

AWARDS AND BENEFITS

As acknowledgement for athletic participation, and as recognition for outstanding performance, the Division of Athletics permits deserving student-athletes to receive athletic awards in compliance with NCAA and Conference rules and regulations. The Compliance Office oversees the awards program and the Head Coaches are responsible for tracking all of the awards provided to their student-athletes and submitting an annual report, accounting for all awards.

In an effort to track the awards for each student-athlete in each sport, the Compliance Office has designed an Awards Form Folder "AMATEURISM" / File "Awards"), which is to be completed by each team and submitted to the Compliance Office by the end of the spring semester. All awards are to be listed on the form, including those provided by groups such as the Varsity D. Awards provided directly from the NCAA or the Conference do not need to be included on the list.

Award Value Limitations

The total of a single participation or "letter" award received by a non-senior student-athlete may not exceed \$150. Multiple awards may be presented, only if the total value of all participation awards received during a particular year by an individual (non-senior) student-athlete does not exceed the \$150 limit.

Multiple awards may be presented to a senior student-athlete, only if the total value of all participation awards presented during a particular academic year to a senior student-athlete does not exceed \$300 in each sport in which the student-athlete participates.

Letter Awards

The Division of Athletics will provide annual participation (varsity letter) awards, according to the following:

1 st Year	Plaque	
2 nd Year	Jacket	
3 rd Year	Watch	
4 th Year	Senior Ring	*Must graduate to receive

The cost of these items may vary year to year, but you will be informed of the amount, when determined. You must account for this amount in any team awards you plan to present.

OCCASIONAL MEALS

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 may receive an occasional family home meal from a representative of athletics interests on infrequent and special occasions under the following conditions:

1. The meal must be provided in an individual's home (as opposed to a restaurant) and may be catered; and
2. 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.

COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSIONS

An institution may provide four complimentary admissions per home or away intercollegiate athletics event to a student-athlete in the sport in which the individual participates (either practices or competes), regardless of whether the student-athlete competes in the contest.

Complimentary admissions will be provided via a pass list. To be admitted to the contest, individuals receiving the admissions must proceed to the pass gate and show photo identification and sign in to be admitted to the contest.

At no time will hard tickets be issued.

The process for handling complimentary admissions for the player/guest pass list and complimentary admission for prospects in all sports, excluding home football games:

On the compliance section of the website, you will find two PDF forms:
<http://daytonflyers.cstv.com/compliance/dayt-compliance.html>

1. Player / Guest Pass List

If you are hosting a home event, and you wish to submit a player/guest list to the ticket office, you will need to complete the “**Player / Guest Pass List**” form, and submit it to the ticket office **PRIOR** to your home contest.

2. Complimentary Admissions for Prospects

If you are hosting prospects, you will need to complete the “**Complimentary Admissions for Prospects**” form, and submit it to the ticket office prior to the home contest which you wish to attend. Please note, men's basketball games are subject to availability, and it is recommended you submit this form to the ticket office well in advance of your request. (weeks in advance, not days)

Please note, you can **TYPE DIRECTLY ON THE FORM**. You may submit the list to the ticket office via one of the following:

1. Save document as a PDF and email it to the ticket office
2. Print document and fax to the ticket office
3. Print document and hand deliver to ticket office
4. Print document and send to ticket office via campus mail (if time available)

Entertainment

Away-From-Home Contests

UD may pay the actual costs (but MAY NOT provide cash) for reasonable entertainment that takes place within a 100-mile radius of where a team plays or practices in connection with an away-from-home contest or en route to or from such a contest. [16.7.1]

- It is permissible for an alumnus, alumni organization or the sponsoring organization of the event (in addition to the involved member) to provide the actual and necessary costs for reasonable entertainment that takes place in the general area where the team is playing or practicing in conjunction with an away-from-home contest, provided such entertainment is approved by the institution. [3/5/87 Official Interp.]
- Student-athletes may receive admission to a UD athletics contests for entertainment purposes when student-athletes in different sports participate in road contests on the same date at the same site. [12/7/86 Official Interp.]
- In the sports of basketball, football and women's volleyball, it is not permissible for an institution, as part of entertainment in conjunction with an away-from-home competition, to pay the expenses of the institution's team to scout a future opponent. In all other sports, it would be permissible to pay the expenses for a team to scout a future opponent; however, it would not be permissible for the coach to attend the opponent's contest. [11.6.2, 12/16/98 Staff Interp.]

Home Contests

UD may rent a film or movie, provide pay-per-view movies in the student-athletes' hotel rooms or take its intercollegiate team to the movies the night before a home contest without the film or movie being considered an extra benefit. UD may not provide cash to student-athletes for entertainment expenses. [16.7.2]

Vacation Period

UD may pay the actual costs (but MAY NOT provide cash) for reasonable entertainment that takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's campus or practice site during vacation periods (e.g., preseason period) when the team is required to reside on campus (or at a practice site normally used by the institution) and classes are not in session. [16.7.1]

Professional Sports Tickets

Complimentary tickets to professional sports contests may not be provided to student-athletes, unless the tickets are provided by the institution (or by a representative of athletics interests through the institution) for entertainment purposes to student-athletes involved in an away-from-home contest. Under the latter circumstances, the institution may pay actual costs for reasonable entertainment that takes place during a team trip. [Note: UD limits this benefit.] [16.7.1.1]

In addition, a conference office would be permitted to purchase and provide to its member institutions complimentary tickets to a professional sports contest, provided the tickets are provided in conjunction with a conference event and are for entertainment purposes for student-athletes involved in the conference event. [10/25/91 Staff Interp.]

Team Bonding

It is not permissible for an institution to provide expenses to student-athletes in conjunction with permissible conditioning activities that may occur outside the playing season during the academic year. Thus, an institution may not provide transportation expenses or the payment of any fees associated with participation in a ropes course (or other related team building activities) outside the playing season. [1/1/01 Ed. Column, 8/23/96 Staff Interp.]

During the playing season, it is permissible to pay for expenses for practice sessions only if they are associated with an away-from-home contest or conducted at a site located within the state of Ohio, or, if outside the state, no more than 100 miles from campus. Any practice on an extended road trip must take place either at the competition site or on a direct route between two consecutive competition sites. It is not permissible to schedule practice sessions at other locations in order to provide entertainment opportunities for team members. [16.8.1.1, 16.8.1.1.1]

Academic Services

NCAA rules require that UD make academic counseling and tutoring services available to all recruited student-athletes (these services may be provided through regular UD non-athletic student support services).

Academic services which may be financed by the Department of Athletics or University include:

- tutoring expenses
- On-campus student development and career counseling
- future professional career counseling
- use of computers and typewriters
- cost of a field trip, provided the field trip is required of all students in the course and the fee for such trips is specified in the IUPUI catalog or fee schedule

Academic services that **may NOT be financed** by the Department of Athletics or University include, but are not limited to:

- typing costs, fax, phone, etc.
- course supplies, e.g., calculators, art supplies, etc.
- use of copy machine only for student-athletes

All coaches and staff should cognizant of all permissible and impermissible activities.

EXTRA-BENEFITS

Accepting extra benefits or illegal aid, knowingly or not, is a serious violation of NCAA rules. Athletes eligibility, scholarship, and their right to compete in intercollegiate athletics if you accept extra benefits from any source.

Examples of extra benefits include, but are not limited to:

- Gifts or loans of clothing, stereo equipment, compact discs, food, beverages
 - Transportation
 - Use of an automobile
 - Low interest or interest-free loans, telephone cards, credit cards, charge accounts, etc.
 - Exceeding the allotted number of complimentary admissions
 - Money from selling complimentary admissions
 - Special discounts on products or services
 - Special payment arrangements on personal purchases
 - Material benefits that are not available to the general student body

Student-athletes are only allowed to receive benefits that also are offered to the general student population. Be extremely careful of "free" or "special" benefits that you may be offered. If any of these items or services have been offered to your athletes by someone other than a family member, notify the Office of Compliance immediately. If you have any questions about whether something might be considered illegal aid, ask your coach or the Office of Compliance.

EQUIPMENT AND APPAREL USAGE

The Division of Athletics provides only the highest quality equipment with optimum safety features to its student-athletes. Each Head Coach is responsible for scheduling the issuance of equipment with the appropriate equipment room. Student-athletes are eligible to receive equipment when they have achieved the following:

1. Academic clearance from the Assistant Athletic Director/Academic Services
2. NCAA clearance from the Compliance Office.
3. Medical clearance from the Head Athletic Trainer.
4. Athletic clearance from the Head Coach.

The Equipment Manager, the Head Coaches and the Compliance Office are all responsible for educating the student-athlete as to applicable NCAA rules regarding equipment usage and its return.

It is an NCAA violation for the Equipment Room Staff to launder personal items of a student-athlete. Please inform your student-athletes to restrict items put on the laundry pin to only those issued by the Equipment Room.

Equipment/Apparel Return

Each student-athlete who is issued equipment is responsible for returning it in good condition (allowing for normal wear and tear), following criteria established by the Equipment Manager.

In general, all student-athletes are required to return their equipment within one (1) week after the close of their sport's season. All in-season equipment must be returned **before** the team can be eligible to receive "roll items" (i.e., practice clothes) for off-season workouts.

Equipment/Apparel Retention

In addition to NCAA regulations, the equipment rooms must also follow State of Ohio directives regarding all equipment and apparel purchased with state of Ohio funds. In general, the state requires that **ALL EQUIPMENT AND APPAREL ISSUED TO STUDENT-ATHLETES MUST BE RETURNED** to the equipment room at the end of the academic year.

Student-athletes, however, may be permitted to retain **unusable apparel** upon written permission from the Director of Athletics. Unusable apparel is defined as any apparel that cannot be reused by other team members during subsequent seasons.