

## University of Louisville Compliance - Equipment

### **NCAA RULES EDUCATION**

#### **Conduct of Athletic Staff Members**

**Buckley Amendment.** An institution is not permitted to disclose information regarding a student-athlete's:

- (1) results of NCAA or institutional drug tests;
- (2) academic transcripts from any institution including the University of Louisville;
- (3) pre-college test scores and information relating to eligibility of nonstandard testing;
- (4) records concerning financial aid;
- (5) records concerning campus or home addresses or phone numbers; and
- (6) any other papers or information pertaining to his or her NCAA eligibility.

**10.1 Unethical Conduct.** Unethical conduct by a prospective or enrolled student-athlete or a current or former institutional staff member (e.g., coach, professor, tutor, teaching assistant, student manager, student trainer) 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) Knowing involvement in arranging for fraudulent academic credit or false transcripts for a prospective or an enrolled student-athlete;
- (c) Knowing involvement 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 individual's institution false or misleading information concerning the individual's involvement in or knowledge of matters relevant to a possible violation of an NCAA regulation;
- (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");
- (f) Knowing involvement in providing a banned substance or impermissible supplement to student-athletes, or knowingly providing medications to student-athletes contrary to medical licensure, commonly accepted standards of care in sports medicine practice, or state and federal law;
- (g) Failure to provide complete and accurate information to the NCAA or institution's admissions office regarding an individual's academic record (e.g., schools attended, completion of coursework, grades and test scores);
- (h) Fraudulence or misconduct in connection with entrance or placement examinations;  
or
- (i) Engaging in any athletics competition under an assumed name or with intent to otherwise deceive.

**10.3 Gambling Activities.** Staff members of the athletics department and student-athletes shall not knowingly:

- (a) Provide information to individuals involved in organized gambling activities concerning collegiate athletics;
- (b) Solicit a bet on any collegiate team;
- (c) Accept a bet on any team representing the institution;
- (d) Solicit or accept a bet on any collegiate competition for any item that has value;
- (e) Participate in any gambling activity that involves collegiate or professional athletics, through a bookmaker, a parlay card, office pool or any other method employed by organized gambling.

**11.2.2 Athletically Related Income.** Contractual agreements, including letters of appointment, between a full-time or part-time athletics department staff member (excluding secretarial or clerical personnel) and an institution shall include the stipulation that the staff member is required to provide a written detailed account annually to the president or chancellor for all athletically related income and benefits from sources outside the institution. In addition, the approval of all athletically related income and benefits shall be consistent with the institution's policy related to outside income and benefits applicable to all full-time or part-time employees. Sources of such income shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) Income from annuities;
- (b) Sports camps or clinics;
- (c) Housing benefits (including preferential housing arrangements);
- (d) Country club memberships;
- (e) Complimentary ticket sales;
- (f) Television and radio programs; and
- (g) Endorsement or consultation contracts with athletics shoe apparel or equipment manufacturers.

**16.02.3 Extra Benefit.** An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or a representative of the institution's athletics interests to provide a student-athlete or the student-athlete's relative or friend a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation. 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 relatives 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.

## Travel Apparel

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An institution may not provide to student-athletes team travel outfits, blazers or other items of clothing that are not sports-related practice or competition apparel. Bylaw 16.8.2.1

## Retention of Athletics Apparel and Equipment

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NCAA member institutions should note that in accordance with Bylaw 16.12.1.8, a student-athlete may retain athletics apparel items (not equipment) at the end of the individual's collegiate participation. Used equipment may be purchased by the student-athlete on the same cost basis as any other individual interested in purchasing such equipment. It should be noted, however, that the NCAA Administrative Committee, during its October 23, 1986, meeting, confirmed that apparel items that are not reusable by other team members in subsequent seasons (subject to the discretion of the institution) could be considered the property of the involved student-athlete.

## Retention of Shoes

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A student-athlete is permitted to retain such items if they are no longer reusable at the end of the institution's playing season. [References: 16.12.1.5 (retention of athletics apparel and equipment), and 10/23/86 NCAA Interpretations Committee minutes, Item No. 1-(p)]

## **Retention of multiple warm-up uniforms**

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In regard to a member institution whose shoe contract provides for multiple warm-up uniforms for the student-athletes of that member institution's intercollegiate team; confirmed that a student-athlete on that team would be permitted to retain only those warm-up uniforms that were issued and utilized for actual practice and competition.

## **Purchase of used equipment by student-athletes**

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Used equipment may be purchased by a student-athlete on the same cost basis as any other individual interested in purchasing such equipment does not preclude an institution from initially offering its student-athletes the opportunity to purchase the equipment at the fair market value. Under such circumstances, it is not permissible to provide such equipment to a student-athlete free of charge even if the institution receives such equipment at no cost. [References: 16.02.3 (extra benefit) and 16.12.1.5 (retention of athletics apparel and equipment)]

## **Student-athlete using institutional athletics apparel during the summer**

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A student-athlete may use institutional athletics apparel (per the institution's normal issuance and retrieval policy) during a summer vacation period. Further, such a policy does not have to be applicable to all students and the student-athlete may use laundry services for the athletics apparel. [References: 16.12.1.6 (summer use of athletics equipment)].

## **Institution loaning equipment to prospects during summer camp**

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An institution may loan athletics equipment (e.g., football helmet, softball bat) to prospective student-athletes who are attending the institution's summer camp, provided the equipment is necessary for participation in camp activities and is available to all prospects attending the camp. [References: NCAA Bylaws 13.16.1.5.1 (athletics equipment); 16.12.1.6 (summer use of athletics equipment); 13.13.1.1 (sports camps and clinics) and 13.2.2 (offers and inducements)]

## **Spring football practice -- noncontact practice sessions**

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During spring practice, an institution has the discretion to determine the practice activities that may occur during noncontact sessions (e.g., blocking dummies), provided no football gear or protective equipment other than head gear, shoes, pants and porous, light-weight jerseys are worn by the involved players. [References: 17.7.6-(a) (spring practice -- Division I); 17.7.6- (b) (spring practice -- Division II); Council 1/7/90, Item No. 2)

## **Wearing apparel items (e.g., hat, visor, shirt) that display logos during competition**

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A student-athlete representing an institution in intercollegiate competition is limited to wearing apparel items that include only the logo (not to exceed 2 1/4-square inches) of an apparel

manufacturer or distributor. The student-athlete may not wear any apparel (e.g., hat, visor, shirt) that identifies any other entity, other than the student-athlete's institution. [Reference: 12.5.4 (use of logos on equipment, uniform and apparel)]

## **Receipt of Athletics Equipment/Apparel as a Result of Family Member's Contractual Agreement**

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It is not permissible for a student-athlete to receive athletics equipment, supplies Receipt of Athletics Equipment/Apparel as a Result of Family Member's Contractual Agreement: It is not permissible for a student-athlete to receive athletics equipment, supplies or clothing directly from a manufacturer or commercial enterprise under any circumstances. The committee noted that a student-athlete's family member who receives such items as part of a contract with a manufacturer or commercial enterprise may provide such items to the student-athlete at his or her discretion. [Reference: NCAA Bylaw 16.12.2.6]