

The following NCAA bylaw discusses fund raising for high schools and what involvement an institutional staff member may have regarding such fund raising activities:

NCAA BYLAW 13.16.1.2 — Fund Raising 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 prospect's eligibility; however, the violation shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1. (Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 4/26/01)

The following two interpretations are examples of prohibited activities:

1. Involvement of Athletics Department Staff Member in Fund Raisers for High-School Athletics Program - An institution's athletics department staff member may not provide any financial contributions to a high school athletics program through participation in a fund raising event (e.g., paying greens fees to participate in a golf outing when any portion of the greens fees will go to benefit the high school athletics program).
2. A member institution asked whether a coaching staff member could give an autographed football to a high school for the high school to utilize to raise money. The NCAA staff concluded that this would not be permissible under the provisions of Bylaw 13.16.1.2. The staff concluded that this legislation also would preclude the high school from buying the football from the member institution for this purpose.

Since this is a time of year when many golf outings occur to raise funds for different groups, the compliance staff wanted to make sure that everyone was aware of the restriction of participating in high school fund raising golf outings and providing items for auctions that are sometimes held at such golf outings. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this matter.