

Business Office

EXPENSES FOR TRAVEL & AWAY FROM HOME COMPETITION

Away-From-Home Contests (16.7.1)

The institution may pay the actual costs (but may not provide cash) for reasonable entertainment that takes place within a 100-mile radius of where a team plays or practices in connection with an away-from-home contest or en route to or from such a contest. *It is not permissible for an institution to provide cash to student-athletes for team entertainment in conjunction with away-from-home contests, except as permitted in NCAA Bylaws 16.8.1.5 (NCAA Championships). (1/30/92 Official Interpretation).*

Departure/Return Restrictions (16.7.2)

It is not permissible for a team to depart more than 48 hours prior to or to remain more than 36 hours after an event or to transport the team to another area for entertainment purposes.

Interpretations: Institution's team traveling for multi-competition or multi-day event. In a situation where the 48/36 hour limitation is applicable, an institution that is participating in a multi-competition or multi-day event (e.g., conference tournament) may depart 48 hours prior to the event's first round of competition (as opposed to 48 hours prior to the institution's first scheduled competition), and may remain 36 hours after the conclusion of the last contest (even if the institution is not participating in the last contest). (Official 6/94, and Staff 12/92).

Exceptions (16.7.2.1) . The time limitations related to the provisions of travel expenses do not apply in the following circumstances:

- (a) Travel prior to and following contests in Hawaii or Alaska;
- (b) Travel prior to and following contests in the 48 contiguous states for member institutions located in Hawaii and Alaska;

- (c) Travel prior to and following regular-season competition that takes place during the institution's official vacation period during the academic year;
- (d) Travel prior to contests in NCAA championship events, NGB championship events in an emerging sport or certified postseason football games; or
- (e) Travel prior to the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame benefit game or the American Football Coaches Retirement Trust benefit game.

Practice Sites on Road Trips (16.8.1.1.1)

Any practice on an extended road trip shall take place either at the competition site or on a direct route between two consecutive competition sites. It is not permissible for an institution to schedule practice sessions at other locations in order to provide entertainment opportunities for team members.

Competition While Representing Institution/Departure Return Restrictions (16.8.1.2 & 16.8.2.1)

An institution may provide actual and necessary travel expenses (e.g., transportation, lodging and meals) to a student-athlete for participation in athletics competition, provided the student-athlete is representing the institution (competes in the uniform of the institution) and is eligible for collegiate competition. While representing the institution in athletics competition, expenses may only be provided if the student-athlete departs no earlier than 48 hours prior to the start, and remains no more than 36 hours following the conclusion of the actual competition. Such competition includes:

- (a) regularly scheduled intercollegiate athletics events;
- (b) NCAA championship events and NGB championship events in an emerging sport;
- (c) A certified postseason football game;
- (d) Noncollegiate open, amateur competition; and
- (e) Other institutional competition permissible under NCAA legislation, including postseason events.

Interpretations:

Regular Season Contest: *It is not permissible for an institution to reroute a return flight through various cities in order to accommodate student-athletes who wish to return home after the regular season contest (e.g., rerouting a flight to a specific city because a connecting flight out of that city would help the student-athlete get home). (Staff 6/94).*

Hotel bill incidental expenses: *A student-athlete (rather than the student-athlete's institution) would be required to pay for incidental expenses the individual incurred in conjunction with a hotel bill for one of the institution's away games, unless the expenses fall within the permissible actual and necessary expenses the student-athlete may receive for such contests. This includes prohibiting expenses incurred while studying or doing homework (e.g. phone bill for internet use). (Official 2/90).*

Travel expenses for student-athlete remaining at site of competition after team departure. *A student-athlete who remains at the site of an institution's regular-season competition that occurs during an institution's official vacation period may receive expenses from the institution to return to campus at any time during the vacation period. (Official 9/94).*

Expenses for Regular-Season Competition During Vacation Period: *It is permissible for an institution to purchase a ticket to cover any of a student-athlete's transportation expenses (e.g., expenses from home to the event and back to campus) in conjunction with regular-season competition during a vacation period, provided the student-athlete reimburses the institution the value of any portion of the trip from the campus to the student-athlete's home and back to campus for which the student-athlete has not paid. Under such circumstances, the student-athlete must reimburse the institution prior to his or her departure for the competition. (Official 11/94).*

Travel During Vacation Period: An institution (team or individual student-athlete) traveling to a regular-season competition during the institution's official vacation period may depart for the competition either 48 hours prior to the start of the competition or at the beginning of the institution's official vacation period. Further, an institution (team or individual student-athlete) shall return to campus by the end of the institution's official vacation period or depart from the competition site not more than 36 hours following the conclusion of the event. (Staff 9/97).

Exceptions (16.8.1.2.1.1)

These travel expense restrictions do not apply in the following circumstances:

- (a) Travel prior to and following contests in Hawaii or Alaska;
- (b) Travel prior to and following contests in the 48 contiguous states for member institutions located in Hawaii or Alaska;
- (c) Travel prior to and following regular-season competition that takes place during the institution's official vacation period during the academic year;
- (d) Travel prior to contests in NCAA championship events, NGB championships in emerging sports or certified postseason football games;
- (e) Travel prior to the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame benefit game or the American Football Coaches Retirement Trust benefit game;
- (f) Travel prior to and following regular-season competition that takes place during the institution's summer vacation period; or
- (g) Travel prior to and following regular-season competition that takes place in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season and limited to not more than once every four years.

Meal-Allowance Limitation (16.8.1.2.3)

All student-athletes on the same team must receive identical meal allowances on intercollegiate trips and during vacation periods when student-athletes are required to remain on the institution's campus for organized practice sessions or competition. Such allowances may not exceed the amount provided by the institution to institutional staff members on away-from-campus trips and may not be provided for a particular meal if the student-athlete receives that meal (or its equivalent) from another source. Volunteer and Undergraduate Assistant Coaches may receive no more than the allowance given to the student-athletes on these road trips.

EXPENSES FOR PRACTICE & HOME COMPETITION

Meals In Conjunction With a Home Contest (16.5.2.d)

For each home contest, all student-athletes with the team may receive a pre or post game meal or snack, as a benefit incidental to participation.

Missed Meal Because of Practice Session (16.5.2.d)

In the event that a practice session must be conducted during a normal mealtime, those student-athletes who have previously paid for the meal they are missing (purchased a meal plan), may receive a meal or a cash stipend equivalent to the institution's cost of the meal.

OTHER EXPENSES PROVIDED BY THE INSTITUTION

Films/Movies/Videotapes (16.7.3)

The institution may rent a film or movie, provide pay-per-view movies in the student-athletes' hotel rooms or take its intercollegiate team to the movies in conjunction with the student-athletes' home or away-from-home contest (immediately before or during the road trip), the night before a contest without the film or movie being considered an extra benefit not available to the student body. Such entertainment the night before a contest is considered a benefit incidental to the student-athlete's participation.

Interpretations:

Snacks: It is permissible for student-athletes to receive a snack the night before an institution's contest as a benefit incidental to athletics participation. (Official 11/93).

RECRUITING - TRANSPORTATION

Air Transportation (13.6.2.3)

The airfare for commercial transportation for the official visit may not exceed coach (or comparable) class.

Institution's Airplane (13.6.2.3.2). An institution may use its own airplane to transport a prospect to the campus for an official visit, provided relatives, other friends or legal guardian(s) do not accompany the prospect. Staff members and representatives of athletics interests may not accompany the prospect.

Transportation To/From Sites of Competition (13.6.2.5)

A prospect may be transported to campus for an official visit from the site of his or her athletics competition or the reverse arrangement, provided only actual transportation expenses are paid, and the cost of the transportation does not exceed the cost of transportation between the prospect's home or educational institution and the institution's campus.

Transportation From Educational Institution (13.6.2.5)

An institution may pay actual transportation costs for the prospect to return to his/her home after an official visit that originated at the prospect's educational institution, provided the cost of the transportation does not exceed the cost of traveling to the prospect's educational institution.

Visiting Another Institution (13.6.2.7)

Two or more institutions in which the prospect is visiting may provide travel expenses provided there is no duplication of expenses, and the 48-hour visit period is observed at each institution.

RECRUITING - ENTERTAINMENT

Student Host (13.7.5.5)

A student host is assigned to an official visit prospect for the purposes of assisting with entertainment. Student hosts may receive \$30 per day from Purdue University to cover the costs associated with entertaining the prospect (*NCAA Bylaw 13.7.5.5*). These funds may not be used to purchase tangible items such as a t-shirt or hat.

Only one host per prospect may receive a meal at the expense of the institution. Each host may receive an additional \$15 for each assigned prospect. (i.e. a host with two prospects would receive \$45).

Excessive Entertainment (13.5.2)

A member institution may not arrange or permit excessive entertainment of a prospect on campus or elsewhere (e.g. hiring a band, limousine, etc).

RECRUITING - MEALS

Meals and Lodging While in Transit (13.7.5.1.1)

It is permissible for an institution to pay a prospect's reasonable expenses while in transit (meals, lodging) incurred while traveling to and from campus on the official visit. Meals and lodging may not be provided for those accompanying the prospect while in transit on the official visit. Those accompanying the prospect would be responsible for any expenses incurred (including any extra per person room expense charged by the hotel).

RECRUITING - LODGING

Official (Paid) Visit (13.7)

Purdue University may provide lodging for a prospect, prospect's parents or legal guardian or spouse on- or off-campus. It is permissible for an institution to pay for hotel accommodations for the parents/guardian, while the prospect stays with an enrolled student-athlete. Other individuals who are accompanying the prospect are responsible for any extra per person expenses charged by the hotel.

Unofficial (Non-paid) Visit (13.8)

A prospect must pay for his or her own lodging, however he or she may stay in an enrolled student-athletes dormitory room if the prospect pays the regular institutional rate for such lodging. All prospects on an unofficial visit that stay in the room of a current Purdue student-athlete should check in at the dormitory main office. The prospect should secure a receipt from the dormitory main office.