Consistent with our goal of developing positive character, citizenship, teamwork, sportsmanship, and leadership, Indiana State University and the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics commit to the letter and spirit of all rules and regulations of the University and athletic bodies to which we belong.

Test Yourself on the NCAA Rules!

1. Is it permissible to give a current student-athlete a ride to class, the library or study hall daily, especially if he/she does not have a car? Yes/No
2. Is it permissible to buy a student-athlete lunch or give them a birthday gift? Yes/No
3. Can a student-athlete sell me their complimentary tickets if their parents live out of state and cannot make the games? Yes/No
4. Can I let a student-athlete use my washer and dryer if the dorm’s regular laundry facility is unavailable? Yes/No
5. Is it permissible for a student-athlete to receive services (movie tickets, dinner, etc.) without charge or at a reduced rate? Yes/No
6. Am I allowed to type or write papers or complete projects for student-athletes? Yes/No
7. Can I provide a student-athlete with free or reduced-rate storage during the summer? Yes/No
8. Is it permissible for an institution or its representative to post bond for a student-athlete? Yes/No
9. When a student-athlete is required to remain on campus during a vacation period or competition, is it permissible to provide transportation to them? Yes/No

FIND ANSWERS INSIDE

Are you TOO NICE to our Student-Athletes?

OR

What Services are Considered to be an “Extra Benefit” and a VIOLATION of NCAA rules?
I often hear of jobs that are available for students. Sometimes they’re for older people who need odd jobs done; sometimes they’re for local businesses who need part-time help. Can I help a prospect or an enrolled student-athlete get a job?

YES, provided the following conditions are met. Students must be paid only for the work they actually performed, at a rate commensurate with the going rate for similar services in this area. You can’t help a prospect until AFTER he/she has accepted admission to ISU. There are specific rules that apply to academic year employment. Check with the Compliance Officer before arranging any employment at all.

Typing. No staff, including work study people and tutors, may type reports, papers, etc. for student-athletes. Student-athletes may only use the computers in the Student-Academic Service Center, not in any other office.

No staff may provide or loan a student-athlete calculators, computer disks, art supplies, etc.

My son is friends with a couple of the student-athletes. These are growing young men and women who don’t often get a home-cooked meal and they always seem to be around at dinner time! Some can’t get home even for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Eve celebrations.

Since I always cook entirely too much, one, two or three more hungry younguns is no trouble at all!

Yes, you can make suggestions. NO, you can’t do it FOR the student-athlete, UNLESS you are paid for the work.

Financial Aid is a big issue with all students and we’re encouraged to help. What if a student-athlete lives in Indianapolis and needs his mother to fax her tax papers to him so that he can complete his financial aid file? This happens a lot! Sure it would be okay to dial the SUVON access and phone number for him so that he can ask her to do that one thing.

No, you CANNOT give them a ride every day. However, if it is pouring rain, hail is falling or there’s blizzard outside, you CAN, once in a “blue moon”, give them a ride!

You CAN car-pool if the student-athletes and you are SHARING the costs of transportation to and from campus.

Local Transportation. Staff members may provide local transportation in our automobiles on an occasional basis. This means that once in a while you may give a student-athlete a ride in town. Staff may never loan a car to a student-athlete.

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Telephones. We may not allow student-athletes to use our phones, long distance authorization codes, SUVON access or telephone credit cards for personal OR business long distance calls. We may not call a parent and then let the student-athlete talk to the parent.

If you are unsure of what you can and can’t do for our athletes, ALWAYS check with Joel McMullen, Assistant Director Athletics for Compliance at Ext. 4086.

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No you may NOT! AND you can’t call her either!

Well, it may not be trouble for you but it might be trouble for the university. The rule says “infrequent and special occasions.”

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I have a knack for composition and layout. I can spot errors, fix bad sentences and make suggestions for a better design by just giving a quick look over the student’s materials. I do it for anyone that asks—students, faculty, administrators AND student-athletes.

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My niece is a very good basketball player and I’m doing my best to talk her into coming to ISU. I also want to make sure that things are a lot easier for her than the average student so she’s coming to campus next week for me to take her around to see people I know in Financial Aid, the Registrar’s Office and the Controller’s Office. Someone told me I can’t talk to my own niece, let alone conduct a tour of campus. Is that true?

The rule is not intended to stop you from having “normal contact with family friends, relatives or neighbors; however, any contact for the purpose of recruiting them to ISU is not permitted! You also may not use your contacts on her behalf.