

### ***Extra Benefits***

Other than violations associated with the recruitment of prospective student-athletes, the area having the next largest number of NCAA violations relates to "extra benefits." All coaches are advised to pay close attention to this section in order to avoid inadvertent violations of NCAA and conference regulations.

#### ***Extra Benefits (Bylaw 16.02.3)***

An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or a representative of the institution's athletics interest to provide a student-athlete or the student-athlete's relatives or friends a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation. Receipt of a benefit by student-athletes, relatives or friends is not a violation of NCAA legislation if it is demonstrated that the same benefit is generally available to the institution's students, relatives or friends or to a particular segment of the student body (e.g. foreign students, minority students, etc.) determined on a basis unrelated to athletics ability.

#### ***Award (Bylaw 16.02.1)***

An award is an item given in recognition of athletics participation or performance. Such awards are subject to the limitations set forth in NCAA Bylaw 16.1.

#### ***Excessive Expense (Bylaw 16.02.2)***

An excessive expense is one not specifically authorized under NCAA regulations concerning awards, benefits and expenses.

### ***Transfer of Non-Permissible***

#### ***Awards (Bylaw 16.1.3)***

#### **Types of Awards, Awarding Agencies, Maximum Value and Numbers of Awards (Bylaw 16.1.4)**

Athletics awards given to individual student-athletes shall be limited to those approved or administered by the member institution, its conference or an approved agency as specified in the following subsections and shall be limited in value and number as specified in this section. Awards received for intercollegiate athletics participation may not be sold, exchanged or assigned for another item of value, even if the student-athlete's name or picture does not appear on the award.

The awards limitations of Bylaw 16.1 apply to awards received by a student-athlete while enrolled during the academic year (i.e., from the beginning of the fall term through completion of the spring term, including any intervening vacation period) as a regular student in a minimum full-time academic load, or awards received by a student-athlete while representing the student-athlete's institution at any other time. Such awards may not include cash, gift certificates, a cash-equivalent award (i.e., an item that is negotiable for cash or trade or other services, benefits or merchandise) for athletics participation, or a country club or sports club membership (Bylaw 16.1.1.2).

### ***Complimentary Admissions and Ticket Benefits (Bylaw 16.2)***

#### ***Institutional contests in the student-athletes sport (Bylaw 16.2.1.1)***

An institution may provide four (4) complimentary admissions per home or away contest to a student-athlete in the sport in which the individual participates (either practice or competition), regardless of whether the student-athlete competes in the contest.

***Exception — NCAA Championships and Bowl Games (Bylaw 16.2.1.1.1)***

An institution **may** provide each student-athlete who participates in or is a member of a team participating in conference and NCAA championship or bowl game with six (6) complimentary admissions to all contests at the site at which the student (or team) participates.

***Tournaments (Bylaw 16.2.1.1.2)***

Complimentary admissions may be provided to members of the institution's 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 contest must be at the site at which the institution's team participates.

***Division I Regulations (Bylaw 16.2.1.2)***

Complimentary admissions shall be provided only through a pass list for individuals designated by the student-athlete. **"Hard tickets" shall not be issued.**

***Issuance Procedures (Bylaw 16.2.1.2.1)***

The individual utilizing the complimentary admission must present identification to the person supervising the use of the pass list at the admission gate. The individual then shall be provided a ticket stub or other identification or a specified reserved seat, directed to a specific reserved seating section or seating area, or treated as a general admission ticket holder.

***Non-Qualifier (Bylaw 16.2.1.3.1)***

A partial or non-qualifier (Bylaw 14.02.9.3) may receive a complimentary admission to all of the institution's **regular-season** home contests in the first academic year in residence.

***Institution's Home Contests in Other Sports (Bylaw 16.2.1.3)***

An institution **may provide** admissions for each student-athlete to all of the institution's **regular season home contests** in sports other than that in which the student-athlete is a participant, via a printed student-athlete pass or gate list. Proof of identity shall be required upon admission.

***Non-Permissible Procedures (Bylaw 16.1.3)***

***Sale of Complimentary Admission (Bylaw 16.2.2.1)***

A student-athlete **may not** receive payment from any source for his or her complimentary admissions and **may not** exchange or assign them for any item of value.

***Payment to Third Party (Bylaw 16.2.2.2)***

Individuals designated by the student-athlete to receive complimentary admissions are **not permitted** to receive any type of payment for these admissions or to exchange or assign them for any item of value.

***Student-Athlete Ticket Purchases (Bylaw 16.2.2.3)***

An institution **may not** provide a special arrangement to sell a student-athlete ticket(s) to an athletics event. Tickets shall be available for purchase by student-athletes according to the same purchasing procedures used for other students.

***Sale Above Face Value (Bylaw 16.2.2.4)***

A student-athlete **may not** purchase tickets for athletics contests from the institution and then sell the tickets at a price greater than their face value.

***Professional Sports Tickets (Bylaw 16.2.2.5)***

An institution or any representative of its athletics interest may not purchase or otherwise obtain tickets to a professional sports contest and make these tickets available to student-athletes enrolled in an NCAA member institution. Such a gift of tickets would represent an unacceptable extra benefit.

***NCAA Interpretations***

***Student-Athletes, family, and/or friends***

Priority parking for parents is **not** permissible. This would apply even when parking is free of charge. In addition, it is **not** permissible to reserve hotel rooms for family and/or friends of student-athletes at reduced rates not available to the general public.