



Proposal Number: RWG-16-2

Title: AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- EXPENSES TO RECEIVE NONINSTITUTIONAL AWARDS

Intent: To specify that a conference, an institution, the U.S. Olympic Committee, a national governing body or the awarding agency may provide actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete to receive a noninstitutional award or recognition for athletics or academic accomplishments; further, to specify that actual and necessary expenses may be provided for the student-athlete's parents (or legal guardians), spouse or other relatives to attend the recognition event or awards presentation.

Bylaws: Amend 16.1.7, as follows:

16.1.7 Expenses to Receive Noninstitutional Awards. **A conference, an institution, the U.S. Olympic Committee, a national governing body or the awarding agency may provide actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete to receive a noninstitutional award or recognition for athletics or academic accomplishments. Actual and necessary expenses may be provided for the student-athlete's parents (or legal guardians), spouse or other relatives to attend the recognition event or awards presentation. [R]**

~~16.1.7.1 Hometown Awards. A hometown group may pay reasonable and necessary expenses of a student-athlete returning home to receive an award for athletics accomplishments. [R]~~

~~16.1.7.2 Established Regional, National or International Awards. It is permissible for an outside organization (other than a professional sports organization) to provide actual and necessary expenses for a student athlete to travel to a banquet designed to recognize the individual's accomplishments as an athlete in order for the student athlete to receive an established regional, national or international award (permitted by NCAA legislation). The outside organization also may provide actual and necessary expenses for the student-athlete's spouse, parents or other relatives to attend the recognition event. [R]~~

~~16.1.7.3 Recognition by President, Governor or State Legislative Body. An institution, the U.S. Olympic Committee or the appropriate national governing body (or the international equivalent) may provide actual and necessary expenses when a team (or its senior student athletes) is accorded special recognition by the President of the United States or by the governor or legislative body of the state in which the member institution is located or the international equivalent of an international student athlete's home nation. [R]~~

~~16.1.7.4 Conference Awards. A conference or its member institutions may provide actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete to travel to the conference office or other site to receive a conference award. In addition, the conference may provide actual and necessary expenses for the student-athlete's parents (or legal guardians) and spouse to attend the presentation of the conference's male or female "athlete of the year" award to the student-athlete, provided not more than one male and one female student-athlete receive such an award per academic year. The conference also may provide actual and necessary expenses for the student-athlete's parents (or legal guardians) and spouse to attend the presentation of conference academic awards to the student-athlete, provided the academic awards are presented on a regular basis in recognition of outstanding academic achievement. [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 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 proposal will provide greater flexibility for applicable entities to provide student-athletes with expenses to receive any noninstitutional award or recognition as a result of their accomplishments. Deregulating the legislation related to providing expenses for a student-athlete to receive a noninstitutional awards (e.g., hometown award, established regional, national, or international award) will create consistency within the legislation and will enhance the student-athlete experience.

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