



**Proposal Number:** RWG-12-6

**Title:** AMATEURISM -- GENERAL REGULATIONS -- EXCEPTION FOR TRAINING EXPENSES -- GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

**Intent:** To specify that an individual may receive actual and necessary training expenses to cover developmental training, coaching, facility usage, equipment, apparel, supplies, comprehensive health insurance, travel, room and board that are provided by a governmental entity.

**Bylaws:** Amend 12.1.2.4, as follows:

12.1.2.4 Exceptions to Amateurism Rule.

[12.1.2.4.1 through 12.1.2.4.8 unchanged.]

12.1.2.4.9 Exception for Training Expenses. An individual (prospective or enrolled student-athlete) may receive actual and necessary expenses [including grants, but not prize money, whereby the recipient has qualified for the grant based on his or her performance in a specific event(s)] to cover developmental training, coaching, facility usage, equipment, apparel, supplies, comprehensive health insurance, travel, room and board without jeopardizing the individual's eligibility for intercollegiate athletics, provided such expenses are approved and provided directly by the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC), ~~or~~ the appropriate national governing body in the sport (or, for international student-athletes, the equivalent organization of that nation) or a governmental entity.

[Remainder of 12.1.2.4 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. Several government programs currently available to athletes do not meet the criteria of the training expenses legislation. This change would reduce bureaucracy and confusion regarding the application of the applicable amateurism legislation and enhance student-athlete well-being by providing increased access to funding to further athletics development without compromising the commitment to amateurism.

**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