Being that this is the time of year where people give the most, we just want to make sure that no one winds up on the naughty list for trying to do something nice. Here are a few friendly reminders:

- Holiday Cards

It is permissible for either yourself or a representative of athletics interests (i.e. booster) to send your student-athlete(s) a holiday card. As a reminder, the holiday card, in itself is permissible; however it is not permissible to also include with the card any items of value, such as gift cards, cash, or other gifts.

It is not permissible to send holiday cards to PSAs or PSA’s family, even if they have received a likely letter/verbally committed. You could, however, send an institutional note card to the PSA with a hand written note wishing them Happy Holidays. Refer to Bylaw 13.4.1 or ask the Compliance Office if you have questions.

- Gifts

It is not permissible for an athletics staff member or a booster to purchase gifts of any kind for a student-athlete(s). This includes “Secret Santa” gift exchanges, even if the amount spent is the same for everyone who participates, as well as an individual parent providing a gift to all of your student-athlete(s) and/or their families.

- Meals

Even though the NCAA has relaxed legislation related to snacks/meals, all occasional meal rules still apply for any booster who wishes to provide a student-athlete or an entire team with a holiday meal/party. Please contact the Compliance Office to seek approval prior to the scheduled meal.

- Employment

It is permissible to for your student-athlete to be employed on a temporary basis during the winter break, provided they are paid a rate consistent with the duties performed and only paid for work actually completed.

Happy Holidays!
COMPLIANT ALL-STAR LINEUP OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following who are the December Compliance All-Stars!

Jonathan Anderson  Charlotte Brackett  Sean Healey  Sam Hopkins

Over the month of November, these four have consistently “asked before acting,” helping to maintain a compliant environment within their sports programs and throughout the entire athletic department. Congrats to you all and keep up the good work everybody!

Secondary Infraction of the Month – Bylaw 16.11.2.1

Facts of the Case

Head women's basketball coach (HC) provided an extra benefit to a student-athlete (SA) in the form of free parking. Specifically, SA had a vehicle on campus that she was not taking home for the winter vacation period. HC offered to let SA park her vehicle at HC’s residence so that it would not be left unattended on campus. Campus is located in a rural area and HC did not consider parking to be anything “of value.” Violation was discovered during a conversation between HC and the SWA. SWA informed HC that there is a value and that special parking arrangement made specifically for SA was an extra benefit. Parking was valued at $46.

Institutional Action

SA immediately declared ineligible until restitution paid. Letter of admonishment issued to head coach. Rules education regarding applicable legislation was provided to all coaching staffs at monthly compliance meeting.

Please note, this violation did not occur at Dartmouth College. This is for educational purposes only.

Enforcement Action

No further action

Legislative References

16.11.2 Non-Permissible Benefits, Gifts and Services

Extra Benefits
**Reminder for Coaches**

**Vacation Period Expenses:**
As the season of giving approaches, please keep in mind that we as institution may only provide meals/cash allowances to student-athletes who are REQUIRED to remain on campus for organized practice/competition. If you are aware of a student-athlete who is choosing to stay on campus during the vacation period, please contact the Compliance Office.

**CARA During Vacation Period:**
- **Out-of-Season Sports;**
  - No CARA allowed
    - No skill instruction/practice
    - No mandatory strength & conditioning
    - No meetings/film related to sport
- **In-Season Sports;**
  - No restrictions on practice hours
  - Practice logs do not need to be submitted
  - No travel squad limits for away competitions

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*Thursday of the Division I W. Volleyball Championship through Sunday immediately following the Championship (Dec. 18-21), a coach may evaluate on only one day and may attend only one event on that day. The evaluation must occur within a 30-mile radius of the DI WVB Championship (Oklahoma City, OK).