


RALPHIE'S HOT TOPIC



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Recruiting Funds

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Who can provide recruiting funds?

- ⦿ Only CU can fund recruiting trips.
- ⦿ It violates NCAA recruiting rules for a coach or booster to personally fund a recruiting trip.
- ⦿ A booster could potentially help fund a portion of a recruiting trip, if approval is received prior to the trip (ex: housing).
- ⦿ Expense reports **MUST** be submitted for each recruiting trip.
 - › Be sure to completely fill out the report.

How do we verify this?

- › Expense Reports are reviewed by the Compliance Office on a monthly basis.
- › Your expense report must include the prospect(s) information (name, grad year, etc.), type of recruiting activity (contact/evaluation) which must also be included in your contact/evaluation logs.

Example 1

- ⦿ Coach Smith is on the road recruiting for one day at Montbello High School in Denver.
- ⦿ Coach Smith thinks the expense report takes too much time and does not feel the need to be reimbursed for mileage to Denver as well as a lunch.
- ⦿ **An expense report is still necessary in this situation!**

Example 2

- ⦿ Coach Jones is excited to have received interest from a top international prospect.
- ⦿ Coach Jones has decided to make a trip overseas to have face-to-face contact with the recruit.
- ⦿ Coach Jones' recruiting budget for the year is already maxed out so Coach Jones decides to pay for the trip out-of-pocket and does not feel the need to complete an expense report.
- ⦿ **An expense report is necessary in this situation!**

References:

- ◎ 13.14.1 Institutional Control
- ◎ All funds for the recruiting of prospective student-athletes shall be deposited with the member institution, which shall be exclusively and entirely responsible for the manner in which such funds are expended.

References:

- ◎ Staff Interpretation

Coaching Staff Members Expending Personal Funds and Seeking Reimbursement for Recruiting Expenses

Date Published: August 22, 2007

Item Ref: 3

Interpretation: The membership services staff determined that CU may allow coaching staff members to expend personal funds for recruiting purposes and then seek reimbursement, provided such expenditures are pre-approved in general (e.g., recruiting trip is approved, as opposed to a requirement that each specific expenditure is approved) and the pre-approval is consistent with institutional policies and procedures applicable to all institutional staff members.

References

- Staff Interpretation

Booster providing services for coaches on recruiting trips

Date Published: December 30, 1988

Item Ref: a

Interpretation: Determined that the provisions of Bylaw 1-5-(c) [outside organizations, groups or individuals shall not utilize, administer or expend funds for recruiting prospective student-athletes] would not preclude a booster from providing free services (e.g., lodging accommodations, use of car) to a member institution's coach on a recruiting trip, provided the institution has knowledge and approves of such arrangements; further, it would be permissible for the coach to entertain (e.g., dinner) the booster in exchange for these services, provided such expenses are properly documented and approved.