

NCAA Bylaws pertaining to extra benefits

16.01.4: A student-athlete may not accept money for unspecified or unitemized expenses from any organization or individual.

16.11.1.6: A student-athlete may accept transportation and meal expenses in conjunction with participation in a luncheon meeting of a booster club or civic organization, provided the meeting occurs within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus and no tangible award is provided to the student-athlete.

16.12.1.5: A student-athlete or the entire team in a sport may receive an OCCASIONAL family home meal from an institutional staff member or representative of the athletics interests if: a) the meal is provided in an individual's home (as opposed to a restaurant); b) meals are restricted to infrequent and special occasions; c) the institution (or a representative of its athletics interests) may provide transportation to student-athletes to attend the meal function as long as it is at the home of the institutional representative.

A student-athlete may not receive a special discount, payment arrangement or credit on purchase from an institutional employee or an athletic representative.

A member institution shall not permit individuals outside the institution to serve as "sponsors" or "families" for student-athletes who are enrolled in the institution, unless a sponsorship program exists to provide the same benefits and support service to all students at the institution.

What is an extra benefit?

An extra benefit would include provision of any transportation, meals, clothes, entertainment, preferential loan terms or other benefit offered to a student-athlete that is unavailable to the general student population.

A representative may not provide any such extra benefit to enrolled student-athletes or their families. Simply put, you may not treat a student-athlete any differently than a student who does not participate in athletics (i.e. sponsors and special discounts).

Examples include:

- may not give cash or loans
- may not sign or co-sign a note with an outside agency
- may not employ relatives or friends as an inducement for enrollment of the prospect
- may not provide gifts of any kind - i.e. Birthday, Christmas, Valentines
- may not provide free services - i.e. dry cleaning, car repair, haircuts, meals in restaurants
- may not provide special discounts – for goods and services
- may not provide use of an automobile
- may not provide hospitality in your home other than special occasions (Thanksgiving, Christmas)
- may not invite to summer home, boat etc.
- may not provide transportation i.e.; to airport, to job.
- may not provide guarantee of a bond
- may not provide promise of post graduate financial aid
- may not provide promise of post graduate employment

NCAA RULES REGARDING CONTACTS WITH CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENT-ATHLETES

DO NOT provide a student-athlete or friends any benefit or special arrangement. The NCAA considers these as an "extra benefit" and they are specifically prohibited.

DO NOT provide room and/or board or any type of transportation during the summer for a student-athlete with eligibility remaining.

DO NOT provide room, board or transportation costs incurred by friends or family of an enrolled student-athlete to visit campus or attend an away contest.

DO NOT provide funds to entertain student-athletes, their friends or relatives. You are not even permitted to buy a soda or a cup of coffee for them.

DO NOT provide any payment of expense, or loan of, any automobile for a student-athlete to return home or to any other location for ANY reason

DO NOT provide an award or gift to a student-athlete for his or her athletic performance. All awards must conform to NCAA regulations and must be approved by UWSP.

DO NOT allow a student-athlete, his or her friends or relatives to use your telephone to make free long distance calls.