



**Proposal Number:** RWG-16-1

**Title:** AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- AWARDS AFTER INITIAL FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT AT THE CERTIFYING INSTITUTION

**Intent:** To specify that an institution, conference or the NCAA may provide an award to a student-athlete anytime after his or her initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 16.1.1, as follows:

16.1.1 Application of Awards Legislation.

[16.1.1.1 unchanged.]

16.1.1.2 ~~Awards Received by a Student-Athlete While Enrolled as a Full-Time Student~~ **After Initial Full-Time Enrollment at the Certifying Institution. An institution, conference or the NCAA may provide an award to a student-athlete anytime after his or her initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution.** The awards limitations of Bylaw 16.1 apply to awards received by a student-athlete ~~while enrolled during the academic year (from the beginning of the fall term through completion of the spring term, including any intervening vacation period) as a regular student in a minimum full-time academic load, or awards received by a student-athlete while representing the student-athlete's institution at any other time.~~ Such awards may not include cash, gift certificates, gift cards that are redeemable for cash (original amount or any balance thereof), a cash-equivalent award (an item that is negotiable for cash or trade or other services, benefits or merchandise) for athletics participation, or a country club or sports club membership. **Awards received by a student-athlete for participation in an event while not representing his or her institution shall conform to the regulations of the recognized amateur organization that governs the competition. Such awards may include gift certificates and gift cards, but may not include cash.** [R]

~~16.1.1.3 Student Athlete Not Regularly Enrolled. Awards received by a student athlete participating in an event while not enrolled as a regular student during the academic year, or received during the summer while not representing his or her institution, shall conform to the regulations of the recognized amateur organization that governs the competition. Such awards may include gift certificates and gift cards, but may not include cash. [R]~~

[16.1.1.3.1 through 16.1.1.3.2 renumbered as 16.1.1.2.1 through 16.1.1.2.2, unchanged.]

[16.1.1.4 renumbered as 16.1.1.3, unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 16.1.4.1, as follows:

16.1.4.1 Participation Awards. Awards for participation in intercollegiate athletics may be presented each year, limited in value and number as specified in Figure 16-1, ~~but may not be provided to a student-athlete prior to the day of the institution's final home contest of the regular playing season in the particular sport.~~ Awards for participation in special events may be provided only to student-athletes eligible to participate in the competition. [R]

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

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2013

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Awards, Benefits and Expenses



**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. Deregulating the legislation related to the timing of a student-athlete's receipt of an award (during the academic year or during the summer) will allow greater discretion to institutions, conferences and the NCAA to determine when to provide awards.

**Budget Impact:** Will vary.

**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