



Southern Professional Hockey League

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SPHL Booster Club Regulations

Booster Clubs are an extension of the member team and are not permitted to pay or provide players additional compensation beyond what is permitted pursuant to their Standard Player Contract and SPHL Rules, Regulations and Bylaws. Payments or compensation by a booster club or its members are considered a salary cap violation, which may violate the player's immigration status, and the team shall be subject to the penalties as provided under SPHL rules. In addition, depending on the severity of the infraction, the SPHL may require the disbandment of a team's booster club as part of the disciplinary action.

The Booster Club may present gifts or de minimus rewards to players for certain honors if pre-approved by the SPHL office.

If the member team provides the items used by the Booster Club to generate revenue, this revenue may not be distributed back to the team's players.

Member teams cannot make cash donations, or other gifts in kind to the Booster Club, that are subsequently distributed to the players.

Prior to the start of each season, each Booster Club must submit a detailed list of all planned cash or cash equivalent gifts to be given to SPHL players during the upcoming season.

Items or events not covered below must be submitted to the League Office for approval.

The following items **ARE PERMITTED** to be provided by SPHL Booster Clubs:

- Apartment furnishings: linens, pillows, dishes, cookware, etc (i.e. basic housekeeping needs)
- Juices, snacks, videos for road trips
- \$50 award (maximum amount allowed per award) for Player of the Month awards (must be in the form of a gift certificate/card that is not redeemable for cash)
- \$25 gift certificate/card for hat trick or shutout
- Welcome cookout/dinner/party, holiday dinner, end of season awards dinner/party



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In addition, groceries **ARE PERMITTED** to be purchased by SPHL Booster Clubs as follows:

- Booster clubs may spend a **maximum** of \$50 per player, per month
- Groceries must be purchased and paid for directly by the booster club (no gift cards)
- Alcohol is not permitted
- Groceries may be purchased one time per month, at the start of the month
- Additional grocery purchases are not permitted during the month based on player changes within an apartment
- Booster clubs must spend the same amount on **all** players every month
- If spending less than the \$50 limit per player, the remaining monthly difference may not be distributed to players in any fashion.

The following items **ARE NOT PERMITTED** to be provided by SPHL Booster Clubs:

- Gift cards to a restaurant in conjunction with road trips. This would exceed the daily per diem limit as set by the Board of Governors
- Any portion of revenue of any item sold with a player's name or likeness (i.e. photo buttons, cards)
- Revenue from Chuck-A-Puck promotions sponsored or run by the Booster Club
- Payment for player appearances at special events (i.e. auctions, meetings, sponsor events, etc.)
- Cash payments of any kind

The following items **REQUIRE LEAGUE APPROVAL** to be provided by SPHL Booster Clubs/members:

- Christmas and/or birthday gifts
- Any monies to be paid to the players (except as provided in this memo)
- Anything else not covered in these regulations

Approval for all items is obtained by submitting an SPHLBC Approval Request Form.

Questions concerning these regulations can be addressed to the League Office by the club president.