

Previously Approved NCAA Division II Incidental Expense (II)

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Effective October 1, 2008, NCAA Division II institutions should note that the NCAA Division II Committee for Legislative Relief has the authority to review incidental expense waivers (NCAA Bylaw 16.12). These requests were previously processed by the NCAA Division II Management Council Administrative Committee.

Bylaw 16.12.1.1 permits institutions and conferences to process incidental expenses, without the need for a waiver, provided the specific fact pattern of the institution's or conference's expense request is identical to a request that has been previously approved. If there is no direct on-point precedent for approval of the expense, the institution or conference must submit a formal Committee for Legislative Relief waiver application to the NCAA national office. Division II institutions may access the waiver application on the NCAA website (www.ncaa.org).

Note: Incidental expense waivers are only available for student-athletes and do not apply to prospective student-athletes. If an institution or conference wishes to provide a benefit/expense to a prospective student-athlete that is normally impermissible under the legislation, the institution or conference may consider filing a Committee for Legislative Relief waiver request for Bylaw 13.2 (offers and inducements) or Bylaw 13.15 (precollege expenses).]

Transportation Expenses.

1. Transportation expenses for an international student-athlete to renew his or her required documents (e.g., visa, passport).
2. Transportation expenses for student-athletes to attend the funeral of a former teammate or institutional staff member.
3. Transportation expenses to student-athletes to attend a reception where their coach will be honored.
4. Transportation expenses to a student-athlete to return home for the birth of his or her child.

5. Necessary transportation expenses (e.g., flights to/from campus) for student-athletes to ensure their health and well-being during a catastrophic event*.

Misfortune Expenses.

1. To provide actual and necessary expenses to assist student-athletes for the replacement of items damaged or lost in a fire.
2. To reimburse a student-athlete for the replacement of a personal item (e.g., backpack, laptop) that was damaged during team travel.
3. Expenses to replace items belonging to a student-athlete that were stolen from the student-athlete's car, from the student-athlete's dormitory room or during team travel.
4. Expenses for the repair of a student-athlete's property (e.g., car, laptop, cell phone) that was damaged by an institutional staff member or student manager.
5. To reimburse a student-athlete for any cost paid for a foreign tour that is cancelled due to a catastrophic event*.

Miscellaneous Expenses.

1. To permit an institution's athletics staff member to purchase a baby gift for an expectant parent student-athlete on their team. The total value of the gift may not exceed \$50.
2. To permit an institution to provide housing and meals to a student-athlete during a catastrophic event.

* A catastrophic event as defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency is "any natural or manmade incident, including terrorism, that results in extraordinary levels of mass casualties, damage or disruption severely impacting the population, infrastructure, environment, economy, national morale and/or government functions."

Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
16.12.1.1	Previously Approved Incidental Expenses.
13.2	Offers and Inducements.
16.12	Expense Waivers.
13.15	Financial Assistance to a Prospective Student-Athlete or Prospective Student- Athlete's High School.