until enrolled full-time at a four-year collegiate institution. In men’s basketball, a prospect is any individual that has started classes for the 7th grade.

Student-Athlete: A student-athlete is any individual enrolled in classes who participates in Yale’s athletics program. This includes both recruited individuals and walk-ons.

Extra Benefit: An extra benefit is any special arrangement by a Yale employee or booster to provide a student-athlete, or a student-athlete’s relatives or friends, a benefit not authorized by the NCAA, or not available to the general student body or a particular segment of the student body (e.g., international students), on a basis unrelated to athletics.

BOOSTERS AND STUDENT-ATHLETES

Boosters MAY:

- Provide student-athletes with occasional meals. These meals may be catered, but must take place at the booster’s home or on campus. All meals must be pre-approved by the Yale Compliance Office.
- Employ or arrange employment of a student-athlete during the academic year or summer, provided:
  - Compensation is only for work actually performed;
  - Compensation is paid at a rate commensurate with the going rate for similar services in that location;
  - Compensation is in no way related to the student-athlete’s value or utility due to the publicity, reputation, fame, or personal following the student-athlete has obtained because of athletics ability;
  - All employment activities must be reported to and approved by the Yale Compliance Office.

Boosters MAY NOT:

- Pay or arrange for payment of room, board, or transportation at any time for currently enrolled student-athletes, their relatives, or friends.
- Provide a student-athlete or his/her relatives or friends with any type of extra benefit, or any benefit not available to the general student body.
- Provide special discounts (e.g., free or reduced meals/housing), payment arrangements (e.g., cosigning a loan), credits on a purchase (e.g., frequent flyer miles), or services (e.g., transportation) to student-athletes, their relatives, or friends.
- Provide awards or gifts to student-athletes for any reason, including honorariums for speaking engagements.
- Entertain student-athletes or their family or friends.
COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

♦ May I give a discount on clothing, food or car rentals to student-athletes as part of my business?

    No. A discount that is specifically for student-athletes is considered an extra benefit and is against NCAA rules. However, if you provide a discount to all Yale students, a specified subgroup of students, or the general public, and a student-athlete(s) fits within the specified group, then it is permissible for the student-athlete(s) to receive the discount as well.

♦ I know of a noteworthy prospect in the area. What do I do?

    You can notify the coaching staff of a potential prospect, and even attend their sporting events as long as no contact (in-person or otherwise) occurs. Leave the recruiting to the coaches!

♦ May I loan my car to the parents of a student-athlete who are in town visiting their child?

    No. The NCAA’s prohibition on extra benefits for student-athletes also applies to their relatives and friends.

♦ May I purchase a complimentary admissions ticket from a student-athlete?

    No. A student-athlete may not receive payment for his or her complimentary admissions and may not exchange them for any item of value (e.g., meal, apparel).

♦ May a booster treat an individual student-athlete or an entire team to a meal?

    Yes. A booster may provide a meal to individual student-athlete(s) or team. The meal must take place in the home of the booster or at an on-campus facility that is regularly used for competition. Reasonable transportation may be provided. The meal may be catered. It is not permissible to provide a meal at any other locations, including restaurants.

CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATIONS

Yale is responsible for the actions of its boosters. If a booster provides an impermissible benefit to a student-athlete or their family, a violation will occur and Yale will be subject to penalties from the NCAA, the Ivy League and Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference. Violations involving student-athletes can jeopardize their eligibility. In addition, boosters could be dissociated from the University as a result of their involvement in the violation.

COMMITMENT TO COMPLIANCE

All members of the Yale Athletics family are responsible for promoting and maintaining athletics compliance, including the administration, coaches, student-athletes and boosters. Under NCAA regulations, Yale is responsible for the actions of its boosters. As a member of the Yale Athletics family you must be aware that your actions impact our student-athlete’s eligibility.

As part of Yale University’s ongoing athletics education efforts, we want to continue to educate our alumni and friends about the numerous NCAA rules and regulations affecting the eligibility of our student-athletes. Awareness of and adherence to NCAA regulations are essential to Yale’s athletics success. However, despite all efforts, violations may occur. We encourage you to contact the Compliance Office should you have any questions about or knowledge of a potential rules violation. Providing information about any potential violations is the best way to protect Yale and our current student-athletes, as well as to safeguard against future problems.

Yale University’s commitment to excellence extends beyond the classroom into all endeavors, including athletics, that contribute to a rich and broad liberal education. Your support in our compliance efforts is greatly appreciated.