



Proposal Number: RWG-12-4

Title: AMATEURISM -- EXPENSES, AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- COMPETITION-RELATED EXPENSES FROM OUTSIDE SPONSOR

Intent: To permit an individual to receive actual and necessary expenses from an outside sponsor other than from an agent, a representative of an institution's athletics interests or a professional sports organization, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 12.1.2.1.4, as follows:

12.1.2.1.4 Expenses, Awards and Benefits. Excessive or improper expenses, awards and benefits (see Bylaw 16 regarding permissible awards, benefits and expenses to enrolled student-athletes).

[12.1.2.1.4.1 through 12.1.2.1.4.2 unchanged.]

~~12.1.2.1.4.3 Expenses from Outside Team or Organization. Expenses received from an outside amateur sports team or organization in excess of actual and necessary travel, room and board expenses, and apparel and equipment (for individual and team use only from teams or organizations not affiliated with member institutions, including local sports clubs as set forth in Bylaw 13.11.2.4) for competition and practice held in preparation for such competition. Practice must be conducted in a continuous time period preceding the competition except for practice sessions conducted by a national team, which occasionally may be interrupted for specific periods of time preceding the competition.~~

~~12.1.2.1.4.3.1 Donations to Outside Team or Organization. Actual and necessary expenses received from an outside team or organization may include funds donated to the general fund of the team or organization from a sponsor (e.g., neighbor, business) other than the individual's relatives or legal guardians, provided such donations are not credited to or earmarked for the prospective or enrolled student athlete.~~

~~12.1.2.1.4.3.2 Expenses/Benefits Related to Olympic Games. It is permissible for members of an Olympic team to receive all nonmonetary benefits and awards provided to members of an Olympic team beyond actual and necessary expenses, including entertainment, equipment, clothing, long distance telephone service, Internet access, and any other item or service for which it can be demonstrated that the same benefit is available to all members of that nation's Olympic team or the specific sport Olympic team in question.~~

[12.1.2.1.4.4 renumbered as 12.1.2.1.4.3, unchanged.]

12.1.2.1.4.54 Expenses from **an Outside Sponsor Other Than Parents/Legal Guardians or Nonprofessional Sponsor of Event.** ~~Actual and necessary expenses or any other form of compensation to participate in athletics competition (while not representing an educational institution) from a sponsor other than an individual upon whom the athlete is naturally or legally dependent or the nonprofessional organization that is sponsoring the competition. (See Bylaw 12.1.2.1.6.1.)~~ **An individual who participates in a sport as a member of a team may receive actual and necessary expenses for competition and practice held in preparation for such competition from an outside sponsor (e.g., team, neighbor, business) other than an agent or a representative of an institution's athletics interests (and, after initial full-time collegiate enrollment, other than a professional sports organization). An individual who participates in a sport as an individual (not a member of a team) may receive actual and necessary expenses associated with an athletics event and practice immediately preceding the event, from an outside sponsor (e.g., neighbor, business) other than an agent or a representative of an institution's athletics interests (and, after initial full-time collegiate enrollment, other than a professional sports organization).**

~~12.1.2.1.4.5.1 Expenses Prior to Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment -- Individual Sports. In individual sports, prior to full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may accept up to actual and necessary expenses associated with an~~



~~athletics event and practice immediately preceding the event, from a sponsor (e.g., neighbor, business) other than an agent, a member institution or a representative of an institution's athletics interests.~~

12.1.2.1.4.4.1 Expenses/Benefits Related to Olympic Games. Members of an Olympic team may receive all nonmonetary benefits and awards provided to members of an Olympic team beyond actual and necessary expenses and any other item or service for which it can be demonstrated that the same benefit is available to all members of that nation's Olympic team or the specific sport Olympic team.

[Remainder of 12.1.2.1.4 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 12.1.2.1.6, as follows:

12.1.2.1.6 Preferential Treatment, Benefits or Services. Preferential treatment, benefits or services because of the individual's athletics reputation or skill or pay-back potential as a professional athlete, unless such treatment, benefits or services are specifically permitted under NCAA legislation. [R]

~~12.1.2.1.6.1 Donations Credited to or Earmarked for a Prospective or Enrolled Student Athlete. Donations credited to or earmarked for a prospective or enrolled student athlete for athletics participation (e.g., as an individual or a member of a team) from a sponsor (e.g., neighbor, business) other than the individual's relatives or legal guardians are considered improper benefits. (See Bylaw 12.1.2.1.4.5.1.)~~

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. Currently, there are several bylaws addressing the provision of competition-related expenses to prospective and enrolled student-athletes that are overly complicated and bureaucratic. This proposal provides the opportunity for prospective and enrolled student-athletes to seek out additional permissible financial resources to support their athletics aspirations without compromising the fundamental purpose of the collegiate model.

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