



Occasional Meals

According to NCAA Bylaw 16.11.1.5 it is permissible for an institutional staff member or representative of athletics interests to provide a student-athlete, or an entire team, with an occasional meal in the locale of the institution on ***infrequent and special occasions***.

There is no clear definition of how often an infrequent meal can be held, however, it is easier to explain what is not considered infrequent. Infrequent is not prior to every home football game. It is not every weekend when there is a prospect on campus for an official visit, or on the first Tuesday of every month. Although these events do not occur every week, they are scheduled and planned and are not considered infrequent. Keep in mind that the intent of this legislation was to allow staff or boosters to provide this benefit to student-athletes for special events such as birthdays or team celebrations. It was not intended to be used as a recruiting tool.

Prior to an occasional meal, sport programs and/or boosters will submit their occasional meal request form to the Office of Compliance Services for approval. An email indicating if the meal was approved or denied will be sent to the meal host. Occasional meals will be approved when they are not excessive and occur on an infrequent basis. All occasional meals will be logged and cross-checked each month.