

With summer break upon us, it is important to remember the occasional meal legislation that all athletics department staff members must follow. Summer time may seem like an ideal time to have student-athletes over to your home on occasion to eat or just to watch a game on television. Remember that extra benefit legislation applies to **all** times of the year, so please refrain from having student-athletes visit your home.

Occasional Meals

It is permissible for a student-athlete or the entire team in a sport to receive an occasional meal on infrequent and special occasions from an institutional staff member. An institutional staff member may host a meal at his/her home or at a restaurant. An institutional staff member may provide reasonable local transportation to student-athletes to attend such meals.

Student-athletes may also receive an occasional meal from a representative of Purdue's athletics interests (e.g., booster). Meals provided by a booster must take place in the booster's home as opposed to a restaurant. A booster may provide reasonable local transportation to student-athletes to attend the meal function only if the meal function is at the home of that booster. All occasional meals must take place within 30 miles of campus. Occasional meal legislation also applies to group functions such as meals hosted by Athletes in Action and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Student-athletes are limited to the number of occasional meals they may receive during the academic year. Receipt of excessive occasional meals will result in a violation of extra benefit legislation. Student-athletes are expected to notify their coach prior to accepting an occasional meal. Coaches should notify the compliance staff prior to having student-athletes accept occasional meals.

All occasional meals must be approved by a member of the compliance staff prior to the occasional meal occurring. Approval must come in writing using the Occasional Meals Request Form (<http://www.purdue.edu/athletics/compliance/pages/coaches/documents/OccasionalMealsRequestForm.pdf>). The form must be completed by the staff member providing the meal and submitted in advance.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Compliance Office.