

# NCSU COMPLIANCE NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back for the 2007-2008 academic year! This newsletter is designed to provide student-athletes with valuable information about issues relating to Compliance and Eligibility. The Newsletter will include rules & regulations, hot topics, and issues making the news in collegiate athletics.

### EXTRA BENEFITS

**Extra Benefit:** Any special arrangement by an NCSU employee or booster to provide a student-athlete or a student-athlete's relative and/or friend with a benefit not specifically authorized by the NCAA or available to the general student body.

- free/discounted meals
- discounted rent
- free cell phone
- cosigned loan
- free/discounted items
- borrowing a car

All of these are examples of things that may seem like a great deal, but could end up costing you your collegiate athletics career. You become immediately ineligible if you accept **any** extra benefits from or arranged by an NC State employee and/or a booster. This includes benefits obtained from local restaurants and stores. Depending on the magnitude of the benefit received, you can permanently lose eligibility.

**Occasional Meals:** A student-athlete or an entire team may receive meals provided by the NCSU coaching staff or an employee on an occasional basis. Meals provided by boosters are permissible **only** if they take place at the home of that booster. Occasional meals must be approved by the Compliance Office prior to taking place.

**Please be aware of these regulations. Remember, in college athletics there is no such thing as a free lunch—it could cost you your eligibility!**

### This month...

This Newsletter covers the following topics:

- Extra Benefits
- Occasional Meals
- Compliance Q & A

### Compliance Office

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### COMPLIANCE Q & A

**Benjamin Backstroke and his buddies were walking into the football game last weekend and a group of fans invited them over to attend a tailgate. Is it ok for Henry to accept food and beverages at tailgates?**

No. Student-athletes cannot accept any food or beverages from fans and boosters hosting tailgates. This would be an extra benefit.

**When Jenny Jumpshot attends athletics events or is out with friends, fans often ask to get her autograph or pose for pictures. Can Jenny sign any autograph she chooses?**

Yes. Jenny can sign or refuse to sign autographs if she chooses, but it is always a good idea to personalize the item so that it cannot be sold. For example, Jenny should ask the fan his/her name to put on the item along with a message or autograph.

**Brenda Birdie wants to order an extra set of golf clubs to give her sister as a gift. She knows that the equipment staff gets a pretty good discount. Can Brenda purchase the clubs at the school's discounted rate?**

No. Brenda may not purchase equipment for personal use at the institution's discounted rate. This is an extra benefit because this rate is not available to the general public or the general student body.