

## **Benefits, Gifts and Services**

### **Nonpermissible**

**16.11.2.1 General Rule.** The student-athlete shall not receive any extra benefit. The term “extra benefit” refers to any special arrangement by an institutional employee or representative of the institution’s athletics interests to provide the student-athlete or his or her relatives or friends with a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation.

**16.11.2.2 Discounts and Credits.** A student-athlete may not receive a special discount, payment arrangement or credit on a purchase (e.g., airline ticket, clothing) or a service (e.g., laundry, dry cleaning) from an institutional employee or a representative of its athletics interests.

**16.11.2.2.1 Free or Reduced-Cost Services.** An athletics representative may not provide a student athlete with professional services (for which a fee normally would be charged) without charge or at a reduced cost except as permitted elsewhere in this bylaw. Professional services provided at less than the normal rate or at no expense to a student-athlete are considered an extra benefit, unless they are available on the same basis to the general student body.

**16.11.2.2.2 Credit Cards.** It is not permissible to allow a student-athlete to use a credit card for personal reasons without charge or at a reduced cost.

**16.11.2.2.3 Entertainment Services.** A student-athlete may not receive services (e.g., movie tickets, dinners, use of car) from commercial agencies (e.g., movie theaters, restaurants, car dealers) without charge or at reduced rates, or free or reduced-cost admission to professional athletics contests from professional sports organizations, unless such services also are available to the student body in general.

**16.11.2.3 Other Prohibited Benefits.** An institutional employee or representative of the institution’s athletics interests may not provide a student-athlete with extra benefits or services, including, but not limited to:

- (a) A loan of money;
- (b) A guarantee of bond;
- (c) An automobile or the use of an automobile;
- (d) Transportation that is not generally available to the institution’s students and their friends and relatives [see Bylaws 16.11.1.1 and 16.8.2]; or
- (e) Signing or cosigning a note with an outside agency to arrange a loan.

**16.11.2.4 Camp Concession.** It is not permissible for a member institution or a member of its athletics department staff conducting a sports camp to permit a student-athlete (enrolled in the institution) to operate, at the student-athlete’s own expense, a concession selling items related to or associated with the camp to campers or others in attendance (see also Bylaw 13.12.1.5.3.2).

**16.11.2.5 Athletics Equipment.** A student-athlete may not accept athletics equipment, supplies or clothing (e.g., tennis racquets, golf clubs, hockey sticks, balls, shirts) from a manufacturer or commercial enterprise. Such items may be provided to the student-athlete’s institution, to be used by the institution’s team in accordance with accepted practices for issuance and retrieval of athletics equipment.

**16.11.2.6 Sponsor Families.** A member institution shall not permit individuals outside the institution to serve as “sponsors” or “families” for student-athletes who are enrolled in the institution, unless such a sponsorship program exists to provide the same benefits and support services to all students at the institution.

**16.11.2.7 Civic-Group Gifts.** A member institution shall not permit a civic group to provide a student-athlete a trip to a postseason football game or to pay summer-camp expenses for a student-athlete.

**16.11.2.8 Assistance in Payment of Bills.** A member institution is not permitted to administer a fund for a student-athlete (even if funds are provided by the student-athlete) in order to assist the student-athlete in making payments for various personal expenses (e.g., utility bills, rent, fees and entertainment expenses), unless the institution provides such a service to all students and formal accounting procedures are used. (*Adopted: 1/10/92*)