

That the staff develop the wording for a proposed amendment to Bylaw 16 that would define a booster and clarify that a booster is subject to the restrictions in that bylaw:

Booster

A **booster** is any individual, parent, business, organization, or other entity that supports, promotes, finances, or otherwise assists a member school's athletic program or any of its individual athletic teams or student-athletes.

A person or entity becomes a booster by engaging in one or more of the following activities:

- Contributing money, goods, services, or other resources to a school's athletic program or an affiliated booster organization;
- Participating in or holding membership in a booster club or similar support organization;
- Assisting with fundraising for the school's athletic program or any specific sport(s);
- Promoting or advocating for the school's athletic program or any specific sport(s) team(s) including facility tours, meetings or other types of activities;
- Assisting in the recruitment, retention, enrollment, or transfer of prospective or enrolled student-athletes;
- Providing benefits, opportunities, or other support to student-athletes, their families, coaches, or athletic personnel because of their association with the school's athletic program.

An individual or entity may become a booster by supporting **only one sport or athletic team or the entire athletic program**. Once that status is established, the individual or entity shall be considered a booster of the member school and not solely of that particular sport or team.

In addition, the parent, legal guardian, or person exercising parental authority of a student-athlete participating in any interscholastic sport shall be considered a booster of the member school for purposes of these bylaws, regardless of whether the individual is affiliated with a booster club or provides financial support to the athletic program.

Once an individual or entity becomes a booster, that status shall continue unless otherwise determined by the Association.

Additional penalty language for Bylaw 16

If a student is determined to have received improper inducements or benefits from a member school resulting in a violation of Bylaw 16, the student shall be ineligible for interscholastic athletics at the school that provided or arranged the improper benefit. Upon enrollment at another member school not involved in the violation, the student's eligibility shall be determined under the Association's normal eligibility rules, including but not limited to Bylaw 16, provided the receiving school neither participated in nor benefited from the violation.

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