



A Slice of Compliance

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PURPOSE The aim of this newsletter is to introduce the Syracuse University staff to some NCAA regulations that should be observed.

The OAC Newsletter is published by Syracuse University's Office of Athletic Compliance for use by SU's coaching staff, student-athletes, support staff, administrators, and SU support organizations.

This newsletter is not a substitute for the NCAA Manual, as rules change periodically.

Comments, suggestions, and submissions are welcome and should be directed to Caroline Nourse, compliance intern.

Extra Benefits

“**E**xtra benefit” is a phrase that has been in the news often recently. Whether they involve student-athletes accepting extra benefits or boosters offering extra benefits, allegations of extra benefits are something the NCAA, as well as Syracuse University, take seriously. According to NCAA bylaw 16.02.3,

“An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or representative of the institution's athletics interests to provide a student-athlete or the student-athlete family member or friend a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation. Receipt of a benefit by student-athletes or their family members 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 family members or friends or to a particular segment of the student-body (e.g., international students, minority students) determined on a basis unrelated to athletics ability.”

Extra benefits include (but are not limited to)

- Giving cash or loans in any amount.
- Signing or co-signing a note with an outside agency to arrange a loan.
- Employing relatives or friends of a student-athlete.
 - Giving gifts of any kind (e.g., birthday, Christmas) or free services (e.g., clothing, airline tickets, laundry, car repair, haircuts, meals in restaurants).
 - Providing special discounts for goods or services.
 - Providing use of an automobile.
 - Providing a meal other than in your home on special, infrequent occasions (e.g., Thanksgiving, birthday).
 - Providing use of your summer home to go water skiing, hunting, etc.
 - Providing transportation for any purpose.
 - Providing rent-free or reduced-rent housing.
 - Providing a benefit connected with on- or off-campus housing (e.g., television set, stereo equipment).

- Providing tickets to an athletic, institutional, or community event.
- Providing a guarantee of a bond.
- Providing promise of financial aid for postgraduate education.
- Promising employment after college graduation.

An item will not be considered to be an extra benefit if it is shown that the benefit is available to Syracuse University students, or at least one student group (fraternities, sororities, clubs, etc.), or to their relatives or friends. Please note: The benefit must be available to other groups before being offered to student-athletes. Student-athletes may not be the first to be offered the benefit.

Occasional Meals

Boosters, or other members of the community, may host occasional meals infrequently or on special occasions. However, to host these meals, they must remain in compliance with NCAA bylaw 16.11.1.5, which states,

“A student-athlete or the entire team in a sport may receive an occasional meal in the locale of the institution on infrequent and special occasions from an institutional staff member. An institutional staff member may provide reasonable local transportation to student-athletes to attend such meals. A student-athlete or the entire team in a sport may receive an occasional meal from a representative” of athletics interests on infrequent and special occasions under the following conditions

- (a) The meal may only be provided in an individual's home, on campus, or at a facility that is regularly used for home competition and may be catered; and
- (b) A representative of the institution's athletics interests may provide reasonable local transportation to student-athletes to attend the meal function only if the meal function is at the home of that representative.

If you would like to host an occasional meal for an athletic team, please contact the compliance office to obtain the necessary paperwork before the event. All paperwork must be returned and approved by compliance staff before the event is permitted to take place.

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Use of Vehicles

Student-athletes may neither be provided with nor may they drive institutional vehicles as part of their daily routine. The only exception to this rule is if a student-athlete is a member of an outside organization (fraternity, sorority, etc.) and that organization obtains the proper approval to use institutional vehicles for an event.

Employees of Syracuse University may provide reasonable local transportation to student-athletes, but only on an occasional basis. Employees of the university may neither loan student-athletes their vehicles, nor may they make an arrangement with a student-athlete to provide him or her with regular rides to and from class.

The NCAA recently deregulated the restrictions governing rides to and from practice and/or competitions. Any institutional staff member is now permitted to give a student-athlete a ride to and from practice and/or competition from his/her apartment or dorm.

Syracuse University employees or coaches may not provide an enrolled student-athlete the benefit of transportation outside the locale of Syracuse University or to the student-athlete's hometown, even if Syracuse University can document that the student-athlete has reimbursed the coaching staff member for the appropriate cost of gas.

New Travel Guidelines for Athletic Contests

As of August 1, the NCAA adopted new guidelines regarding student-athlete travel to and from athletic contests.

NCAA bylaw 18.8.1.2.1 used to state that student-athletes were not permitted to depart for a competition more than 48 hours before the start of the competition and that they were

not permitted to remain more than 36 hours (24 for men's basketball) after conclusion of the competition.

However, it is now up to the university to determine when student-athletes may depart for competitions. The Stevenson Center will be sending letters informing faculty of the travel schedule of student-athletes.

Sports Wagering

It is not permissible for staff members of the Syracuse University athletics department, nonathletic department staff members who have responsibilities within or over the athletics department (e.g., Chancellor or president, faculty athletics representative, individual to whom athletics reports), staff members of a conference office, and student-athletes to engage in any wagering activity that involves intercollegiate athletics or professional athletics, through (but not limited to) placing wagers with a bookie, wagering with an Internet gambling site, participation in office NCAA tournament pools, paying an entry fee and the possibility of winning a money/prize in a fantasy sports league, or placing wagers with friends and/or teammates. Wagers involving the exchange of food or clothing are also prohibited.

This prohibition includes participation in NCAA/NIT Tournament bracket sheets in which an entry fee is required and money or any item of tangible value may be won.

Previous NCAA major infractions cases involving student-athlete and/or staff members' participation in organized gambling activities have resulted in a number of institutional corrective actions, including complete loss of eligibility and termination of employment. For more information concerning sports wagering, visit the NCAA's interactive sports wagering web site at www.dontbetonit.org



Promotional Appearances in the Community

Prior approval is required by the director of athletics or the Office of Athletic Compliance before a student-athlete is permitted to participate in appearances and/or promotional activities. Once permission has been granted, student-athletes must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Student-athletes may not miss classes due to an appearance or promotional activity.

- Student-athletes cannot endorse a commercial product or service.
- Student-athletes may not be paid for their appearance. They can, however, receive transportation and food expenses in some circumstances. (Check with the Office of Athletic Compliance for which situations permit this exception).

There are specific restrictions on how a student-athlete's name, image, or appearance can be used to raise funds. For those restrictions, contact the Office of Athletic Compliance.

Remember: Ask Before You Act! If you have any questions regarding promotional activities, contact the Office of Athletic Compliance.

Progress Toward Degree

For a student-athlete to be eligible for competition in the spring 2014 semester, he or she must satisfactorily complete at least six semester hours of credit toward an applicable degree program during the preceding regular academic term (e.g., fall semester) in which the student-athlete has been enrolled full time at any collegiate institution and maintain the minimum applicable GPA.

The following requirements apply to all student-athletes:

- A student-athlete who is entering his or her second year (third semester) must have completed a minimum of 24 degree applicable credits.
- A student-athlete who is entering his or her third year (fifth semester) must have completed a minimum 40 percent of a degree program.
- A student-athlete who is entering his or her fourth year (seventh semester) must have completed a

minimum 60 percent of a degree program.

- A student-athlete who is entering his or her fifth year (ninth semester) must have completed a minimum 80 percent of a degree program.
- Student-athletes shall designate a program of studies leading toward a specific baccalaureate degree at the certifying institution before the first day of classes of his or her third year of enrollment (fifth semester) and thereafter shall make progress toward that specific degree. This provision shall be applicable to the eligibility not only of a continuing student, but also of a transfer student from a four-year or two-year collegiate institution who is entering his or her third year of collegiate enrollment, even if the student has not yet completed an academic year in residence or used a season of eligibility in a sport at Syracuse University.

Designation of a specific baccalaureate degree program may be accomplished by:

- Formal enrollment by the student-athlete in a specific baccalaureate degree program; or
- Approval by an appropriate academic official (who must not be an academic advisor/counselor employed by the athletics department) of the program leading to the specific baccalaureate degree that the student-athlete is pursuing.

Football

Football student-athletes must successfully complete at least nine degree applicable credit hours during the fall 2013 semester, as well as all applicable Progress Toward Degree requirements to be eligible to compete in the first four contests against outside competition in the following playing season. (NCAA bylaw 14.4.3.1.6)

New Initial Eligibility Guidelines

Student-athletes enrolling full time on or after August 1, 2016, must:

1. Have graduated from high school.
2. Have a minimum core course GPA of 2.300.
3. Take 10 of the 16 core-courses before their senior year. Of the 10 courses, 7 must be in the area of English, math, or natural science. Once taken, these 10 courses become "locked in" for the purpose of GPA calculation.
4. Have a GPA of at least 2.0 in order to practice as well as receive athletic aid.
5. Have a minimum SAT score of 1020 or minimum ACT of 86.

New core courses

16 high school core courses are required for student-athletes to receive athletic aid, practice, and compete in their first year of college:

- English—4 years
- Math—3 years at algebra I or higher
- Natural or physical science—2 years (1 lab, if offered)
- Social science—2 years
- Additional English, math, or science—1 year
- Additional academic courses from those listed above, or foreign language, philosophy, or comparative religion—4 years

Academic redshirts must:

1. Complete 16 core courses.
2. Have a minimum core course GPA of 2.000.
3. Meet the academic redshirt sliding scale requirement of GPA and ACT/SAT score, a minimum SAT of 1020 or a minimum ACT of 86.
4. Graduate from high school.

Complimentary Admissions

Institutional staff members are not permitted to receive complimentary admissions to athletic contests from student-athletes, nor are they permitted to appear on a student-athlete's pass list.

Student-athletes may also not sell, assign, or exchange complimentary admissions to any institutional staff members and/or their guests for any item of value.

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Pack your bags for an Orange getaway!

Come to Syracuse, the land of Orange!

Join us **October 3-6, 2013**, for **Orange Central**, SU's signature homecoming and reunion weekend! Connect with classmates, students, and special guests—and cheer on SU at Saturday's **inaugural ACC football game** against Clemson.

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