

Awards & Benefits

Forms & Policies



Extra Benefits, Expenses, and Awards

Receipt by a student-athlete of an award, benefit or expense allowance not authorized by NCAA legislation renders the student-athlete ineligible for athletics competition in the sport for which the improper award, benefit or expense was received. If the student-athlete receives an extra benefit not authorized by NCAA, the individual is ineligible in all sports (NCAA Bylaw 16.01.1)

An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or a representative of the institution's athletics interests to provide a student-athlete or the student-athlete's relative or friend a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation. Receipt of a benefit by student-athletes or their relatives or friends is not a violation of NCAA legislation if it is demonstrated that the same benefit is generally available to the institution's students or their relatives or friends or to a particular segment of the student body (e.g., foreign students, minority students) determined on a basis unrelated to athletics ability (NCAA Bylaw 16.02.3)

Permissible services and benefits:

Member institutions shall make available general academic counseling and tutoring services to all student-athletes. Such counseling and tutoring services may be provided by the department of athletics or through the institution's non athletics student support services. In addition, an institution may finance other academic and support services that the institution, at its discretion, determines to be appropriate and necessary for the academic success of its student-athletes (NCAA Bylaw 16.3.1.1.) Additionally, the following support services may be provided:

- Use of computers and typewriters. Use of institutionally owned computers and typewriters on a check-out and retrieval basis; however, typing/word processing/editing services or costs may not be provided, even if typed reports and other papers are a requirement of a course in which a student-athlete is enrolled;
- Use of copy machines, fax machines and the Internet, including related long-distance charge, provided the use is for purposes related to the completion of required academic course work;
- Course supplies (e.g., calculators, art supplies, computer disks, subscriptions), provided such course supplies are required of all students in the course and specified in the institution's catalog or course syllabus;
- Cost of a field trip, provided the field trip is required of all students in the course and the fee for such trips is specified in the institution's catalog; and
- Non electronic day planners.
- Tutoring expenses

In addition, certain specific medical expenses are permissible to provide to a student-athlete. Please contact the Compliance Office or the Athletic Training Room for more information.

Impermissible services and benefits:

- Medical expenses incurred from an illness or injury that did not occur as a result of participation in practice or competition for intercollegiate athletics
- Student-athlete health insurance
- Free or reduced cost goods or services
- Use of institutional telephones, cell phones, or calling cards for personal reasons
- Use of an automobile
- Loan of money or cosign of loan

Awards:

Participation awards:

An award is an item given in recognition of athletics participation performance. Such awards are subject to specific limitations on type, value, and number. Athletics awards given to student-athletes are limited to those approved or administered by IUPUI, the Summit League, or an approved agency. IUPUI has a standard athletics awards program for student-athletes. Because of the rules limitations on awards, no award other than the standard award included in this program may be provided to student-athletes without prior authorization from the Director of Athletics. All awards must be reported on the team's annual award reporting form.

Awards for special event/tournament participation:

There are very specific rules on awards that an institution may provide to student-athletes for participation in special events such as tournaments. There are a variety of values for these awards depending on the category. To ensure compliance, all awards must receive prior approval from the Director of Athletics. All awards received from tournaments must be reported on the team's annual award reporting form.

Championship awards:

Student-athletes are permitted to receive awards for participation in Summit League and/or NCAA championships. If a team claims the Summit League regular season title and the tournament championship, the combined value of both awards cannot exceed \$325. All championship awards must be reported on the team's annual award reporting form.

Special Achievement Awards:

Special achievement awards can be presented to student-athletes under a variety of categories, including most valuable player, scholar-athlete, national recognition awards, and hometown awards. Each category has varying value limitations; therefore prior authorization from the Director of Athletics is required. All special achievement awards must be reported on the team's annual award reporting form.

Banquets:

IUPUI may conduct a postseason team banquet to honor a single team and may also conduct an annual all-sports banquet to honor all athletic teams. In addition, IUPUI may conduct an annual academic awards banquet to honor student-athletes for academic achievements. **Meal expenses for student-athletes may be paid for by IUPUI, but parents, other family members, and friends must pay for the value of the meal.**

In order to ensure that IUPUI is in compliance with NCAA legislation as well as IUPUI budget limitations, any meal function other than training table or pre/post-game meals that a coach wishes to sponsor must be approved in advance by the Director of Athletics.

Occasional Meal Approval Form

The [Occasional Meal Approval Form](#) documents an occasional meal at a family's home or other location for an infrequent or special event.

Coaches' Responsibilities:

- Submit the occasional meal approval form at least three (3) days prior to the meal to the compliance office. Attach a list of everyone who will be included for the meal.

Compliance Office Responsibilities:

- Review the approval request.
- Maintain copies of approval requests in team file.

Student-Athlete Award Request Form

The [Student-Athlete Award Request Form](#) is used to request permission to purchase awards that will be distributed to student-athletes. All awards must be approved by the Director of Athletics prior to purchase and distribution to the recipients.

Coaches' Responsibilities:

- Complete the award request form and submit it to the compliance office PRIOR to purchasing or distributing any awards.

Compliance Office Responsibilities:

- Review the approval request and forward it to the Director of Athletics
- Maintain copies of approval requests in team file.

Director of Athletics Responsibilities:

- Approve/disprove the request.

Annual Award Reporting Form

The [Annual Award Reporting Form](#) is used to track all awards received by student- athletes during a given year. This form must be submitted to the compliance office at the end of each academic year.

Coaches' Responsibilities:

- Accurately complete the reporting form at the end of each academic year and submit it to the compliance office.

Compliance Office Responsibilities:

- Review reporting form to ensure compliance with all NCAA regulations.
- Maintain copies of form.