



Proposal Number: RWG-12-3

Title: AMATEURISM -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- LIMITED BENEFIT

Intent: To specify that prior to initial full-time enrollment at an NCAA institution, if an individual receives expenses from a permissible source (e.g., event sponsor, club team) that exceed his or her actual and necessary expenses by \$300 or less, the eligibility of the individual shall not be affected; further, to specify that if a student-athlete engages in permissible outside competition and receives expenses from a permissible source (e.g., event sponsor, club team) that exceed his or her actual and necessary expenses by \$300 or less, the eligibility of the student-athlete shall not be affected and the institution is not required to submit a self-report of the infraction.

Bylaws: Amend 12.02, as follows:

12.02 Definitions and Applications.

[12.02.1 through 12.02.2 unchanged.]

12.02.3 Limited Benefit -- Prior to Initial Full-Time Enrollment at an NCAA Institution -- Expenses from a Permissible Source. Prior to initial full-time enrollment at an NCAA institution, if an individual receives expenses from a permissible source (e.g., event sponsor, club team) that exceed his or her actual and necessary expenses by \$300 or less, the eligibility of the individual shall not be affected.

12.02.4 Limited Benefit -- Enrolled Student-Athlete -- Expenses from a Permissible Source. If a student-athlete engages in permissible outside competition and receives expenses from a permissible source (e.g., event sponsor, club team) that exceed his or her actual and necessary expenses by \$300 or less, the eligibility of the student-athlete shall not be affected and the institution is not required to submit a self-report of the infraction.

[12.02.3 through 12.02.7 renumbered as 12.02.5 through 12.02.9, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Board of Directors (Working Group on Collegiate Model -- Rules)

Effective Date: August 1, 2013

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Amateurism

Rationale: As a result of the Presidential Retreat in August 2011, the Rules Working Group was formed and charged with reviewing current Division I rules with a view toward reducing the volume of unenforceable and inconsequential rules that fail to support the NCAA's enduring values, and emphasizing the most strategically important matters. This proposal is part of a package recommended by the Rules Working Group designed to accomplish those objectives. This change is consistent with the membership's efforts to increase efficiencies in the amateurism certification process and for member institutions. Currently, an infraction in which a prospective student-athlete receives more than actual and necessary expenses from an otherwise permissible source typically results in immediate reinstatement of eligibility once he or she provides a donation in the amount of the benefit to a charity of his or her choice. Any expenses from agents, professional teams (unless consistent with the professional team exception) or boosters generally remain impermissible regardless of the amount. This proposal is intended to apply in conjunction with Rules Working Group Proposal No. 12-2. It is intended to apply on a calendar-year basis, rather than an event-by-event basis.

Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.



Position Statement(s)

none

History

Aug 15, 2012: Submit; Submitted for consideration.

Jan 19, 2013: Board of Directors, Sponsored

Jan 19, 2013: Board Review, Adopted

Jan 20, 2013: Adopted, Override Period; Start of Override Period

Mar 20, 2013: Adopted, Override Period; End of Override Period