



Vanderbilt University
OCCASIONAL MEAL POLICY
Office of Athletic Compliance

Vanderbilt University prides itself on the integrity of its athletics program, and we enjoy working with those who abide by the guidelines established by Vanderbilt University, the SEC and the NCAA.

The primary goal of Vanderbilt University's policy regarding occasional meals is to protect our student-athletes and their eligibility during their seasons of intercollegiate competition. With that in mind, we ask that you remember the following things:

NCAA Bylaw 16.11.1.5 - An institutional staff member may provide a student-athlete or a team with an occasional meal (and transportation to attend the meal) at any location in the locale of the institution (e.g., restaurants) on infrequent and special occasions. In addition, a booster may provide a student-athlete or a team with an occasional meal (and transportation to attend the meal) at his/her home on infrequent and special occasions, but remains prohibited from providing a meal at a restaurant.

Generally, "occasional" constitutes two to three times per semester per student-athlete.

Under NCAA rules, a student-athlete or the entire team in a sport may receive an occasional family home meal from an institutional staff member under the following conditions:

- The meal must be provided in an individual's home.
- The meal may be catered.
- Meals must be restricted to infrequent and special occasions.
- An institutional staff member may provide reasonable local transportation to a student-athlete to attend the meal.
- A booster may provide reasonable local transportation to a student-athlete to attend the meal only if the meal is at the home of *that* booster.
- Boosters are not permitted to have contact with prospective student-athletes (i.e. recruits)

Each meal must be given prior approval by the Compliance Office. If you are interested in providing an occasional meal, please complete the appropriate form and submit to the Compliance Office.

Thank you for your cooperation and your adherence to Vanderbilt University's policies and procedures. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 615-322-2083. We look forward to working with you.

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