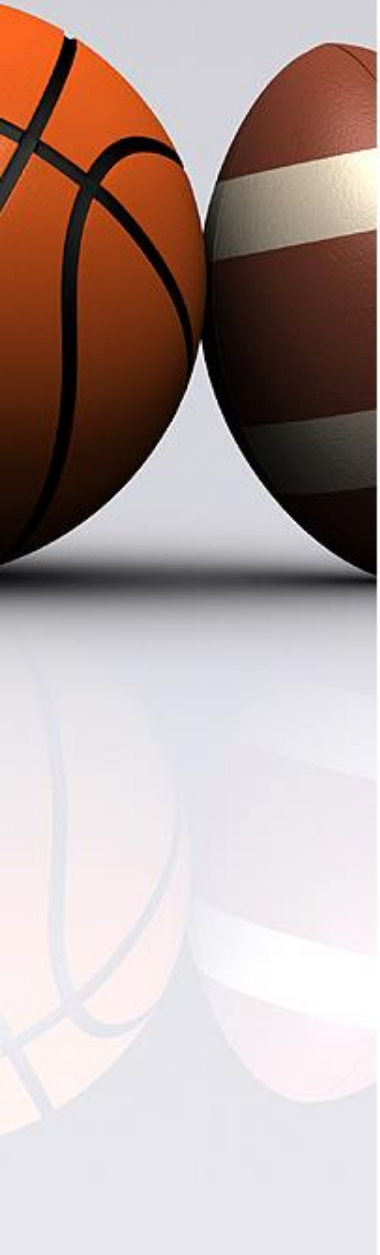


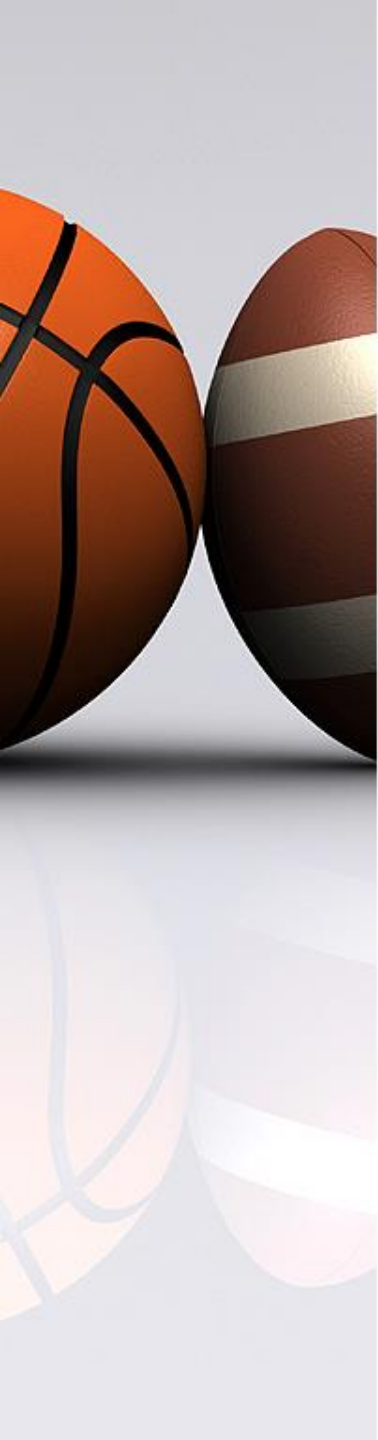


**NCAA Division I  
Awards, Benefits and Expenses for Enrolled  
Student-Athletes**

# Overview

- Awards.
- Entertainment.
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# Awards

# Awards While Not Representing Institution



- Governed by amateur sports organization's rules if Student-Athlete (SA) is not representing institution.
- Gift cards permitted provided not redeemable for cash.
- Charts of value limitations do not apply.
- Cash awards cannot exceed actual and necessary expenses. (See NCAA Division I Bylaw 12)

# Awards While Representing Institution



- NCAA Division I Bylaw 16.1 limitations; Figures 16-1, 16-2 and 16-3 apply.
- No country or sports club memberships.
- Gift cards permitted provided not redeemable for cash.
- No cash awards.

*Bylaw 16.1.1.2*



# Awards- General Reminders

- Cash or award an SA could not receive under NCAA legislation may not be forwarded to a different individual or agency.

*Bylaw 16.1.4*

- National Invitational Tournament participants limited to \$400 for "participation in other established meets, tournaments and featured individual competition."

*7/8/13 interpretation*

- SA may not sell, or exchange for another item of value, any item received for athletics participation.

*January 10, 2014*

- SA may receive a memento of nominal value which may not include cash, in recognition of an accomplishment in a particular event as a benefit incidental to participation.

*September 13, 2013*

# Case Study No. 1



- SA participated in an approved outside unattached competition over the holiday break.
- SA won the race and qualified for the overall race winner awards and specific age-group awards.
- An institution would like to know whether the SA is subject to the \$400 limit for participation in other established meets, tournaments and featured individual competition awards in Figure 16-1.

# Case Study No. 1



## Answer

- Awards received by an individual for participation as an individual in permissible outside competition are no longer subject to the charts in Bylaw 16.
- Awards for participation in such competition shall conform only to the rules of the amateur sports organization that governs the competition.
- May not include cash (or cash equivalents) that exceeds actual and necessary expenses.



# Case Study No. 2



- An institution would like to know if it is permissible to give participation awards out more than once a year (since they no longer have to be given at the end of the SA's season)?

# Case Study No. 2



## Answer

- It is permissible to provide participation awards at any time throughout the year provided the total cost of the awards do not exceed the maximum value limitations in Figure 16-1.

# Case Study No. 3



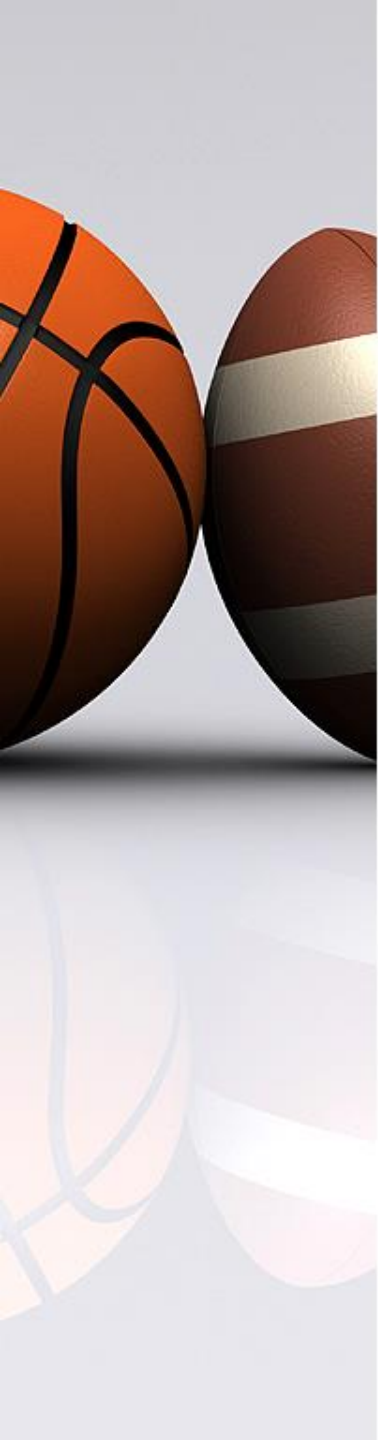
- Team received a national championship ring for winning the 2014 NCAA championship.
- During her weekly eBay check, compliance officer discovered that one of the national championship rings were being sold in an online auction.
- Compliance officer had SA pull the item off of the auction website.
- Did the SA violate NCAA rules by placing the item for sale on eBay?

# Case Study No. 3

## Answer



- An SA may not sell, or exchange for another item of value, any item received for athletics participation.
- In this case, the compliance officer caught it before a violation occurred.



# Entertainment

# Entertainment



- Reasonable entertainment permitted in conjunction with practice and competition.
- Provided by conference, institution or NCAA.
- Cash cannot be provided.
- Only during the playing and practice season.

*Bylaw 16.7*



# Entertainment - General Reminders

- Not permissible to pay expenses for team to scout a future opponent as entertainment in conjunction with practice or competition. However, can observe future opponents participating in the same event at the same site, even if there are expenses associated with the observation.

*3/17/2014 interpretation*

- SA may receive reasonable entertainment when representing institution in noncompetitive event from the institution, conference, NCAA, or outside sponsor of the event.

*8/30/2013 interpretation*

- SA cannot miss class.

*April 3, 2014*

# Case Study No. 4



- An institution is hosting a volleyball conference championship contest and asked if it could purchase game tickets for all their SAs to attend the game as entertainment.





# Case Study No. 4

## Answer



- Bylaw 16.2.1.3 only allows an institution to provide admissions to SAs for the institution's regular, in-season home competition. Therefore, it would not be permissible to call it "entertainment" in order to provide tickets that would not otherwise be permissible for an institution to provide.

# Case Study No. 5



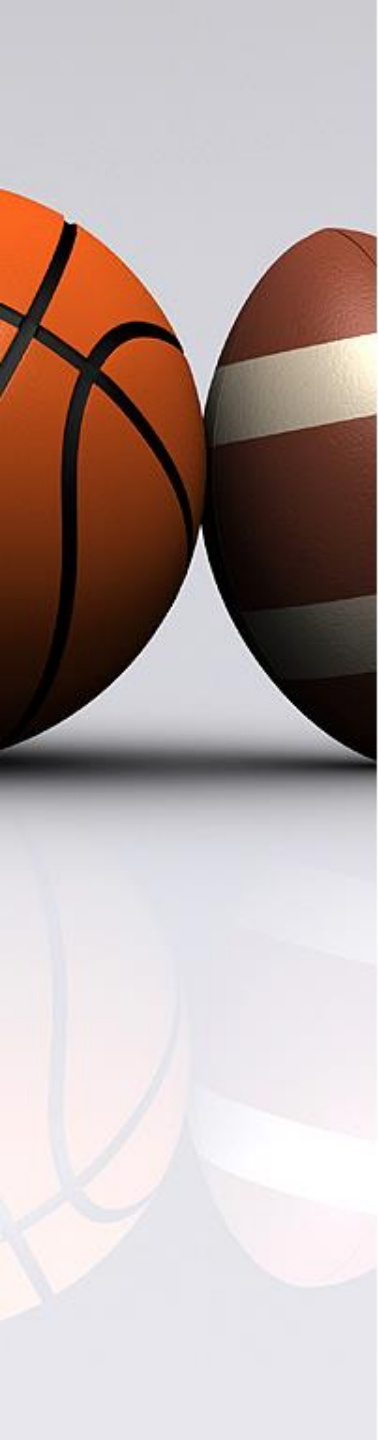
- An institution asked if its soccer coaching staff could provide entertainment to soccer SAs by taking them to the movies outside of the sport's playing and practice season.
- During spring practice (non-championship segment)?

# Case Study No. 5

## Answer



- It is permissible for an institution to provide entertainment during spring practice (non-championship segment) as that is considered part of the playing season.
- However, it is not permissible to provide expenses to SAs in conjunction with conditioning or skill instruction activities that may occur outside of the playing season during the academic year.



# Expenses for Practice and Competition



# Expenses for Practice and Competition

- Actual and necessary expenses to represent the institution in practice and competition, including incidental activities/travel.
- SA must be eligible for competition in order to receive expenses.
- Departure/return and practice mileage restrictions eliminated.
- Can retain athletics equipment at end of athletics career without purchase.

*Bylaw 16.8.1*



# Expenses - General Reminders

- Not permissible to provide expenses (e.g., travel, lodging, meals) to SAs in conjunction with conditioning activities that occur outside the playing season during the academic year. However, institution may pay a fee related to the conduct of permissible conditioning activities .

*4/18/2014 Interpretation*

- An institution may provide \$30 per day to each member of a team to cover unitemized incidental expenses during travel and practice for NCAA championship events or national governing body championship events in emerging sports.

*Bylaw 16.8.1.1*

- An institution may not provide expenses for a Prospective Student Athlete's (PSA) initial arrival at the institution except transportation from nearest bus or train station or major airport to campus. Continuing SA may not receive expenses for initial arrival at the institution each academic year.

*November 13, 2013*

# Case Study No. 6



- An institution asked if it could pay for parking passes for their SA's as an incidental expense related to competition/practice?

# Case Study No. 6

## Answer



- It is permissible to provide parking expenses related to a SA participating in a permissible activity in which the institution can pay expenses, provided the pass doesn't end up being an unlimited parking situation for class, other events, etc.



# Case Study No. 7



- Is it permissible for an institution to pay for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Pre-Check Fee of \$85 per SA for a team?

# Case Study No. 7

## Answer



- The TSA pre-check expenses may be considered an expense incidental to participation.



## Case Study No. 8

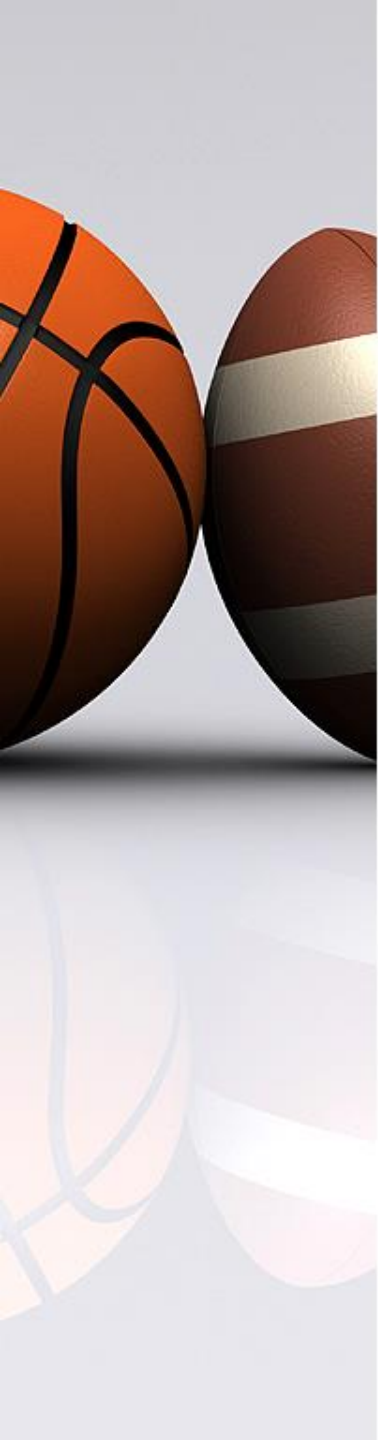
- An institution is competing in Las Vegas before the institution's winter break. Some SAs have requested to stay in Las Vegas for a few days following the competition. The institution would like to pay for the SAs' return flights to campus.
- Does an institution have total autonomy regarding travel expenses for SAs in conjunction with practice and competition?

# Case Study No. 8



## Answer

- Institutions have the discretion to determine what travel expenses are related to practice and competition.
- Further, institutions have the flexibility when determining which travel expenses may be reasonably considered incidental to practice or competition.



# Other Travel Expenses Provided by Institution



# Other Travel Expenses

- Actual and necessary expenses to represent the institution in noncompetitive events.
  - ◉ **May receive reasonable entertainment.**
  - ◉ **Provided by conference, institution or NCAA.**
- SAs can receive reasonable local transportation on an occasional basis.
- Cash cannot be provided.



## Case Study No. 9

- An institution will be holding its regular annual sport banquet and will hold an associated media event for seniors in conjunction with the banquet. The institution asked whether it can provide appropriate clothing (e.g., suits) to the individuals participating in the media event.

# Case Study No. 9

## Answer



- An institution has the discretion to determine what actual and necessary expenses are appropriately related to representing the institution in a noncompetitive event. Therefore, NCAA legislation does not preclude an institution from providing apparel to an SA as an expense related to his or her participation in an institutional media appearance.





## Case Study No. 10

- An institution asked whether it may provide expenses to the SA for noncompetitive events at which the SA will be in attendance but not representing the institution (e.g., celebratory event to honor a former coach or retiring staff member) or receiving an award.

# Case Study No. 10.



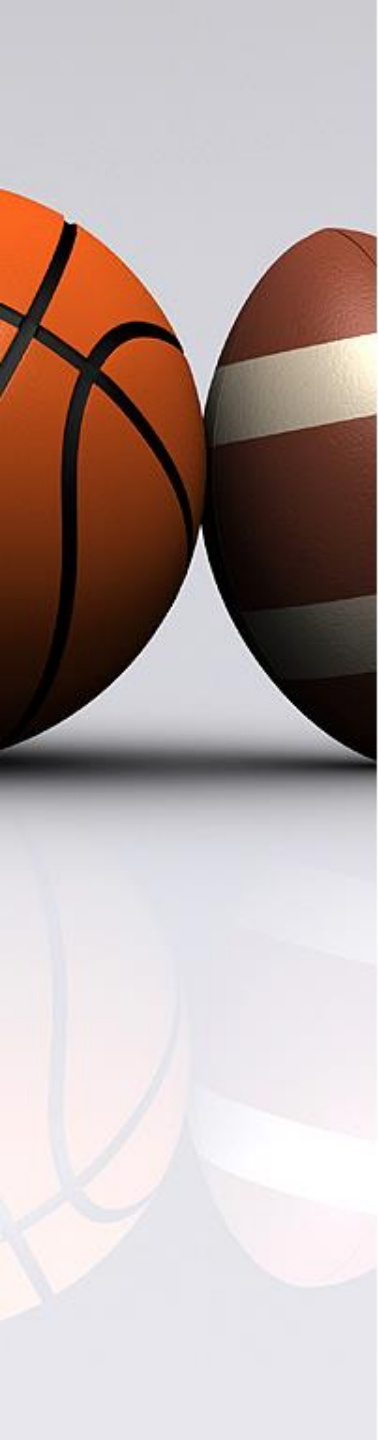
## Answer

- The SA must be representing the institution in the event, not merely attending the event, to receive actual and necessary expenses.
- Therefore, it is not permissible to provide the expenses for the SA to attend the event.

# Summary



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Questions?