

NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Benefits and Expenses

New rules provide more flexibility to schools, further accommodate student-athletes and align with recent changes to the NCAA constitution and NCAA Division I legislation.

CHANGES INCLUDE:

Establishing a guiding principle in Bylaw 16 that centers the 21st century student-athlete and promotes the best academic and college athletics experience by:

- Enhancing flexibility to provide student-athletes with benefits and expenses to support their health and well-being during emergencies.
- Extending benefits and services guaranteed to student-athletes at autonomy conference member schools to student-athletes at all Division I schools, including student-athletes enrolled at a Division II or Division III school who participate in a Division I sport sponsored by their school.





INSURANCE, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELL-BEING

- Schools must provide care for an athletically related injury for at least two years following either graduation or separation from the school. This standard of care includes out-of-pocket medical expenses.
- **Includes but not limited to:** disabling or critical injury or illness, loss of value insurance/policies.

Note: This may help preserve the Student Assistance Fund.



ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS

- If a student-athlete received an athletics scholarship during their first year at the school, their athletics scholarship cannot be canceled, reduced or not renewed for an athletics reason while they have eligibility remaining.



HOUSING AND MEALS

- Schools may provide food to SAs at any time. This includes any meals or snacks for basic nutritional needs. SAs living off-campus may continue to receive a board stipend.
- Boosters may pay for a team meal at restaurants on special occasions.
- Schools may provide SAs with cash to cover meal expenses incurred while they are required to be at school during a vacation period, consistent with how expenses are covered for staff.

Note: Athletics staff must collaborate with the school's financial aid office to ensure food provided to student-athletes does not impact or duplicate elements of cost of attendance.



ACADEMIC SUCCESS

- Schools may cover additional expenses related to academics (e.g., parking, cap/gown expenses, transportation to school).
- Schools must provide degree completion funds (e.g., tuition, fees, books) to eligible former student-athletes who received athletics aid in a head-count sport or who received a full scholarship that included athletics aid while previously enrolled at the school.
- Schools must provide academic support services, career counseling and life skills programming to student-athletes.

Note: Schools may not provide a car or use of a car. Federal regulations protect against the excessive provision of benefits.



COMPETITION-RELATED EXPENSES

- A SA may receive expenses to travel with their team to competition, so long as they are eligible to practice.
- Schools may cover expenses for SAs to participate in elite-level training, tryouts and competition.



COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSIONS

- No requirement to provide identification to receive comp tickets.
- Schools may issue digital comp tickets to those designated by SA.
- School may allow SAs to buy tickets at face value for any athletics event.

PROHIBITION REMAINS. SAs are not allowed to resell comp or purchased tickets.



ENTERTAINMENT

- Schools may provide reasonable entertainment to SAs at any time during the year. Examples of entertainment expenses that are typically provided by schools include mini golf, ropes courses, go-kart, movies.