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**Thursday, February 19, 2015**  
**2:30 p.m. or immediately following**  
**previous meeting**

**Tod Hall**  
**Board Meeting Room**

**AGENDA**

- A. Disposition of Minutes for Meetings Held September 11, 2014; and December 4, 2014**
- B. Old Business**
- C. Subcommittee Item**
  - 1. Discussion Items**
    - a. NCAA Rules Education** **Tab 1**  
Emily Wollet, Assistant Director of Athletics, will report.
    - b. NCAA National Issue - Academic Integrity** **Tab 2**  
Emily Wollet, Assistant Director of Athletics, will report.
    - c. NCAA Convention/Legislation Update**  
Ronald Strollo, Executive Director of Athletics, will report.
- D. New Business**
- E. Adjournment**

**AGENDA ITEM: C.1.a.**

**AGENDA TOPIC:** NCAA Rules Education

**CONTACT(S):** Emily Wollet, Assistant Director of Athletics

**BACKGROUND:** NCAA rules education processes on YSU's campus.

**SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS:** "Winning with Integrity" flier is sent to all season tickets holders for football and basketball and is also distributed as needed. Flier includes basic NCAA rules information to educate the public.

**RESOLUTION:** N/A – DISCUSSION ITEM ONLY

**REVIEWED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:**

  
James P. Tressel, President

## **Winning with Integrity!**

It is the responsibility of each institution to control its intercollegiate athletics program in compliance with the rules and regulations of the NCAA. This includes responsibility for the actions of its staff members, athletes, and for any other individual or organization engaged in activities promoting the athletic interests of YSU.



### **“Ask Before You Act”**

If you have questions regarding any NCAA or institutional rules, please contact:

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## **YSU FIGHT SONG**

The Red and White are waving  
Over the field  
Our teams are fighting  
With a spirit that will not yield  
Rah-Rah-Rah  
Hail to thee O'Youngstown  
We'll fight for you  
Once again the Penguins  
Will win for YSU

## **YSU ALMA MATER**

All hail to thee O Youngstown,  
Our Alma Mater fair;  
In sunlight and starshine  
We see thee in all thy glory.  
The Red and White, thy glorious colors,  
Ever we praise and hold them  
High to the breeze as the symbol of our Most loyal  
allegiance.  
This anthem, O Youngstown,  
Our pledge of trust shall be  
That thy sons and daughters  
Shall keep faith with thee forever

**Youngstown**  
STATE UNIVERSITY

## **A Quick Guide To NCAA Rules for Boosters, Staff, and Friends of PENGUIN ATHLETICS**







This pamphlet is designed to assist supporters of Penguin Athletics with basic NCAA rules education. There are three points of emphasis:

- Definitions
- Role of Boosters
- Extra Benefits

## **DEFINITIONS**

### **Who is a booster?**

You are a YSU booster if you:

- Are a member of the Penguin Club;
- Ever made a financial contribution to the athletics department or Penguin Club;
- Have been a season-ticket holder;
- Provide jobs for student-athletes;
- Promote the YSU athletics program;
- Are a former student-athlete;
- Are a YSU Board of Trustee; or
- Are the parents or guardians of an enrolled student-athlete.

Once an individual has been identified as a booster, he or she retains this identity indefinitely.

### **Who is a prospect?**

Commonly referred to as a "recruit", a prospect is any student who has entered the ninth grade. A prospect remains a prospect until he/she enrolls at a member institution.

### **What is an "extra benefit"?**

An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an employee of YSU or booster to provide a prospect or student-athlete or their relatives a benefit not approved by the NCAA.

## **ROLE OF THE BOOSTER**

### **Recruiting**

A booster is not permitted to have any in-person contact with a prospect or the prospect's parents or legal guardians or relatives on or off campus at any site (unless you are an employee of YSU who would meet with prospects in-person, on-campus as a regular part of his/her job, i.e. faculty).

A booster is not permitted to be directed by a staff member to attend games/events in order to evaluate prospects. A booster may alert a staff member of a potential prospect, but cannot be directed to do so.

A booster is not permitted to telephone a prospect or the prospect's parents or legal guardians. If a prospect telephones a booster, the booster should refer any questions about the athletics program to the athletics department staff.

A booster can employ a prospect who has signed a National Letter of Intent to attend YSU, but employment cannot commence any earlier than the summer prior to full-time enrollment at YSU.

A booster can have contact with a prospect if there was a pre-existing relationship, meaning there was a relationship prior to the prospect becoming a prospective student-athlete.

## **EXTRA BENEFITS**

A student-athlete or prospect cannot receive any extra benefits. Receipt by an athlete of an impermissible benefit will render the athlete ineligible for competition.

Examples of impermissible benefits include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Cash or any type of gift
- Loans or cosigning of loans
- Vehicle or use of vehicle
- Arrangement for transportation
- Special discounts, reduced, or free goods or services
- Employment of relatives
- Providing transportation for a summer job
- Free or reduced cost housing
- Concert or sporting event tickets

The following are permissible activities:

- Providing an occasional meal at the home of a booster or on campus with prior approval
- Employing student-athletes under the following conditions:
  - 1) Compensation is only for work actually performed;
  - 2) Compensation must be at the going rate for the job performed; and
  - 3) Cannot be compensated for value the student-athlete may have because of his/her athletic ability or reputation.

**AGENDA ITEM: C.1.b.**

**AGENDA TOPIC:** NCAA National Issue – Academic Integrity

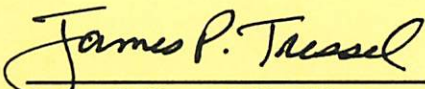
**CONTACT(S):** Emily Wollet, Assistant Director of Athletics

**BACKGROUND:** NCAA academic integrity processes on YSU's campus.

**SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS:** National academic integrity news article noting allegations of impermissible assistance provided to student-athletes. YSU processes to aspire for academic integrity on YSU's campus is noted.

**RESOLUTION: N/A – DISCUSSION ITEM ONLY**

**REVIEWED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:**

  
James P. Tressel, President

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The NCAA is investigating 20 colleges and universities over allegations of academic fraud, The Chronicle of Higher Education reports. The names of the schools were not named, but reportedly include 18 Division I universities, one Division II school and one Division III college.

The cases are at various stages, from preliminary inquiry to awaiting a hearing with the Division I Committee on Infractions, and they involve a variety of missteps, including allegations that players received impermissible assistance from professors, academic advisers, or people outside of an athletic department.

The investigation follows on the heels of an eight-month investigation into academic fraud that was found to have spanned from 1993 to 2011 at the University of North Carolina. Thousands of student-athletes were affected, and the school is still dealing with the repercussions.

“The timing is right to dedicate more resources to this,” head of the NCAA’s academic-integrity group Katherine Sulentic told The Chronicle of Higher Education reports. “Everyone’s antenna is up about academic fraud on a college campus in general.”

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Youngstown State University’s Intercollegiate Athletics Department has the following measures in place to help educate as well as commit to academic integrity:

- 1) The department utilizes an Academic Eligibility Committee to review and approve the NCAA academic progress requirements for every student-athlete to compete. The committee includes members from outside the athletics department: currently Sally Kenney (HHS), Denise Walters-Dobson (STEM), and Chet Cooper (STEM);
- 2) The department actively utilizes its Faculty Athletics Representative (currently Dr. Chet Cooper) in matters between a faculty member and student-athlete that might require a third party to mediate in order to prevent athletic staff’s involvement in such issues;
- 3) Various Athletic Department staff work to provide transparency in its operations with a variety of campus departments/staff (e.g. financial aid, admissions, housing, Intercollegiate Athletics Council, General Counsel, etc.) by conducting regular in-persons meetings and sharing of policies and procedures to solicit feedback to ensure such processes are agreeable and consistent with University procedures; and
- 4) NCAA rules education regularly appears in fundraising banquet programs, game day programs, season ticket mailings, each semester through the YSU Personal Announcement notice, etc. as well as in-person education with compliance staff occurs at quarterly Penguin Club Board meetings in order to help educate boosters and the general public about the importance of complying with NCAA rules.

In the end, no policy or legislation can protect against individual, unethical behavior/decisions.