

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS



ATHLETICS COMPLIANCE OFFICE ALUMNI CLUBS TIPSHEET

This tipsheet is designed to address NCAA rules affecting alumni clubs and to provide answers to three common questions asked by members of Notre Dame Alumni Clubs. **Please note: due to the complexity of NCAA rules, we invite you to contact a member of the Athletics Compliance Office if you have any questions about the answers provided on this tipsheet or have questions about other scenarios not discussed on this tipsheet.**

REQUESTING DONATIONS

- As with any other group requesting a donation for a fundraiser, Notre Dame alumni clubs must complete the University of Notre Dame Athletics Donation Request Form, available on www.und.com. Use the Fan Center tab on the website to access the Donations Requests page. This page provides additional information about the donations request process and also includes a link to the Donation Request Form.
- ***Please note**, NCAA rules severely limit the institution, alumni association, alumni clubs, boosters, and fans regarding interaction with and providing benefits for prospective student-athletes (defined as any individual who has begun classes for the 9th grade, regardless of athletics participation). Specifically, it is **impermissible** for the University, the athletics department, alumni, or boosters to pay any educational expenses for prospects prior to collegiate enrollment so that they can obtain a postgraduate education. This prohibition applies to all prospects, including those who have signed a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of admission or financial aid. This also includes providing items (e.g., autographed balls, jerseys, hats, shirts) to be used in fundraisers for alumni club scholarships.
- Therefore, donation requests for club scholarship fundraising cannot be honored. However, other donation requests from Notre Dame Clubs can typically be permitted under NCAA rules.
- When making a request for your club, please check the box on the form for Fundraising for a charitable/non-profit organization (*Non-educational institution: e.g. American Cancer Society, YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, Notre Dame Club, Church Group*). Please indicate general club fundraising, UND night, Alumni Club service project, or other event, as applies, in the associated blank.

HOSTING CURRENT NOTRE DAME STUDENT-ATHLETES DURING TEAM TRAVEL

With limited exceptions, NCAA rules prohibit alumni clubs and individual alumni and boosters from providing meals or entertainment to Notre Dame student-athletes during team travel to away from home competition. Under NCAA rules, only the institution is permitted to provide such meals or entertainment. However, if your club is interested in providing such an opportunity, it is permissible to work with either the Monogram Club or the specific athletics program in one of the two following ways.

- **Monogram Club Team Hosting Program:** Your club may work in conjunction with the Monogram Club to provide unique experiences for Notre Dame student-athletes through the established team hosting program. As an extension of the University, it is permissible for the Monogram Club to provide this benefit to our student-athletes. Information about the program and the required prior approval form is available at
- <http://www.und.com/sports/monogramclub/spec-rel/120404aaa.html>.
- **Donation to the athletics program:** Your club can work directly with a Notre Dame team to provide a donation for a meal. To do so, prior to the team's arrival, please provide the coaching or sport staff with a check for the meal with an accompanying signed letter indicating that the donation is specifically for a team meal on that trip. This allows the institution to provide a permissible meal.

INVITING PROSPECTIVE NOTRE DAME STUDENT-ATHLETES TO ALUMNI CLUB FUNCTIONS

- Our alumni clubs frequently host events, including student send-offs, that invite prospective student athletes to the event. It is crucial to remember that no recruiting is permissible by anyone other than an authorized Notre Dame countable coach in that sport. Prospects cannot be introduced at any events, other than names at student send-offs, and may not be provided with any benefits other than those provided to all attendees.