

Compliance Corner: Complimentary Admissions

According to NCAA rules, neither an institution, its staff members nor its boosters may offer, provide, or arrange financial assistance or other such benefits for a prospective student-athlete, which under NCAA legislation includes *any* individual in high school, regardless of whether that person is being recruited by the University of Miami or even plays a sport.

The Athletics Department is permitted to provide limited benefits to prospective studentathletes, these limited benefits include complimentary admissions to University of Miami games, provided the tickets have been verified by the Compliance Office.

While the Athletics Department may provide prospective student-athletes complimentary admissions to University of Miami games, it's important to remember that institutional staff members and boosters are not permitted to provide any type of "pre-college expenses" to anyone who is a prospective student-athlete. Therefore, it is impermissible for any institutional staff member or booster to donate or give away their tickets to high school-aged individuals.

Additionally, donating tickets or other items to be auctioned off for a high school is specifically prohibited, as the funds raised by these auctions go directly to prospective student-athletes, even if they are not earmarked for specific individuals.

It is of the utmost importance that UM employees and boosters refrain from providing any benefits to our student-athletes and prospective student-athletes unless and until they have contacted the Compliance Office for guidance on what benefits are permissible.

As always, your efforts to help the University of Miami maintain a culture of compliance are greatly appreciated. For more compliance information, follow the UM Athletics Department on Twitter (@UCompliance), like them on Facebook (www.facebook.com/UCompliance), or contact them via email at athleticscompliance@miami.edu.

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