

EXTRA BENEFITS – WHAT IS AN “EXTRA BENEFIT?”

The NCAA defines an extra benefit as any special arrangement by an institutional employee or a representative of the institution’s athletic interest (“booster”) to provide a student-athlete or a student-athlete’s relative 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 relatives that is not generally available to other Vanderbilt University students and their relatives or their friends, or friends or to a particular segment of the student body (e.g. international students, minority students). Therefore, please be aware of the following:

1. It is not permissible to allow a Student-athlete to use a telephone or credit card for personal reasons without charge or at a reduced cost. 16.11.2.2.2
2. A student-athlete may not receive services (e.g. movie tickets, dinners, use of car) from commercial agencies (movie theaters, restaurants, car dealers) without charge or reduced cost. Student-athletes may not receive free or reduced-cost of admission to professional athletic contests from professional sports organizations unless it is available to the general public. 16.11.2.2.3
3. A student-athlete cannot receive a special discount, payment arrangement or credit on a purchase (e.g., airline ticket, clothing), or service (e.g., laundry, dry cleaning) from an employee of VU or an athletic booster. 16.11.2.2
4. A VU employee or a booster cannot provide a student-athlete with the extra benefits or services, including, but not limited to: a loan of money, a guarantee of bond, the use of an automobile or the signing or co-signing of a note to arrange a loan. 16.11.2.3
5. 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 coat. Professional services provided at a less than normal rate or at no expense to a student-athlete are considered an extra benefit unless they are available on the same basis for the general student body. 16.11.2.2.1
6. An institution may not provide to student-athletes team travel outfits, blazers, or other items of clothing that are not sports-related practice or competition apparel. 16.8.2.1
7. On infrequent special occasions (e.g., a birthday, holiday, etc.) a student-athlete may accept an invitation to the home of an athletic booster or to the facility that is regularly used for home competition for a meal. The meal can be catered. 16.11.1.5
8. **A student-athlete or the entire team may receive an occasional meal by an institutional staff member on infrequent and special occasions in the local of the institution. 16.11.1.5(a)**
9. **A student-athlete may use a Department of Athletics copy machine and internet, including long-distance related charge, only for purposes related to the completion of required course work. 16.3.1.1.1 (b)**
10. A VU employee may provide a student-athlete only reasonable and occasional local transportation on an occasional basis. 16.10.1 (e)

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