

# Compliance Corner

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## Pop (Compliance) Quiz!

1. Tag Out is a softball student-athlete at Bay State College. She's a sophomore enrolled in the journalism program, and was lucky enough to get a job with the student newspaper. Some of Tag's responsibilities include writing reviews on restaurants, but Tag is concerned that amateurism rules will not allow her to endorse a commercial establishment. Can Tag write the reviews?
2. Corn R. Back is a football athlete at Ocean State. He receives a ring for winning the conference championship. He's like a watch more than a ring, so he asks a local jeweler to exchange it. As long as the watch doesn't cost more than the ring, is this permissible?
3. ERA is a baseball student-athlete at Bay College. E went home for the holidays and hung out at one of his favorite places, an arcade. The owner is a former baseball player at Bay College, and allows E to play for free. The owner doesn't let anyone else E knows of play for free. Is this a bad idea?

### ANSWERS:

1. Yes with conditions. NCAA Official Interpretation- 10/6/94- Student-athlete writing reviews in student newspaper- states that a student-athlete with remaining eligibility may write a column that involves the student-athlete issuing opinions regarding a commercial establishment, provided the commercial establishment is not involved in any manner in the arrangement .
2. No. NCAA Bylaw 16.1.4 states that athletics awards given to individual student-athletes shall be limited to those approved or administered by the member institution, its conference or an approved agency as specified in the following subsections and shall be limited in value and number as specified in this section. Awards received for intercollegiate athletics participation may not be sold, exchanged or assigned for another item of value, even if the student-athlete's name or picture does not appear on the award. Each of the following subsections is independent of the others so that it is permissible for an individual student-athlete to receive the awards described in all subsections.
3. It is a violation. NCAA Bylaw 16.11.2.2.3 states that a student-athlete may not receive services (e.g., movie tickets, dinners, use of car) from commercial agencies (e.g., movie theaters, restaurants, car dealers) without charge or at reduced rates, or free or reduced-cost admission to professional athletics contests from professional sports organizations, unless such services also are available to the student body in general.

## REMINDERS!!!

**DON'T BET ON IT!!!** Fantasy leagues and Super Bowl pools violate NCAA legislation if there's a buy in. Remember.. **RISK + REWARD = VIOLATION** if the bet involves an NCAA sport at any level (professional, college, high school, or recreational).



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**ASK BEFORE YOU ACT!!!!**

**RECRUIT. RETAIN. GRADUATE CHAMPIONS.**

## 10 ARA REMINDERS

1. All ARA rules are designed to allow you to have time to be a student. If you have any questions or concerns, please visit the compliance office.
2. ARA logs must reflect the activity each student participated in as an individual.
3. When competition is cancelled prior to the start of competition, or cancelled during the competition but prior to the event being considered completed in accordance with the playing rules of that sport, an institution may utilize that day as an off-day, provided no further countable ARA occurs.
4. Under no circumstances may you miss class for practice.
5. Travel days can count as days off, provided no practice, film review, or other countable activity occurs.
6. During vacation periods, daily and weekly hour limitations do not apply. If the vacation period lasts the entire week, no day off is necessary. If the vacation period is only a portion of the week, daily and weekly hour limitations apply for the portion of the week classes are in session, and a day off is required.
7. Days off are not required during postseason tournaments.
8. No practice activities can take place between midnight and 5 a.m.
9. No practice can be held after a competition or in between competitions (double-headers, tournaments, etc.)
10. **The compliance office will continue to ask student-athletes to verify ARA logs, beginning this month. These announcements will go out via email.**