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### **NCAA Rules and Regulations**

The National College Athletic Association (NCAA) is the governing body of collegiate athletics. The NCAA has academic rules and regulations that Florida Atlantic University must abide by. As a tutor, academic mentor or intern, you are representing the Student-Athlete Center for Academic Excellence (SACAE) and Athletic Department; therefore, you must be aware of the following NCAA rules and regulations as it pertains to the tutorial support programs.

As a tutor, academic mentor or intern you are deemed not only an athletic department employee but also a “representative of Florida Atlantic University’s athletic interests” therefore please review the following NCAA bylaws:

#### **Extra Benefit**

An "Extra Benefit" is defined as any special arrangement by an athletic representative (booster) or an institutional staff member to provide a student-athlete or his or her relatives with a benefit not permitted by the NCAA legislation. Receipt of an award, benefit, or expense will render the student-athlete ineligible for athletic competition if it is shown that the award, benefit or expense was received due to the student’s status as a student-athlete.

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 family members 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.

Family member is defined as a spouse, parent or legal guardian, child, sibling, grandparent, domestic partner, or any individual whose close associate with the SA is the practical equivalent of a family relationship.

**By violating those guidelines, you will be jeopardizing the welfare of the institution, the student-athlete, and your own employment status.**

#### **Academic Support Services**

**Specific Limitations:** An institution may provide the following support services subject to the specified limitations.

- A. Use of institutionally owned computers 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;
- B. 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;



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- C. 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 or the course instructor indicates in writing that the supplies are required;
- D. Cost of a field trip, or attendance at an event provided it is required of all students in the course and the fee for such trips is specified in the institution's catalog; and
- E. Non-electronic day planners.

#### Student Providing Transportation and Meals to Student-Athletes

A student who is a part-time employee of the athletics department and is an established family friend of a student-athlete would be permitted to continue to provide transportation and occasional home meals to the student-athlete, which includes arrangement, or credit on purchase (e.g. airline ticket, clothing, and athletic gear) or service (e.g. laundry, dry cleaning, hair cut) from an employee or booster of Florida Atlantic University. **This preexisting relationship must be established and approved by the Compliance staff PRIOR to continuing benefits.**

Florida Atlantic University employees, representatives of athletics interest and/or boosters may not provide student-athletes with a loan of money, a guarantee of bond, or the signing or cosigning of a note to arrange a loan.

Florida Atlantic University employees and boosters may not provide student-athletes with the use of an automobile.

#### No permissible Expenses (Bylaw 16.3.1)

Services that **may not** be financed by the institution, but are not limited to the following:

- A. Typing costs, even if typed reports and other papers are a requirement of a course in which a student-athlete is enrolled. Typing costs are not considered an institutional fee under NCAA legislation, and payment would be considered an extra benefit not available to the general student body;
- B. Course supplies- not listed on course syllabus or institution's catalog as required for the course (e.g., calculators, art supplies);
- C. Use of a copy machine, fax, or internet for personal use, not academically related.

#### Sale of Complimentary Admissions (Bylaw 16.2.1)



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A student-athlete may not receive payment from any source of his/her complimentary admissions and may not exchange or assign them for any item of value.

#### Payment to Third Party

Individuals designated by the student-athlete to receive complimentary admissions are not permitted to receive any type of payment for these admissions or to exchange or assign them for any item of value. Receipt of payment for complimentary admissions by such designated individuals is prohibited and considered an extra benefit (16.2.2.2)

#### Gambling Activities (Bylaw 10.3)

Staff members of the athletics department and student-athletes shall not knowingly:

- A. Provide information to individuals involved in organized gambling activities concerning intercollegiate competition;
- B. Solicit a bet on any intercollegiate team;
- C. Accept a bet on any intercollegiate team;
- D. Solicit or accept a bet on any intercollegiate competition for any item that has value;
- E. Participate in any gambling activity that involves intercollegiate athletics or professional athletics, through a bookmaker, a parlay card, or any other method employed by organized gambling. For professional athletics, this rule pertains to the sports in which the NCAA conducts a national championship, and also includes emerging sports and fantasy sports betting.

It is permissible for a student-athlete to enter tournaments/events (e.g. ESPN March Madness Challenge) and the like if there is no entry fee associated with participating in the tournament/event, even if there is a prize given out for placing in the tournament.

#### Unethical Conduct (Bylaw 10.1)

Unethical conduct by a prospective or enrolled student-athlete or a current or former institutional staff member may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- A. Refusal to furnish information relevant to an investigation of a possible violation of an NCAA regulation when requested to do so by the NCAA or the individual's institution;
- B. Knowingly involved in arranging for fraudulent academic credit or false transcripts for a prospective student-athlete;



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- C. Knowingly involved in offering or providing a prospective or an enrolled student-athlete an improper inducement or extra benefit or improper financial aid;
- D. Knowingly furnishing the NCAA or the institution false or
  - i. misleading information concerning the individuals'
  - ii. involvement in or knowledge of matters relevant to a possible
  - iii. violation of an NCAA regulation; or
- E. Receipt of benefits by an institutional staff member for facilitating or arranging a meeting between a student-athlete and an agent, financial advisor or a representative of an agent or advisor (e.g., 'runner').

If you are ever in question about a student-athlete, SACAE policy or a NCAA policy please contact the FAU Compliance staff listed in the header of this document.