

# IOWA HAWKEYES

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA DEPARTMENT OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Dear Men's Basketball Parents,

The first round of the 2016 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament is right around the corner, and we could not be more excited for your family. As you may be traveling to the first round, there are some important steps you can take to ensure that your son remains eligible to play in the tournament. Please be mindful of impermissible benefits, termed extra benefits by the NCAA, which may be offered to your family or friends. If accepted, extra benefits could jeopardize your son's eligibility for the game and his future at the University of Iowa. Extra benefits include, but are not limited to:

- Any item in exchange for your son's 6 complimentary game tickets or apparel and gifts (the student-athlete will sign up family & friends prior to tournament games via the ACS software);
- Free lodging or meals provided by a booster or a sports agent/agency;
- Free or discounted entertainment (e.g., NBA tickets, waived cover charges at bars/clubs).

The notoriety of this men's basketball season, the tournament, and our presence in the area is likely to attract professional sports agents and those that associate with professional agents. Please be wary of anyone attempting to provide your family/friends anything of value because of your relationship to an Iowa student-athlete. These situations may certainly occur and they will impact your son's eligibility at the University of Iowa if benefits are accepted by the student or his family/friends. We are taking steps to also educate the Men's Basketball team about the importance of following NCAA rules and appreciate any assistance you may provide.

Sincerely,

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