



ATHLETIC COMPLIANCE NEWSLETTER

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Academic Reminders

Attention:

Student-Athlete pre-registration is less than 3 weeks away
Make sure you clear or waive your holds
Registration schedules will be sent to the coaches

*Struggling with a course? Don't wait until end of the semester! Set up an appointment with your Athletic Advisor, Melinda G. Elizondo, at 956-326-2886

Interps of Interests

Promotions Involving Commercial Locations/Sponsors

The Legislation Committee confirmed that if the name, picture or appearance of a student-athlete is used to promote an event involving a commercial location/sponsor (e.g., State University Athletics Night at a local restaurant where a percentage of the proceeds will be given to the athletics department) all money derived from the event must go directly to the member institution, member conference or the charitable, educational or nonprofit agency and not through the commercial location/sponsor. If student-athletes are not involved in the activity, this requirement does not apply.

Participation of Partial Qualifiers in Institutional Fundraisers

The Division II Legislation Committee determined that a partial qualifier may participate in institutional fundraisers that do not require off-campus travel (e.g., letter writing campaigns) during his or her first year of collegiate enrollment.

Application of Promotional Activities Legislation for Activities Not Sponsored or Organized by the Athletics Department or Conference Office (II)

The Legislation Committee determined that the requirements of the institutional, charitable, educational or nonprofit promotions legislation are applicable only to promotional activities sponsored or organized by the institution's athletics department or conference office. Promotional activities in which a student-athlete participates independent of his or her status as a student-athlete (e.g., institutional community service requirement) are not subject to the legislation.



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Bylaws of Interests

Complimentary Admissions and Ticket Benefits

16.2.1.1 Institutional Contests in the Student-Athlete's Sport. An institution may provide four complimentary admissions per home or away contest to a student-athlete in the sport in which the individual participates (either practices or competes), regardless of whether the student-athlete competes in the contest.

16.2.1.1.1 Partial Qualifier. An institution may provide a partial qualifier with four complimentary admissions per home contest in the sport in which the individual participates.

16.2.1.1.2 Exception—NCAA Championships and Bowl Games. An institution may provide each student-athlete who participates in or is a member of a team participating in an NCAA championship or bowl game with six complimentary admissions to all contests at the site at which the student (or team) participates.

16.2.1.1.3 Tournaments. Complimentary admissions may be provided to members of the institutions team for all contests in a tournament in which the team is participating, rather than only for the games in which the institution's team participates. However, the contests must be at the site at which the institution's team participates.

16.2.1.2 General Regulations. Complimentary admissions shall be distributed only to persons designated by the student-athlete who have identified themselves and signed a receipt therefore. A violation of this administrative procedure shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such a violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. The student-athlete's eligibility shall be affected by involvement in action contrary to the provisions of Bylaws 16.2.1.1 and 16.2.2 (e.g., receipt of more than the permissible four complimentary admissions or the sale or exchange of a complimentary admission for any item of value).





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Educational Columns

Financial Aid and Awards, Benefits and Expenses -- Meals and Snacks Incidental to Participation (II)

Question No. 2: May meals and snacks incidental to participation be provided at the institution's discretion?

Answer: An institution may determine how best to meet the additional nutritional needs of its student-athletes (e.g., additional late night meal); however, the proposal was not designed to provide an avenue for institutions to circumvent institutional financial aid limitations. Meals incidental to participation are not intended to replace meals that would normally be provided through a dining plan or an off-campus board allowance (i.e., breakfast, lunch, dinner), which continue to be an element of a full grant-in-aid.

Question No. 6: What impact does this proposal have on meals and snacks provided in conjunction with competition?

Answer: The legislation would permit all student-athletes to receive a pregame meal and meals or snacks (or cash in the amount equal to the cost of meals or snacks) at the institution's discretion from the time the student-athlete reports on call and becomes involved in competition-related activities to the end of the competition and released by the appropriate institutional authority.

Question No. 7: Is it permissible for an institution to provide a meal or snack incidental to participation outside the playing season during the academic year?

Answer: Yes.

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Recruiting Calendars

Men's Women's Basketball

Sept 7 – Oct 14, 2015 Contact Period

Oct 15 to the date of PSA initial High School or 2-year contest Quiet Period

Period of time between PSA initial and final High School or 2-year contest Evaluation Period

All other sports Evaluation Period

Quiet Period - A quiet period is that period of time when it is permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts only on the member institution's campus. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts or evaluations may be made during the quiet period.