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 student-athletes, 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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