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Maintaining NCAA Eligibility

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In order to remain eligible to represent IUPUI in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete must meet the following academic requirements.

Credit Hour Requirements

- Student-athletes must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester (unless enrolled in final semester taking courses to complete degree).
- ALL Student-athletes must complete a minimum of 6 credit hours each semester (fall and spring);
- ALL Student-athletes must complete a minimum of 18 credit hours for the fall and spring semesters combined; and
- Student-athletes entering their 2nd year of collegiate enrollment must have completed 24 semester hours during their first year (including summer terms)

Grade Point Average Requirement

- Student-athletes entering their 2nd year of collegiate enrollment must maintain an accumulative GPA of 1.8:
- Student-athletes entering their **3rd** year of collegiate enrollment must maintain an accumulative GPA of **1.9**; and
- Student-athletes entering their 4th year of collegiate enrollment and beyond must maintain an accumulative GPA of 2.0.

Progress Toward Degree

- Student-athletes must declare a major by the beginning of their **3rd year** of collegiate enrollment.
- Student-athletes entering the 3rd year of collegiate enrollment must have completed 40% of the specific degree requirements;
- Student-athletes entering the 4th year of collegiate enrollment must have completed 60% of the specific degree requirements; and
- Student-athletes entering the 5th year of collegiate enrollment must have completed 80% of the specific degree requirements.

Are you meeting these requirements?? If not, or if you are unsure, be sure to speak with your IUPUI Athletics Academic Advisor.

Pop Quiz

- 1. A local restaurant is offering "buy-one get-one free" entrees to all college students on Friday night. The restaurant manager called you personally to invite you to take advantage of this special deal. Can you accept?
 - A. Sure thing. Bring a date!
 - B. I better not. Athletes aren't allowed to receive discounts.
- 2. My brother has a company which he just created a Facebook page for. Which of the following may I do?
 - A. Appear in a picture on his page as promoting the company.
 - B. Provide a testimonial about one of his products or services.
 - C. "Like" the company's Facebook page and do nothing else.
- 3. I can miss class if I am participating in a service activity coordinated by the athletic department.
 - A. True
 - B. False
- 4. Your friends want to play on a local city league team during the fall semester. You are not in-season and it won't conflict with your class schedule. Can you participate?
 - A. True
 - B. False
- 5. Nike calls you and says they have several practice jerseys and other equipment left over from an order that was too big. They won't be able to use them, and want you to take them off their hands. Will you take the equipment?
 - A. I'll make do with my own stuff.
 - B. Sure! If Nike is just going to get rid of them...they might as well come to me!
- 6. An avid fan and supporter of your sport has invited you over to their home for dinner. He says that they have several players on the team over for dinner every Wednesday and would like you to come. How often do you get to eat a home cooked meal as a college student? Will you go?
 - A. Sorry, I can't make it.
 - B. I'll be there!
- 7. A local car dealer is running a contest where customers win prizes if they can match the players with the correct schools. It's just a little advertising scheme they thought up. Can he use your name in the game?
 - A. Sure, use my name.
 - B. My name is not for sale (yet).
- 8. It's the night before a big game, and Coach says its okay to watch a movie on pay-per-view in your hotel room. He said to not worry about paying for it--"we've got you covered." You've been dying to see the latest Twilight movie. Here's your chance to watch it without anyone knowing. Up for a movie?
 - A. Watch the movie.
 - B. Better just watch TV. I'm pretty sure the NCAA wouldn't allow this.
- 9. I have been asked to model for a friend's company. It has nothing to do with athletics, my name will not appear anywhere, and my affiliation with IUPUI will not be used anywhere. I can do this for my friend.
 - A. True
 - B. False

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ASK BEFORE YOU ACT!!!!

Quiz Answers

- 1. A. Since the service is being offered to all students, and not just athletes, it's fine to take them up on the offer.
- 2. C. You may not directly or indirectly endorse any commercial product or service. You need to be very careful about these types of things as they could cause you to be ineligible. Even though it may be your brother's company or a best friend's company, you are still a student-athlete and should be mindful of how your actions look to others. Sometimes even "liking" a company's page may be risky. Use common sense and talk to Compliance!
- 3. B. False. The NCAA prohibits you from missing class due to any type of promotional activities, including volunteer service activities. While participating in volunteer work is a great thing, it would be a violation for you to miss class in order to participate in the activity.
- 4. B. False. Participating in any type of outside competition during the academic year would cause you to be ineligible. Please talk with the Compliance Office prior to participating in ANY outside competition at any time (including the summer).
- 5. A. The NCAA's rule on athletic equipment says that a student-athlete may not accept athletics equipment, supplies or clothing from a manufacturer or commercial enterprise. Such items may be provided only by IUPUI.
- 6. A. Because the booster is providing dinner every week, it would be impermissible to go. It's okay for a booster or other athletic staff member to provide an OCCASIONAL meal for athletes, but it can't happen with any frequency. Check with the Compliance Office before you go to any dinners at a booster's home.
- 7. B. This may seem harmless because you are not directly endorsing the dealership or being paid, however it is still a violation. Name-the-Player contests are specifically prohibited by NCAA rules. Under the rule, a student-athlete may not permit use of his or her name or picture in a "name-the-player" contest conducted by a commercial business for the purpose of promoting that business.
- 8. A. Watch those vampires sparkle! As far as the NCAA is concerned, this is permissible. It is alright for the team to provide reasonable entertainment in conjunction with competition as long as the coach doesn't give you cash to pay for the movie (or other entertainment) yourself.
- 9. B. False. Even though the activity has nothing to do with athletics and your name is not being used, your image is still being used to promote your friend's company. Before agreeing to any such activity that could jeopardize your eligibility, please ask the Compliance Office.