

# Noncontroversial Legislation

**Title:** AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- EXPENSES PROVIDED BY THE INSTITUTION FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION -- EXCEPTION -- PRACTICE PARTNER AT THE NCAA DIVISION II WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP

**Convention Year:** 2018

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Proposal Number:** NC-2018-2

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Awards and Benefits

**Status:** Ready for Consideration by Management Council

**Intent:** In wrestling, to specify that an institution may provide actual and necessary expenses to an eligible student-athlete who was not selected for the NCAA Division II Wrestling Championship to serve as a practice partner for a student-athlete who was selected for championship participation.

**Bylaws:** Amend 16.8.1, as follows:

16.8.1 Permissible. An institution, conference or the NCAA 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. [D]

**16.8.1.1 Exception -- Practice Partner at the NCAA Division II Wrestling Championship. In wrestling, an institution may provide actual and necessary expenses to an eligible student-athlete not selected for the NCAA Division II Wrestling Championship, to serve as a practice partner for a student-athlete who was selected for championship participation.**

[16.8.1.1 through 16.8.1.2 renumbered as 16.8.1.2 through 16.8.1.3, unchanged.]

## Additional Information:

Current legislation permits an institution to provide actual and necessary expenses to a student-athlete for competition, provided the student-athlete is eligible for competition. If a wrestling student-athlete is not selected for participation in the championship, the institution cannot provide expenses for the student-athlete to attend the event and serve as a practice partner for a teammate who was selected. This change will enhance student-athlete well-being by allowing the selected student-athlete to continue practicing with a teammate with whom he has practiced throughout the academic year on-site in preparation for the championship.

## Review History:

Jan 18, 2017: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Nov 8, 2016: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee

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