

Student-Athlete Complimentary Admission Policy

Intercollegiate Athletics must abide by NCAA and Big Sky Conference regulations regarding complimentary admissions to athletics events. The future eligibility of student-athletes will be affected by actions contrary to the provisions of NCAA Bylaw 16.2.

Admission to Student-Athlete's Sport

- Each athlete is entitled to four (4) admissions for regularly scheduled home intercollegiate athletic contests in their own sport. The Cheer Squad, Dance Team, and working athletic training students will receive two (2) admissions.
- For road games in the athlete's sport, the number of complimentary admissions provided to student-athletes can vary based on the total number of tickets provided in the game contract. However, the general policy is the same as Part A above, except in football. For road games in football, traveling players are entitled to two (2) admissions.
- NCAA rules permit these admissions to be provided to any individuals designated by the student-athlete. Admissions are administered via a "pass" list. **Hard Tickets will not be issued.**
- A form for designating these individuals will be issued to each student-athlete prior to each home or road event. The designated coach will submit a list to the ticket office to use as the pass list (usually with help from the respective sport's administrative assistant). Changes in identified guests can be made until the close of business the day before the game. No changes will be allowed on game day.
- Complimentary admissions for football are admitted through the pass gate located on the West Plaza in Washington Grizzly Stadium. In basketball, the pass gate is located at the front entrance of the Adams Center, on the south end. A ticket stub will be issued for reserved seating after the person is admitted at the pass gate. In volleyball and soccer, there is no separate pass gate. For all sports, the person receiving admission will be required to show photo I.D. and sign for their admission.

Admission to Other Sports

Student-athletes may be admitted to all UM regularly scheduled home intercollegiate athletic contests in the same manner as other UM students. In football, student tickets are free, on a first-come, first serve basis with a valid Griz Card. One additional guest ticket can be purchased for \$10. There are a limited number of guest tickets.

In all other sports, a student-athlete presents a valid Griz Card for entry.

Outside Sponsored or Post-Season Events

There are **no** complimentary admissions to outside tournaments or postseason tournament events hosted by The University of Montana. The University of Montana must adhere to the complimentary admissions policies established by the sponsoring agency or mandated by NCAA rules for postseason tournaments.

UM Student Ticket Policy

The University has established the following policy to accommodate students and for the issuance of tickets to athletic events.

- **Football:** UM students may obtain a maximum of one student ticket for free and one guest ticket at \$10 for regularly scheduled home games **beginning at 8 a.m. each Monday preceding the game.** Tickets are issued at the Adams Center Box Office and The Source (University Center Box Office). Students must present a current, valid Griz Card. The student ticket is “deposited” on to the student’s Griz Card. The guest ticket is issued as a hard ticket. Student and guest tickets are limited and are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Student and guest tickets not purchased by UM students by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday before each game will then be released for sale to the general public.
- **Basketball:** UM students may enter any regularly scheduled home game free of charge through the “Student Entrance” of the Adams Center. Students must present a current, valid Griz Card.
- Volleyball, soccer, track & field: Ticket pick-up is not required for admission to volleyball, track & field, or soccer. UM students need only present their Griz Card at the ticket gate.

University Athletic Committee

- Each active University Athletic Committee member will receive two (2) complimentary admissions to UM home, regular-season athletic events.
- These complimentary admissions can not be given away for use by others. The two admissions are intended for the committee member and a guest accompanying the member to the game.
- Committee member and guest will be required to present picture I.D. for admission.
- Complimentary admissions can only be provided to regular season home contests. Complimentary admissions are not available for postseason competition (i.e., playoff games, championships, tournaments).

Ticket/GSA Membership Policy Athletic Staff and Coaches

Complimentary Tickets

The following categories of Athletic personnel shall receive the stated number of complimentary tickets.

Home Athletic Events:

- **Athletic department personnel:** two (2) complimentary tickets for all ticketed events
- **Athletic Director:** eight (8) complimentary tickets for all ticketed events
- **Associate Athletic Directors:** four (4) complimentary tickets for all ticketed events
- **Head Coaches:** eight (8) complimentary tickets in their respective sport
- **Assistant Coaches:** four (4) complimentary tickets in their respective sport
- **Head Coaches for Football, Men's Basketball, and Women's Basketball:** an additional ten (10) complimentary tickets in their respective sport at their disposal to be used for public relations and fundraising. These tickets are issued on a game by game basis and the coach must account for and justify the use of these admissions, if requested.

Away-from-Home Football Games:

- **Athletic Director:** eight (8) complimentary tickets
- **Associate Athletic Directors:** two (2) complimentary tickets
- **Other staff in travel party:** two (2) complimentary tickets
- **Head and Assistant Football Coaches:** 38 total complimentary tickets distributed among the coaches (any additional tickets must be purchased by football)

Away-from-Home Basketball Games:

- There are a total of 45 complimentary tickets provided to the institution for road games. After the player comps are determined (2 per player), the remaining tickets are distributed at the discretion of the coaching staff.

GSA Memberships

The location of the complimentary tickets to UM Athletic staff members will be based on the following years of continuous service:

- **0-8 years** of service: Tickets will be in any non-GSA section in the facility as available.
- **8-15 years:** Individual will be given a complimentary GSA membership at the Copper level.
- **15+ years:** Individual will be given a complimentary GSA membership at the Gold level.

If an individual wishes to have tickets in a GSA area before completing 8 years of service in the department, s/he can purchase the membership at that level. Additionally, if an individual receives a complimentary Copper membership using the schedule above, s/he can upgrade to the next level by paying the difference.

All Athletic personnel are strongly encouraged to participate in the GSA.

High School Coach Complimentary Admissions Policy

NCAA Bylaw 13.8.1 states that the entertainment of high-school, preparatory school or two-year college coaches is limited to providing a maximum of two (2) complimentary admissions to home events, provided on a game-by-game basis. Hard tickets can not be issued; admissions are done via a pass list. The following policies are to be followed for high school coaches' admission to UM sporting events.

Football Games (effective September 12, 2004)

- High school **football** coaches phone their requests for complimentary admissions to the football office on Monday through Wednesday of game week.
- The football office will provide a pass list to the ticket office by Thursday morning for that week's game.
- If the total allotment of tickets (30) is not utilized by high school football coaches, the ticket office may fill requests from other MHSA head coaches of sports other than football. Note: Those who have a current, valid MCA card can receive one (1) ticket if any are available after the above groups are served.
- Coaches will enter the game through the pass gate located on the West Plaza of Washington Grizzly Stadium. They will be required to show photo I.D.
- Complimentary admissions are not available for Homecoming or Griz/Cat games.

Basketball Games

- High school coaches phone their requests for complimentary admissions to the administrative assistant for basketball.
- The administrative assistant will provide a memo with the list of names to the ticket office. Compliance Office is copied on the memo.
- Complimentary admissions are not available for the Griz/Cat games.
- Coaches will enter the game through the pass gate located at the front of the Adams Center. They will be required to show photo I.D.

NCAA rules prohibit complimentary admissions to any postseason competition (e.g., NCAA championship, conference tournament, playoffs).

Official/Unofficial Visit Complimentary Admission Policy

Official Visits

- The visiting prospect and a maximum of two guests accompanying the prospect can be identified on the *Official Visit Record* to receive complimentary admission to a UM home athletic event.
- The Athletic Business Office will provide a photocopy of the visit form to Celine Fisher in the ticket office for the names to be placed on the pass list.
- The prospect and guest(s) will be required to show picture I.D. for admission.
- Current student-athletes serving as hosts for the visits can also be provided complimentary admissions using this same process.

Unofficial Visits

- Visiting prospects on unofficial visits may be provided a maximum of three (3) complimentary admissions to per UM home athletic events.
- The coach or sport administrative assistant will provide a memo to Celine Fisher in the ticket office that lists the names of complimentary admissions for prospects on unofficial visits. The Compliance Office must be copied on the memo.
- The prospects will be required to show picture I.D. for admission.
- There are no NCAA limits on the number of unofficial visits a prospect can make to the institution.
- Entire sports teams can be provided complimentary admissions to home athletic events in their respective sport (**except for football**) in this same manner. However, in this scenario, each prospect on the team is limited to his/her own admission (not 3). Coaches accompanying the team can also be provided complimentary admission with the team. In volleyball and soccer, the sports teams fax a team roster directly to Celine Fisher. In men and women's basketball, a team roster is provided to the basketball administrative assistant. Further, in basketball only, each team is limited to one opportunity per year.

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GRIZ/CAT FOOTBALL GAME TICKET POLICY

1. All GSA member ticket requests will go through Adams Center Box Office
2. All orders paid in advance
3. Ticket orders will be accepted beginning in early July with no orders being accepted after mid-September (check with Box Office or GSA each year for specific dates)
4. Student ticket sales will take place for one week, usually the second week of September. Students will be limited to two (2) per person. Athletics staff, other than football staff, will have an opportunity to purchase two (2) tickets for their own or immediate family use during the same time period outlined in number 3 above.

GSA MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Priority Seating Levels:

Copper, Silver and Golden will receive one (1) ticket per membership

Club Levels:

Player	One (1) per membership
Coaches	Two (2) per membership
Directors	Two (2) per membership
Captains	Four (4) per membership
Scholarship	Four (4) per membership

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No priority unless accompanied by a GSA membership

STUDENT TICKETS

Student tickets to the Griz/Cat game are not discounted and students pay full price. Any student tickets not sold will be released to address other concerns as determined by Grizzly Athletics.

Band members are allotted two tickets each for a total of 160. They need to have two seats each to allow for moving around.