The Sun Devil Compliance Office is happy to announce the launch of our brand new website. The Boosters/Fans tab on our website provides you with applicable NCAA rules, as well as additional booster related educational documents.

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This installment of the booster newsletter is designed to give you a general idea of the legislation that applies to boosters and place that legislation in context by providing examples of two major NCAA violations involving boosters.

Who is a Booster?

Remember, you are considered a booster under NCAA legislation if you have ever:

- Made any type of contribution to Sun Devil Athletics;
- Joined the Sun Devil Club or any sport-specific support group;
- Assisted, in any manner, in the recruitment of prospects (even though such assistance would likely be impermissible);
- Participated as a student-athlete at ASU;
- Promoted ASU’s athletics program in any way; or
- Are the parent or legal guardian of an enrolled student-athlete.

General Booster Rules

Booster Rule No. 1: Boosters cannot recruit prospects, either directly or through prospects’ friends or families.

Booster Rule No. 2: Boosters cannot give anything to student-athletes (prospective or current) or their friends or families that is not authorized under NCAA rules.

Please remember that booster conduct is considered ASU conduct. Any rule violation committed by a booster could result in sanctions against Sun Devil Athletics, as well as our student-athletes, coaches, and prospects.
Impermissible Recruiting Activities and Inducements

A booster was involved in the recruitment of a prospect (made 117 phone calls and two in-person contacts) and provided the prospect with impermissible recruiting inducements (with the knowledge of an assistant coach) including:

- A car for the prospect to use in making a visit to campus;
- Specific items: cash, gift cards, and a jacket;
- Meals for the prospect’s coach;
- Arrangements for the prospect’s mother to buy a car at a reduced price; and
- An offer of $6,000 to the prospect to cancel visits at other institutions.

Result - The institution terminated the employment of the assistant coach and disassociated the booster. Additionally, the NCAA Committee on Infractions imposed the following penalties on the university:

- Two years of probation;
- Reduction of official visits and recruiting days for two years;
- Reduction of athletics scholarships; and
- Public reprimand and censure.

Impermissible Benefits

Several boosters provided numerous impermissible benefits to student-athletes such as:

- Meals, including weekly dinners, snacks, and food at tailgating events;
- Free services, including lodging, transportation, loans, and laundry; and
- Benefits related to criminal offenses, including free legal services and paying bonds for two student-athletes after their arrest.

Result - The NCAA Committee on Infractions imposed the following penalties:

- Three years of probation;
- Reduction of athletics scholarships and football graduate assistants;
- Removal of all wins with the involved student-athletes;
- Restrictions on off-campus prospect evaluations; and
- Public reprimand and censure.