



**Proposal Number:** RWG-16-8

**Title:** AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- NATIONAL TEAM TRYOUTS, PRACTICE AND COMPETITION

**Intent:** To specify that a student-athlete may receive actual and necessary expenses and reasonable benefits associated with national team practice and competition; further, to specify that an institution may provide actual and necessary expenses for an unlimited number of national team tryouts and championship events.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 12.4.2.2, as follows:

~~12.4.2.2 *Broken-Time Payments.* An individual may not receive "broken-time" payments except as authorized and administered by the U.S. Olympic Committee during the period immediately preceding and including actual Olympic competition. A permitted broken-time payment may cover financial loss as a result of absence from employment to prepare for or participate in the Olympic Games. Such compensation during any other period and payments administered independently of the USOC by other sports governing bodies (e.g., the U.S. Ski Association) are prohibited.~~ **National Team Practice and Competition. A student-athlete may receive actual and necessary expenses and reasonable benefits associated with national team practice and competition (e.g., health insurance, broken-time payments).** [R]

~~12.4.2.2.1 *Exception When Individual Not Enrolled in Regular Term.* An individual may receive broken-time payments administered by the U.S. Olympic Committee or the national governing body in the sport during a period when the individual is not enrolled (full or part time) in a regular term to cover financial loss as a result of absence from employment as a direct result of practicing and competing on a national team (defined in Bylaw 14.02.8), provided the amounts are consistent with the principles set forth in Bylaw 12.4.1 and do not exceed \$300 per week, and the payment period covers not more than the period from the date the individual begins practice with the national team following selection to that team to one week after the conclusion of the competition.~~ [R]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 16.8.1.3, as follows:

16.8.1.3 Other Competition. During an academic year in which a student-athlete is eligible to represent an institution in athletics competition (or in the following summer), an institution may provide actual and necessary expenses related to participation in the following activities: [R]

[16.8.1.3-(a) through 16.8.1.3-(b) unchanged.]

(c) ~~Not more than two national~~ **National** team tryout competition events, including events from which participants are selected for another tier of tryout competition or events from which final selections are made for the national team that will participate in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games or World University Championships.

**C. Bylaws:** Amend 16.10.1, as follows:

16.10.1 Permissible.

~~16.10.1.1 *Broken-Time Payments.* The student athlete may receive compensation authorized by the U.S. Olympic Committee to cover financial loss as a result of absence from employment to prepare for or participate in the Olympic Games. Such compensation ("broken-time" payments) is limited to the period immediately preceding and including actual Olympic competition. The receipt of payments during any other period, or from other sports governing bodies (e.g., U.S. Ski Association) independent of the USOC, would jeopardize the student athlete's eligibility.~~ **National Team Practice and Competition. A student-athlete may receive actual and necessary expenses and reasonable benefits associated with national team practice and competition (e.g., health insurance, broken-time payments).** [R]



~~16.10.1.1.1 Exception When Student Athlete Not Enrolled in Regular Term. A student athlete may receive broken time payments administered by the U.S. Olympic Committee or the national governing body in the sport during a period when the student athlete is not enrolled (full or part time) in a regular term to cover financial loss as a result of absence from employment as a direct result of practicing and competing on a national team (defined in Bylaw 14.02.8), provided the amounts are consistent with the principles set forth in Bylaw 12.4.2.2 and do not exceed \$300 per week, and the payment period covers not more than the period from the date the student athlete begins practice with the national team following selection to that team to one week after the conclusion of the competition. [R]~~

~~16.10.1.2 Exception for USOC Elite Athlete Health Insurance Program. An individual may receive the comprehensive benefits of the USOC Elite Athlete Health Insurance Program.~~

[16.10.1.3 renumbered as 16.10.1.2, unchanged.]

16.10.1.4~~3~~ Outside Sports Teams. An amateur outside sports team or organization may provide actual and necessary expenses to team members only if the expenses are: [R]

[16.10.1.4-(a) through 16.10.1.4-(d) renumbered as 16.10.1.3-(a) through 16.10.1.3-(d), unchanged.]

16.10.1.4~~3~~.1 Practice in Conjunction with Competition. Practice expenses may be accepted only if such practice is directly related to a competition and is conducted during a continuous time period preceding the competition. [R]

~~16.10.1.4.1.1 National Team Practice Exception. If a student athlete is involved in practice sessions conducted by a national team, the student athlete may receive such practice expenses even if the practice is not continuous and occasionally is interrupted for specified periods of time preceding the competition.~~

[16.10.1.5 through 16.10.1.9 renumbered as 16.10.1.4 through 16.10.1.8, unchanged.]

16.10.2 Nonpermissible.

[16.10.2.1 through 16.10.2.2 unchanged.]

~~16.10.2.3 Broken Time Payments. The receipt by a student athlete of compensation for a financial loss resulting from absence from employment ("broken time" payments), except as permitted in Bylaws 12.4.2.2, 16.10.1.1 and 16.10.1.1.1, is prohibited. [R]~~

[16.10.2.4 through 16.10.2.5 renumbered as 16.10.2.3 through 16.10.2.4, unchanged.]

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

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2013

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** 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. This proposal will simplify the current legislation by establishing a general rule that allows actual and necessary expenses and reasonable benefits associated with national team practice and competition. Further, an institution may use discretion to provide expenses for a student-athlete's participation in an unlimited number of national team tryouts.



Such permissive regulations will enhance student-athlete success and well-being and eliminate the need for prescriptive legislation.

**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.

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*Jan 19, 2013:* Board Review, Adopted

*Jan 20, 2013:* Adopted, Override Period; Start of Override Period

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