Extra Benefits
(NCAA Bylaw 16.02.3)

- An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or representative of the institution's athletics interests to provide a student-athlete or a student-athlete's relative or friend with a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation.
- Receipt of a benefit by a student-athlete 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.
- This legislation applies to every person who encounters a student-athlete, including, but not limited to: coaches, administrators, boosters, trainers, secretaries, graduate assistants, tutors, interns, volunteer coaches, professors, etc.
- Some (impermissible) extra benefit examples include (but are not limited to):
  - Buying a student-athletes a drink or lending them money to buy a drink from a vending machine, etc., or
  - Giving a student-athletes a t-shirt, hat, jacket, etc., or
  - Taking a student-athlete to dinner, buying them lunch, etc., or
  - Letting a student-athletes use a work or personal cellular telephone, a fax machine, a copier, or a computer for personal reasons, etc.
- There are very few benefits that student-athletes can receive beyond benefits incidental to their participation with athletics. If an extra benefit is provided, the student-athlete's eligibility, the program, and the institution may all be in jeopardy no matter how insignificant someone may think the benefit is.