

Emergency Assistance for UVSC Student-Athletes

This information is intended as a resource for use in emergency situations where enrolled student-athletes are involved. An emergency is defined as a situation where the safety and well being of an enrolled student-athlete is concerned, immediate action is required, and the Compliance Office is not available for assistance. All non-emergency situations should be cleared through the Compliance Office prior to the situation.

Extra Benefit Defined:

16.02.3 Extra Benefit

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Eligibility Effect of Violation:

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PERMISSIBLE:

Medical / Illness Emergency:

UVSC Athletic Department requires all student-athletes to carry primary medical insurance that covers accidents and injuries resulting from participation in intercollegiate athletics. The student-athlete's primary insurance will always be billed prior to any secondary coverage that may be provided through the UVSC Athletic Department for

16.4 MEDICAL EXPENSES

16.4.1 Permissible

Identified medical expense benefits incidental to a student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics that may be financed by the institution are: *(Revised: 4/29/04)*

- (a) Athletics medical insurance;
- (b) Death and dismemberment insurance for travel connected with intercollegiate athletics competition and practice;
- (c) Drug-rehabilitation expenses;
- (d) Counseling expenses related to the treatment of eating disorders; (*Adopted: 1/11/89*)
- (e) Special individual expenses resulting from a permanent disability that precludes further athletics participation. The illness or injury producing the disability must involve a former student-athlete or have occurred while the student-athlete was enrolled at the institution, or while the prospective student-athlete was on an official paid visit to the institution's campus. An institution or outside agency, or both, may raise money through donations, benefits or like activities to assist the student-athlete or a prospective student-athlete. All funds secured shall be controlled by the institution, and the money shall be used exclusively to meet these expenses;
- (f) Glasses, contact lenses or protective eye wear (e.g., goggles) for student-athletes who require visual correction in order to participate in intercollegiate athletics;
- (g) Medical examinations at any time; (*Revised: 4/29/04*)
- (h) Expenses for medical treatment (including transportation and other related costs). Such expenses may include the cost of traveling to the location of medical treatment or the provision of actual and necessary living expenses for the student-athlete to be treated at a site on or off the campus during the summer months while the student-athlete is not actually attending classes. Medical documentation shall be available to support the necessity of the treatment at the location in question; and (*Revised: 4/29/04*)
- (i) Medical expenses (including surgical expenses, medication, rehabilitation and physical therapy expenses and dental expenses). (*Adopted: 9/6/00; Revised: 4/29/04*)

16.6.1.3 Life-Threatening Injury or Illness

The institution may pay transportation, housing and meal expenses for parents (or legal guardians) and the spouse of a student-athlete and for the student-athlete's teammates to be present in situations in which a student-athlete suffers a life-threatening injury or illness, or, in the event of a student-athlete's death, to provide these expenses in conjunction with funeral arrangements. (*Revised: 1/11/89*)

16.6.1.3.1 Family Member of Student-Athlete

An institution may pay transportation, housing and meal expenses for a student-athlete and the student-athlete's teammates to be present in situations in which a family member or legal guardian of the student-athlete suffers a life-threatening injury or illness or, in the

event of a family member's or legal guardian's death, to provide the student-athlete and the student-athlete's teammates with expenses in conjunction with funeral arrangements. *(Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95; Revised: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

Transportation:

16.8.2.2 Transportation to/from Student-Athlete's Residence

An institution may not provide transportation (e.g., shuttle, van) to on-campus practice sites for student-athletes traveling to and from their on- or off-campus residences, except in unusual situations involving danger, inclement weather or other similar extenuating circumstances. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

16.9.1 Permissible Travel Expenses Not Related to Practice or Competition

It is permissible for an institution to provide the following travel expenses not related to practice or competition:

(e) **Local Transportation.** Reasonable local transportation to student-athletes on an occasional basis. *(Adopted: 1/10/95)*

Legal Services:

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Interpretation:

a. Pro Bono Legal Services Provided to Student-Athletes: Reviewed Bylaw 16.02.3 (extra benefit) and Bylaw 12.1.2 (amateurism -- forms of pay) in regard to an outside agency that wishes to provide pro bono legal services to a student-athlete; determined that such an arrangement would not be precluded provided the agency has provided this type of service in the past to other needy individuals (based upon nonathletics objective criteria), and the student-athlete initiates the contact with the agency.

Miscellaneous Benefits:

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An institution may provide or arrange for the following benefits for a student-athlete: *(Adopted: 4/26/01)*

(e) Telephone calls in emergency situations as approved by the director of athletics (or his or her designee);

(f) Reasonable tokens of support and transportation in the event of serious injury, serious illness, or death of a family member and transportation to attend the funeral of any family member;

16.11.2.2.2 Telephones and Credit Cards

It is not permissible to allow a student-athlete to use a telephone or credit card for personal reasons without charge or at a reduced cost.

Discounts, Free or Reduced-Cost Services:

16.11.2.2 Discounts and Credits

A student-athlete may not receive a special discount, payment arrangement or credit on a purchase (e.g., airline ticket, clothing) or a service (e.g., laundry, dry cleaning) from an institutional employee or a representative of its athletics interests.

16.11.2.2.1 Free or Reduced-Cost Services

An athletics representative may not provide a student-athlete with professional services (for which a fee normally would be charged) without charge or at a reduced cost except as permitted elsewhere in this bylaw. Professional services provided at less than the normal rate or at no expense to a student-athlete are considered an extra benefit unless they are available on the same basis to the general student body.

Prohibited Benefits:

16.11.2.3 Other Prohibited Benefits

An institutional employee or representative of the institution's athletics interests may not provide a student-athlete with extra benefits or services, including, but not limited to:

(a) A loan of money;

(b) A guarantee of bond;

(c) An automobile or the use of an automobile;

(d) Transportation (e.g., a ride home with a coach), except as permitted in 16.9.1-(e), even if the student-athlete reimburses the institution or the staff member for the appropriate amount of the gas or expense; or

(e) Signing or cosigning a note with an outside agency to arrange a loan.

16.11.2.8 Assistance in Payment of Bills

A member institution is not permitted to administer a fund for a student-athlete (even if funds are provided by the student-athlete) in order to assist the student-athlete in making payments for various personal expenses (e.g., utility bills, rent, fees and entertainment expenses) unless the institution provides such a service to all students and formal accounting procedures are utilized. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

NCAA Extra Benefits Rules

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16.11.2.1 General Rule

The student-athlete shall not receive any extra benefit. The term "extra benefit" refers to any special arrangement by an institutional employee or representative of the institution's athletics interests to provide the student-athlete or his or her relatives or friends with a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation.