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RALPHIE'S HOT TOPIC

HIGH SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

- ✘ NCAA rules prohibit us as an athletics department from providing funding to a high school athletics program.
- ✘ This includes funding directly AND indirectly.
- ✘ This covers ALL organizations at a high school, not just athletics.

HIGH SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

- × CU is prohibited from donating items (e.g. autographed balls, memorabilia, etc.) as auction items.
 - + Directly (high school banquet)
 - + Indirectly (CHSAA Awards event for HS athletes)
- × Athletics staff members are prohibited from contributing and/or participating in an event devoted to raising funds for a high school.
 - + E.g., paying greens fees to participate in a high school booster club's golf tournament.



FUNDRAISERS FOR PROSPECTS

- ✘ We are also prohibited from supporting an organization who is raising money for prospects.
- ✘ For example, if the Denver Metro Sports Commission is running a fundraiser to support a college scholarship they are sponsoring, we cannot contribute because the funds will benefit a prospect.

COACH SPEAKING AT A BANQUET FOR PSA'S

- ✘ It is permissible for a coach to speak at a banquet for prospects
- ✘ The primary focus of the banquet CANNOT be to raise funds.
- ✘ Permissible – speaking at an “end of the season” banquet for a HS team
- ✘ Impermissible – speaking at a high school’s annual fundraising banquet.

COACHES ATTENDING HS EVENTS

- ✘ A coach is not precluded from attending a high school event, as long as he/she pays the entry fee and the PRIMARY focus is not to raise funds.
-  + Attending a regular high school athletic contest to evaluate prospects
-  + Attending a charity basketball game to raise funds for new uniforms.
- ✘ It cannot violate any applicable recruiting calendars.
- ✘ Athletics staff who are NOT sport-specific do not have the same restriction.

DONATING TO A FOUNDATION

- ✘ A coach can donate funds to a non-athletics organization (e.g. YMCA, Boys and Girls Club), even if prospects are members of the organization.
- ✘ The funds cannot be earmarked for a particular prospect

BYLAWS WE ARE REFERENCING

- × **13.15.1 Prohibited Expenses.**
- × An institution or a representative of its athletics interests shall not offer, provide or arrange financial assistance, directly or indirectly, to pay (in whole or in part) the costs of the prospective student-athlete's educational or other expenses for any period prior to his or her enrollment or so the prospective student-athlete can obtain a postgraduate education.

BYLAWS WE ARE REFERENCING

- × **13.15.1.1 Extent of Prohibition.**
- × The provisions of Bylaw 13.15.1 apply to all prospective student-athletes, including those who have signed a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of admission or financial aid.

BYLAWS WE ARE REFERENCING

- ✘ **13.15.1.2 Fundraising for High School Athletics Program.**
- ✘ An institution may not provide funding, directly or through paid advertisements, to benefit a high school athletics program. Violations of this bylaw do not affect a prospective student-athlete's eligibility and are considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1.