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A Review of Extra Benefits

According to NCAA Bylaw 16.02.3, "An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or a representative of the institution's athletics interests to provide a student-athlete or the student-athlete's relative or friend a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation. Receipt of a benefit by student-athletes or their 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 or their relatives or friends of to a particular segment of the student body (e.g., international students, minority students) determined on a basis unrelated to athletics ability."

As you can see, the bylaw applies not only to an institutional employee, but also to a representative of the institution's athletics interests.

There are many items an institution may provide a student-athlete. We need to be aware of what we may or may not supply to student-athletes, so please check out Bylaw 16 in the NCAA Manual and always ask before you act.

Please be advised: the table provided below includes, but is not limited to, the following permissible and impermissible awards/benefits/expenses:

BYLAW 16: AWARDS, BENEFITS & EXPENSES FOR ENROLLED STUDENT-ATHLETES

PERMISSIBLE	IMPERMISSIBLE
Occasional meals (by coaches, staff and/or SA parents/ guardians)	Coaches/staff members complimentary tickets to special events (e.g., concerts, conventions, sporting events)
Occasional local transportation (e.g., community events injury occurrence)	Use of telephones, credit cards and entertainment services (e.g., movie theaters, restaurants, car dealers)
Institution may provide 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.	Special discounts, payment arrangement or credit on a purchase or a service from an institutional employee or a representative of its athletics interest.
Special assistance/opportunity fund	Operating an institutional camp concession at the student-athlete's own expense.
Preseason practice expenses (e.g., room & board, additional meal) provided SA has been accepted for admission to institution.	Athletics equipment from a manufacturer or commercial enterprise, unless provided to the SA's institution.
Receipt of frequent flyer points/miles while traveling to and from intercollegiate practice and/or competition.	Loan of money, assistance in payment of bills and sponsor families