



Proposal Number: RWG-16-7

Title: AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- EXPENSES PROVIDED BY THE INSTITUTION FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION AND NONCOMPETITIVE EVENTS

Intent: To specify that an institution may provide actual and necessary expenses to a student-athlete to represent the institution in practice and competition (including expenses for activities/travel that are incidental to practice or competition) and for a student-athlete to represent the institution in noncompetitive events (e.g., goodwill tours, media appearances, student-athlete advisory committee meetings).

A. Bylaws: Amend 16.8, as follows:

16.8 Expenses Provided By the Institution for Practice and Competition.

16.8.1 Permissible. ~~The permissible expenses for practice and competition that an institution may provide a student-athlete are defined in the following subsections. (See Bylaw 16.9 for expenses that may be provided by individuals or organizations other than the institution.)~~ **An institution may provide actual and necessary expenses to a student-athlete to represent the institution in practice and competition (including expenses for activities/travel that are incidental to practice or competition). In order to receive competition-related expenses, the student-athlete must be eligible for competition.**

~~16.8.1.1 Practice. Expenses may be paid for practice sessions only if they are associated with an away-from-home contest or conducted at a site located within the member institution's state or, if outside that state, no more than 100 miles from the institution's campus. [D]~~

~~16.8.1.1.1 Practice Sites on Road Trips. Any practice on an extended road trip shall take place either at the competition site or on a direct route between two consecutive competition sites. It is not permissible for an institution to schedule practice sessions at other locations in order to provide entertainment opportunities for team members.~~

~~16.8.1.1.2 Skiing -- Weather Exception. In men's and women's skiing, a member institution may transport a team to a practice site beyond the mileage limitations of Bylaw 16.8.1.1 if necessitated by weather conditions. [D]~~

~~16.8.1.1.3 Women's Rowing -- Weather Exception. In women's rowing, a member institution may transport a team to a practice site beyond the mileage limitations of Bylaw 16.8.1.1 if necessitated by weather conditions. If such practice activities are conducted during an institution's academic term, the practice activities shall occur only at a site located within the member institution's state or, if outside the state, not more than 200 miles from the institution's campus. All practice activities must be within the institution's declared playing and practice season in women's rowing. [R]~~

~~16.8.1.1.4 Swimming and Diving -- Exception. In swimming and diving, if an institution does not have access to a diving platform within the mileage limitations of Bylaw 16.8.1.1, the institution may provide expenses for diving practice sessions at the closest available site that includes a diving platform.~~

~~16.8.1.1.5 On- or Off-Campus Practice Sites. An institution may transport student-athletes from a central on-campus site (e.g., the locker room) to an on- or off-campus practice site.~~

~~16.8.1.2 Competition While Representing Institution. An institution may provide actual and necessary travel expenses (e.g., transportation, lodging and meals) to a student athlete for participation in athletics competition, provided the student athlete is representing the institution (competes in the uniform of the institution) and is eligible for intercollegiate competition. Such competition includes: [D]~~

~~(a) Regularly scheduled intercollegiate athletics events;~~



- ~~(b) NCAA championship events and national governing body championship events in an emerging sport;~~
- ~~(c) A licensed postseason football game (see Bylaw 18.7 for conditions required for licensing);~~
- ~~(d) Nonintercollegiate open, amateur competition;~~
- ~~(e) Other institutional competition permissible under NCAA legislation, including postseason events; and~~
- ~~(f) Fundraising activities that an institution counts against its maximum contest limitations per Bylaw 17.~~

~~16.8.1.2.1 Departure/Return Expense Restrictions. An eligible student-athlete may receive actual and necessary travel expenses to represent the institution in athletics competition, provided the student-athlete departs for the competition not earlier than 48 hours prior to the start of the actual competition and remains not more than 36 hours (24 hours in men's basketball) following the conclusion of the actual competition even if the student-athlete does not return with the team. [R]~~

~~16.8.1.2.1.1 Exceptions. These travel expense restrictions do not apply in the following circumstances:~~

- ~~(a) Travel prior to and following contests in Hawaii or Alaska;~~
- ~~(b) Travel prior to and following contests in the 48 contiguous states for member institutions located in Hawaii or Alaska;~~
- ~~(c) Travel prior to and following regular season competition that takes place during the institution's official vacation period during the academic year;~~
- ~~(d) Travel prior to contests in NCAA championship events, national governing body championships in emerging sports or licensed postseason football games;~~
- ~~(e) Return transportation following contests in NCAA championship events, national governing body championships in emerging sports or licensed postseason football games that take place during the institution's official vacation period during the academic year or between regular academic terms;~~
- ~~(f) Travel prior to the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame benefit game or the American Football Coaches Retirement Trust benefit game;~~
- ~~(g) Travel prior to and following regular season competition that takes place during the institution's summer vacation period;~~
- ~~(h) Travel prior to and following regular season competition that takes place in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the proscribed playing season and limited to not more than once every four years;~~
- ~~(i) Travel prior to the USA Gymnastics (USAG) intercollegiate championships; or~~
- ~~(j) Travel prior to and following contests when inclement weather (e.g., hurricanes, snow storm) requires the institution to adjust original travel plans to depart not more than 72 hours prior to the start of the actual competition or return not more than 60 hours following the conclusion of the actual competition. An institution that uses this exception is required to annually submit a detailed summary to the NCAA national office by July 31.~~

~~16.8.1.2.1.2 Conference-Administered Waiver -- Conference Championship. A conference may grant a waiver of the 48-hour departure restriction for extenuating circumstances associated with travel prior to competition in a conference championship event.~~



~~16.8.1.2.2 Transportation for Competition Occurring between Terms. It is permissible for any athletics department staff member to furnish transportation to eligible student athletes to the campus from the nearest bus or train station or major airport in conjunction with practice and/or team travel relating to competition that occurs between the end of a final examination period of the fall semester (or fall or winter quarter) and the beginning of the following regular term.~~

~~16.8.1.2.3 Meal Allowance Limitation. All student athletes on the same team must receive identical meal allowances on intercollegiate trips and during vacation periods when student athletes are required to remain on the institution's campus for organized practice sessions or competition. Such allowances may not exceed the amount provided by the institution to institutional staff members on away from campus trips and may not be provided for a particular meal if the student athlete receives that meal (or its equivalent) from another source. [R]~~

[16.8.1.3 renumbered as 16.8.1.1, unchanged.]

~~16.8.1.4 Travel to Regular Season Contests during Vacation Period.~~

~~16.8.1.4.1 General Rule. An institution may provide team transportation for a student athlete to travel from campus to the site of a regular season contest and back to campus. [R]~~

~~16.8.1.4.1.1 Exception. If a student athlete travels to a site other than the event site during the vacation period, the institution may provide the cost of round-trip transportation for the student athlete to travel from campus to the event site and back to campus even if the student athlete does not travel with the team. The student athlete shall pay only the additional cost associated with traveling to a site other than the event site. [R]~~

~~16.8.1.5 Travel to NCAA Championships, National Governing Body Championships in Emerging Sports and Postseason Bowl Games During Vacation Period.~~

~~16.8.1.5.1 General Rule. The institution may provide team transportation for a student athlete to travel from campus to the site of an NCAA championship, national governing body championship in an emerging sport or a postseason bowl game and back to campus. [R]~~

~~16.8.1.5.1.1 Exceptions.~~

~~(a) Student Athlete Does Not Use Team Transportation. The institution may provide (in lieu of team transportation) the actual and necessary transportation costs for the student athlete to travel from: [R]~~

~~(1) Campus to the event site and back to campus;~~

~~(2) Campus to the event site and then to the student athlete's home;~~

~~(3) The student athlete's home to the event site and back home; or~~

~~(4) The student athlete's home to the event site and then to campus.~~

~~(b) Student Athlete Uses "Log" of Team Transportation. An institution that provides one "log" of actual team transportation (campus to the event site or from the event site back to campus) may only provide the actual and necessary costs for the "log" in which he or she does not use team travel. [R]~~

~~(c) Second Trip Home. If a student athlete either uses team transportation to travel from campus to the event site and back to campus, or participates in an event that takes place in the institution's home community, and also has personally paid for a round-trip ticket home during that same vacation period, that student athlete may be provided actual transportation expenses to travel between campus and home on a second occasion during that same period. [R]~~



~~(d) Mileage Limitations. Reimbursement for automobile mileage shall not exceed the rate provided to institutional staff members and shall be limited to not more than 400 miles one way.~~

~~16.8.1.6 Incidental Expenses at NCAA Championships, National Governing Body Championships in Emerging Sports and Licensed Bowl Games. An institution may provide \$30 per day to each member of the squad to cover unitemized incidental expenses during travel and practice for NCAA championship events or national governing body championship events in emerging sports, during a period limited to the maximum number of days of per diem allowed for the involved championship, or, for licensed postseason bowl contests, for a period not to exceed 10 days. The \$30 per day may be provided only after the institution's team departs for or reports to the site of the championship or postseason bowl contest. [R]~~

~~16.8.1.6.1 Excessive Per Diem Subsidies. When a sponsoring agency provides a per diem in excess of a student athlete's actual and necessary expenses, it is not permissible for the institution to provide the student athlete with the cash difference between the amount allocated for per diem by the sponsoring agency and the actual cost of the individual's room and board expenses. [R]~~

~~16.8.1.7 Sports Organization Membership Fee. An institution may provide a student athlete membership in a sports organization (e.g., United States Volleyball Association, U.S. Gymnastics Federation) if the membership is a component of an entry fee required for competition in which the student athlete is representing the member institution. Further, the student athlete would be permitted to retain resultant membership benefits under such circumstances.~~

~~16.8.1.8 Foreign Tour Expenses. An institution may provide a student athlete with expenses for participation in an institution's foreign tour in his or her sport as provided in Bylaw 17.28.~~

~~16.8.1.9 Apparel for Community Service or Team Travel. An institution may provide a student athlete with one shirt (e.g., polo, oxford style) bearing the institution's logo to be used for team travel or other events at which he or she is representing the institution. The shirt may bear a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal trademark or logo not to exceed 2 1/4 square inches in area, including any additional materials surrounding the normal trademark or logo. [R]~~

16.8.2 Nonpermissible.

~~16.8.2.1 Travel Apparel. Except as permitted in Bylaw 16.8.1.9, an institution may not provide to student athletes team travel outfits, blazers or other items of clothing that are not sports-related practice or competition apparel. [R]~~

~~16.8.2.2 Transportation to/from Student Athlete's Residence. An institution may not provide transportation (e.g., shuttle, van) to on-campus practice sites for student athletes traveling to and from their on- or off-campus residences, except in unusual situations involving danger, inclement weather or other similar extenuating circumstances. [R]~~

~~16.8.2.3 Reimbursement for Travel to Practice. An institution may not reimburse a student athlete if the individual provides his or her own transportation to attend practice at an on- or off-campus site. [R]~~

~~16.8.2.4 Reimbursement for Travel to Competition. An institution may not reimburse a student athlete for expenses incurred while driving to an institution's off-campus competition site if the parents (or other relatives or friends) accompany the student athlete to the competition site. [R]~~

[16.8.2.5 renumbered as 16.8.2.1 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 16.9, as follows:

16.9 Other Travel Expenses Provided by the Institution.



16.9.1 Permissible Travel Expenses Not Related to Practice or Competition. ~~It is permissible for an institution to provide the following travel expenses not related to practice or competition:~~ **An institution may provide actual and necessary expenses to a student-athlete to represent the institution in non-competitive events [e.g., goodwill tours, media appearances (see Bylaw 12.5.3), student-athlete advisory committee meetings]. Further, an institution may provide reasonable local transportation to student-athletes on an occasional basis. [R]**

~~(a) Goodwill Tours. Actual and necessary expenses for a student athlete to participate in a preseason goodwill tour to promote its intercollegiate athletics program, provided the tour does not involve more than two student athletes in the same sport who have eligibility remaining and is confined to the state in which the institution is located, or within 100 miles of the institution's main campus, if out of state;~~

~~(b) Media Appearances. Actual and necessary transportation expenses during the playing season for media appearances (e.g., radio, television, print media) if the student athlete's appearance is related to athletics ability or prestige, provided the student athlete does not miss class to participate, except for class time missed in conjunction with away-from-home competition or to participate in a conference-sponsored media day. The institution may pay actual and necessary expenses for its student athletes to attend conference-sponsored media days at any time;~~

~~(c) National Girls and Women in Sports Day/National Student Athlete Day. Actual and necessary expenses for a student athlete to participate in activities and events associated with National Girls and Women in Sports Day and National Student Athlete Day, provided such activities and events are conducted either in the state in which the institution is located or in Washington, D.C., as part of a national celebration;~~

~~(d) Student Athlete Advisory Committee Meetings. An institution or conference may pay actual and necessary expenses for a student athlete to attend conference, regional or national student athlete advisory committee meetings; and~~

~~(e) Conference-Sponsored Life Skills Program. An institution or conference may pay actual and necessary expenses for a student athlete to attend a conference-sponsored life skills program (e.g., leadership, personal development, conflict resolution).~~

~~(f) Local Transportation. Reasonable local transportation to student athletes on an occasional basis.~~

C. Bylaws: Amend 16.11, as follows:

16.11 Benefits, Gifts and Services.

16.11.1 Permissible.

[16.11.1.1 through 16.11.1.5 unchanged.]

~~16.11.1.6 Retention of Athletics Apparel and Equipment. A student athlete may retain athletics apparel items (not equipment) at the end of the individual's intercollegiate participation. Used equipment may be purchased by the student athlete on the same cost basis as by any other individual interested in purchasing such equipment (see Bylaw 16.1.5). [R]~~

~~16.11.1.7 Summer Use of Athletics Equipment. A student athlete may retain and use institutional athletics equipment (per the institution's normal equipment policy) during a summer vacation period.~~

~~16.11.1.8 Summer Use of Institutional Horse. In women's equestrian, it is permissible for a student athlete to retain and use an institutional horse during the summer vacation period.~~



~~16.11.1.9 Student Orientation Sessions. A member institution may pay on-campus expenses (e.g., meals, lodging) for student athletes to attend institutional orientation sessions conducted for all students. However, an institution may provide on-campus expenses to student athletes to attend orientation sessions for a particular group of students selected on a basis unrelated to athletics ability only if the institution is providing expenses on a uniform basis to all members of the particular group. [R]~~

[16.11.1.10 through 16.11.1.15 renumbered as 16.11.1.6 through 16.11.1.11 unchanged.]

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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. The current legislation may be simplified by deregulating many prescriptive bylaws. Specifically, a general rule that permits an institution to provide actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete to represent the institution and in practice and competition provides enough framework for an institution to determine how to apply the legislation. Simplifying the legislation surrounding the provision of expenses for travel allows an institution to use discretion to provide expenses, including incidental expenses, in accordance with institutional policies, whether for competition or for noncompetitive events.

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