

Sports Booster Club Spending Guidelines

To keep our booster club transparent and focused on athletes, here's a quick guide to what fundraiser money **can** and **cannot** be used for.

■ Appropriate Uses	■ Inappropriate Uses
Team equipment & uniforms	Personal gifts for coaches, parents, or members
Travel expenses for the team	Alcohol, tobacco, or adult entertainment
Tournament/competition entry fees	Unrelated school expenses (non-athletic)
Training, clinics, or athletic support	Individual player-only expenses
Facility improvements for athletics	Cash payments directly to individuals
Awards & recognition for athletes	Travel/meal costs for non-athlete family members
Team meals & snacks	Large gifts or bonuses to coaches
Scholarships for athletes	
Promotional items for the team	

Best Practices

- Put all spending requests to a vote at meetings.
- Keep detailed financial records with receipts for every purchase.
- Follow your school district's policies — some require pre-approval for spending.
- Always ask: *Does this expense directly benefit our student-athletes or program?*