



COMPLIANCE WEEKLY UPDATE

TEAM ENTERTAINMENT

General Rule: Per Ivy League rules, entertainment provided to student-athletes (the entire team, a class, or individuals) by the coaching staff or a member of the athletics department is PROHIBITED except during the following instances:

- Movies before home games (rent or theater);
- During away contests within a 100-mile radius of the contest or en route to/from the contest; or
- During vacations periods (when classes are not in session) AND the team is required to reside on campus (i.e., in-season only) within a 30-mile radius of campus.

Regulations: Other than what is stated in the general rule, when entertainment is permissibly provided, please adhere to the following stipulations:

- Seek the approval of your sport administrator prior to providing the entertainment;
- Only actual & necessary expenses to participate/conduct the activity (e.g., fees, meals, transportation, etc.) may be provided for the student-athletes;
- The activity does not have to count against practice hours and can include, and be conducted by, the coaching staff; and
- Volunteer coaches must pay for their own form of entertainment out-of-pocket (home or away). Per volunteer coach rules, entertainment provided by the team, a coaching staff member or a booster is an impermissible form of compensation.

Leadership/Team Building: Governed differently than *entertainment*, bona fide leadership/teambuilding activities have their own rules, but share similar regulations. As such, it is important to know when to apply either activity because entertainment is restricted to *when*, and leadership/teambuilding activities are limited to *how many*.

Bona fide leadership/teambuilding activities may occur at any time of year (even outside of the examples above for entertainment) but only on an infrequent basis (max. 2 times per year). When conducted, similar to entertainment, it does not have to count against practice hours, can include, or be conducted by, the coaching staff, and expenses may be provided.