

The University of Iowa Athletics

# COMPLIANCE NEWSLETTER

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## MEALS & ENTERTAINMENT RELATED TO COMPETITION

An institution may provide either a meal/snacks **OR** cash (not exceeding \$15) following a competition to student-athletes as a benefit incidental to participation in intercollegiate athletics, **BUT NOT BOTH!**

Also, an institution, conference or the NCAA may provide reasonable entertainment (but may not provide cash for such entertainment) to SAs in conjunction with practice or competition.

### **For Your Information:**

**SA** = Student-Athlete

**PSA** = Prospective Student-Athlete



## Social Media



According to NCAA Bylaws, institutions are not permitted to comment in any manner as to the likelihood that a PSA will sign with that institution and may not publicize a PSA's visit to campus. This rule extends to an institution's current SAs and should be especially considered any time SAs are acting as hosts for recruits. Following are some examples of actions that would not be permissible under this rule:

- Posting photos to Instagram that include any PSAs visiting campus.
- Posting to Facebook about a PSAs verbal commitment to Iowa.
- Retweeting a PSA's tweet about their visit to The University of Iowa.
- Sending a snap of you and your recruit at the game privately or on your story.
- Posting a tweet wishing a PSA good luck at their game tonight.

### What Can You Do?

Student-athletes are allowed to privately message PSAs through email or social media platforms as long as it is not at the direction of a coach or other athletics department staff member and the communication does not relate to the prospective student-athlete's recruitment.

### When Do These Limitations End?

Student-athletes may begin to comment and post about a PSAs future as a student-athlete at The University of Iowa when one of the following conditions has been met:

- PSA signs a NLI.
- PSA has accepted Iowa's written offer of admission or financial aid.
- Iowa has received PSA's financial deposit for admission.

If you're unsure as to whether any of these conditions have been met, be safe and **DON'T POST!**

## COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS

Beginning this year, the Big Ten recognized the NCAA ruling that allows an institution to provide complimentary tickets to SAs for regular-season home games, including Football and Men's Basketball games. An SA pass list is now available at all Iowa athletic events, except MBB which requires SAs to pre-register through HawkeyeSports.com. SAs are required pre-register for MBB games & show student ID in order to be admitted to the game.

In addition to these tickets, an institution may also provide 4 complimentary admissions per home or away intercollegiate athletics event to an SA in the sport in which the individual participates. It is against NCAA regulations for an SA to receive payment from any source for their complimentary admissions and an SA may not exchange or assign comp tickets for any item of value.



## Employment at Sport Camps or Clinics

A student-athlete may work at any sports camp or clinic as a **counselor**, provided compensation is paid only for work actually performed and at a rate commensurate with the going rate for similar services. SAs should ensure that their name or picture is only used in the camp counselor section of the camp brochure and not in any other way to directly advertise or promote the camp. An SA who only lectures or demonstrates at a camp/clinic may not receive compensation for his or her appearance at the camp/clinic. Additionally, currently enrolled SAs may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics. Further, a student-athlete with remaining eligibility is not permitted to conduct his or her own camp or clinic.

SAs must seek preapproval from the Sports Camp Office and Compliance Office for employment at any sport camp or clinic.

*Did You Know:* The University of Iowa campus currently has 8 buildings with LEED Certifications. Some certified buildings SAs may recognize include the Beckwith Boathouse, Sports Medicine Clinic, and the Carver Hawkeye Arena Addition/Renovation.



Wondering if an activity complies with the rules? Just Ask!

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## STAYING ELIGIBLE: PROGRESS TOWARDS DEGREE

In order to stay eligible, student-athletes must maintain progress toward a baccalaureate or equivalent degree as specified by the NCAA.

### *Eligibility by the Numbers:*

- 6 =** The number of credits towards a degree an SA must pass in order to be eligible in the next semester.
- 9 =** The number of credits a FOOTBALL SA must pass in the fall in order to be eligible for the next fall.
- 14 =** The number of credits an SA must be enrolled in per semester according to PCA policy.
- 18 =** The number of credits an SA must pass in the fall and spring combined in order to be eligible the next fall (cannot be made up in summer).
- 24 =** The number of credits freshmen must pass in the fall, spring, and summer combined in order to be eligible the next fall.

Please contact your academic advisor in the Gerdin Learning Center if you are concerned that you may not be meeting the requirements.

## SPORTS AGENT POLICY

An individual shall be ineligible for participation in an intercollegiate sport if he or she ever has agreed (orally or in writing) to be represented by an agent for the purpose of marketing his or her athletics ability or reputation in that sport. Some examples of **impermissible** actions include, but are not limited to:

- Accepting a promise of pay to be received following completion of intercollegiate athletics participation.
- Signing a contract to play professional athletics, regardless of the contract's legal enforceability.
- Competing on any professional athletics team, even if no pay or remuneration for expenses was received.
- Entering into a professional draft (with an exception in the sport of basketball).



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