

## ***NOTICE: CHANGE IN THE RESALE OF NOTRE DAME ATHLETIC TICKETS POLICY.***

The Notre Dame Athletic Department has observed a significant increase in the number of athletic tickets being offered for sale via the Internet in the last few years on various sites. The tickets are typically offered to the highest bidder via an auction-style format and through classified ads.

The Athletic Department does not condone the practice of reselling Notre Dame athletic tickets above face value with the exception of Alumni Association organizations (*i.e. clubs*) for scholarship funding opportunities, and to a certain extent, charitable organizations that are sanctioned/approved by the University.

Therefore, after lengthy discussions with representatives from various University departments the following actions will be taken when there is evidence that an individual or group has been found to have sold Notre Dame athletic tickets above face value or when tickets have been sold via a ticket broker/agency:

### **Season Tickets:**

If an individual, faculty/staff member, alumnus, company or other entity is found to have sold their season tickets for an amount greater than the face value of the tickets, or have sold their tickets to a ticket broker/agency who in turn resells the tickets for an amount greater than face value, they will be denied ticket privileges for a minimum period of 5 years. In addition, the individual will not receive the same seat location if/when the privilege is reinstated.

Repeat offenders will be subject to stricter penalties up to and including permanent revocation.

### **Individual Game Tickets:**

If an individual, faculty/staff member, alumnus, company or other entity is found to have sold their tickets to one or more games for an amount greater than the face value, or have sold their tickets to a ticket broker/agency who in turn resells the tickets for an amount greater than face value of the tickets, they will be denied ticket privileges for a minimum period of 2 years.

Repeat offenders will be subject to stricter penalties up to and including permanent revocation.

### **Please Note:**

Based on the aforementioned policies it is important to define the term “face value”. Simply stated our definition would be, “the face value of the ticket is the amount printed on the face of the ticket”. It would not include any amount paid in order to maintain the option of purchasing the tickets or to receive the right to apply for the tickets (*i.e., Building Fund, Annual Fund contributions, etc.*)

In addition, it will be important that we establish an appeals process for those who believe they were wrongly accused. Therefore, if an individual believes the Ticket Office has revoked their tickets and/or privileges in error, he/she will have the right to appeal the

decision. An Appeals Committee, made up of representatives from throughout campus, will be established to review all appeals. All appeals must be made in writing to the Ticket Office who will take on the responsibility of calling the committee together, on an as needed basis, and will present each case.

As stated earlier, we believe there is a need to exempt two categories of groups from this policy; (1) Notre Dame Alumni Clubs and Alumni Association organizations and (2) charitable organizations sanctioned by the University. In the past we have allowed alumni clubs and other Alumni Association organizations to sell tickets at an amount above face value for the purpose of increasing their respective scholarship funds. In addition, we have made tickets available to certain charities, and have allowed alumni to offer their tickets to charities, as donations for auctions/fund-raisers. We believe we need to be open to and supportive in distinguishing between an individual or group reselling tickets at a premium for personal gain versus those doing so for charitable causes.

Your adherence to this policy is appreciated.