

## **Guidelines for Compliance with NCAA and Governmental Affairs regulations in the purchase, distribution, and reporting of University event tickets**

### **DEFINITIONS**

**Prospective Student Athlete:** as defined by NCAA Bylaw 13 on recruitment, a student who has started classes for the ninth grade. In addition, a student who has not started classes for the ninth grade becomes a prospective student athlete if the institution provides such an individual (or the individual's family members or friends) any financial assistance or other benefits that the institution does not provide to prospective students generally. An individual remains a prospective student athlete until one of the following occurs (whichever is earlier):

- a) The individual officially registers and enrolls in a minimum full-time program of studies and attends classes in any term of a four-year collegiate institution's regular academic year (excluding summer)
- b) The individual participates in a regular squad practice or competition at a four-year collegiate institution that occurs before the beginning of any term
- c) The individual participates in required summer athletic activities before initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution
- d) The individual officially registers, enrolls and attends classes during the certifying institution's summer term prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution; or
- e) The individual reports to an institutional orientation session that is open to all incoming students within 14 calendar days prior to the opening day of classes of a regular academic year term

**University Student Athlete:** an enrolled student who is a member of any varsity athletic team at any location of the University.

#### **A. NCAA Compliance:**

Tickets for special seating or standing-room-only access to University-controlled areas for Intercollegiate Athletics events should not be made available to any Prospective Student Athletes or any current University Student Athlete.

A limited exception permits Prospective Student Athletes to access areas designated as "special seating" if all the following conditions are met:

1. The Prospective Student Athlete is not being recruited by Penn State in any sport, the invitation was not based on any notoriety or ability in athletics;
2. The Prospective Student Athlete is the family member or legal dependent of adults who were invited by PSU and accompanying them to the suite **OR**

The Prospective Student Athlete is the family member or legal dependent of adults whose invitation is derived from the invitation issued to an adult who was invited by PSU and accompanying them to the suite;

3. The invitation to the suite was initiated strictly based on the invited adult's relationship with PSU rather than the Prospective Student Athlete athletics participation or status and therefore the Prospective Student Athlete may be in attendance as a "Dignitary for the Day";

4. Family members/parents with a Prospective Student Athlete as a guest receive the same treatment as similarly situated guests without Prospective Student Athletes.

Examples of special seating include University-controlled suites and press boxes but can also include any location that is not accessible to the general public from which the game, meet or match can be viewed (e.g., the outside deck at Beaver Stadium).

These restrictions apply throughout the game and include half-time.

#### **B. STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS:**

All tickets provided on a complimentary basis to state and federal officials and/or employees, must be identified and Government and Community Relations notified to ensure compliance with the University's state and federal lobbying disclosure requirements. This would apply to tickets purchased by University units where the tickets will be complimentary to the guest being invited.