



Dear Aztec Fans:

The SDSU Athletics Department is grateful to have outstanding support for all of our sports programs. We would be unable to meet our goal of achieving excellence without this assistance. **Our commitment to adhere of NCAA rules and regulations is one important aspect of our success.** The SDSU Compliance Office is responsible for educating our student-athletes, staff members, boosters, and community about NCAA rules and regulations. As a season ticket holder you are considered a “**booster**” under NCAA rules, and because of such we wanted to remind you of a few applicable NCAA rules.

NCAA rules prohibit boosters from providing “**extra benefits.**” Extra benefits are special arrangements or gifts provided to student-athletes, their friends, or their families. The receipt of extra benefits by a student-athlete or their family/friends can jeopardize the student’s NCAA eligibility. Some general examples of extra benefits include cash, gifts, and clothing. On game days, common types of extra benefits include:

- Providing a ticket for a reserved seat or access to a premium seat area (clubs, suites, etc.)
- Providing transportation to or from a game
- Providing tailgate access or meals
- Providing lodging through a special arrangement or at a free/reduced cost

Additionally, please be aware these same rules also pertain to prospective student-athletes (recruits) and their families/friends but are called “**recruiting inducements**” rather than “extra benefits”. Prospective student-athletes are identified as a student who has started classes for the ninth grade (or in Men’s Basketball & Softball the 7<sup>th</sup> grade). Booster are not permitted to take part in the recruiting process, so we appreciate you leaving the actual recruiting to our coaches.

Lastly, we are now in year two of the Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) era, and many of our student-athletes have partnered with local businesses to take full advantage of this space. What deserves recognition is the fact that all of our student-athletes and their business partners are making sure to follow all NCAA rules and California state law to protect their eligibility in the process. NIL activities may include, but are not limited to: social media endorsements, commercials, appearances, autograph signings, and other business activities. Please refer to the [SDSU Athletics NIL website](#) for more information on our AZTEC ADVANTAGE program prior to engaging in any of these activities.

While we hope that the above examples give context to some of the NCAA rules it is not an exhaustive list. Feel free to contact us with specific questions and visit the compliance webpage on [goaztecs.com](http://goaztecs.com) for the [Mountain West Conference Sportsmanship Initiative](#) and additional resources.

Sincerely,

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