Extra Benefits Reminder

Student-Athlete, please remember that you are not allowed to accept any type of extra benefit or service, including discounts, gifts, special arrangements, etc. if you are receiving it as a result of your status as a student-athlete. If it is something that is available to the general public, or all students, it is ok for you to accept.

Please remember, if you are not sure if you should accept or decline a gift or offer, please contact the Office of Compliance Services.

Thanksgiving Break

For those student-athletes remaining on campus for the Thanksgiving break it is permissible for staff, coaches or boosters to host you at their homes for Thanksgiving dinner. Additionally transportation to and from campus may be provided.

Spot the Violation

Ralph Wiggum, a freshman on the UAlbany Men’s Soccer team, was selected to receive a $5,000 scholarship for the 2016-17 academic year. Upon review of the scholarship, it was determined that one of the criteria for the award was the recipient must attend UAlbany. Is this a permissible source of financial aid for Ralph to receive?

Answer on next page.
Fee-for-Lessons

Student-athletes are permitted to receive compensation for teaching or coaching sport skills or techniques in his/her sport on a fee-for-lesson basis provided the following:

a) UAlbany facilities are not used;
b) Playing lessons shall not be permitted;
c) UAlbany must obtain and keep on file documentation of the recipient of the lesson(s) and the fee for the lesson(s) provided during any time of the year;
d) The compensation is paid by the lesson recipient (or the recipient's family) and not another individual or entity;
e) Instruction to each individual is comparable to the instruction that would be provided during a private lesson when the instruction involves more than one individual at a time; and
f) The student-athlete does not use his or her name, picture or appearance to promote or advertise the availability of fee-for-lesson sessions.

Student-athletes must also complete a Fee-for-lesson form through ARMS. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Compliance Services.

Spot the Violation Answer:

No. Bylaw 15.2.6.3 (a) states that, a student-athlete may receive financial aid from an established and continuing program provided the recipient’s choice of institution is not restricted by the donor of the aid.

Important Dates

- November 6th – Daylight savings time ends, roll back clocks 1hr
- November 8th – Last day to drop semester length course with a “W” assigned or to file S/U
- November 11th – Last day for students to make up an incomplete from Spring or Summer 2016
- November 23-27 – Classes suspended, Thanksgiving Break
- November 28th – Classes resume

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Happy Thanksgiving

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