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## REASONABLE ENTERTAINMENT

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CU can pay for student-athlete entertainment under some circumstances, including:

- During an away-from-home trip and when it is within a 100-mile radius of the contest.
- When it is within a 30-mile radius of CU during vacation periods when the team stays on campus.
- Pro sporting events, but only during away trips. Admission must be provided by or through CU.
- Renting a movie, going to the movies the night before a home contest, or providing a pay-per-view movie the night before an away contest.

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## SKILL INSTRUCTION

## UNDERGRADUATE ASSISTANT

In sports other than football, student-athletes may receive skill instruction from their coaches outside the playing season. An entire team may participate in a group session from September 15 to April 15. But before September 15 and after April 15, no more than four student-athletes can participate in a group session. Student-athletes can only spend two hours per week on skill instruction outside the playing season.

A student-athlete who has exhausted his or her eligibility or has suffered a career-ending injury may be an undergraduate assistant coach. They do not count against the program's coaches limit and must meet the following criteria:

- Are enrolled at the institution where they most recently participated in athletics.
- Are enrolled as a full-time undergrad.
- Are receiving only the financial aid that could be received as a student-athlete, as well as expenses incurred on road trips.
- Are not involved in off-campus recruiting of prospective student-athletes and do not perform recruiting coordinator functions.

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## ***WHEN TO CONTACT A PSA***

The following are some helpful reminders about how and when to contact potential student-athletes:

- Except in men's basketball, CU cannot provide any recruiting materials to an individual or their parents until Sept. 1 of their junior year. In men's basketball, it is permissible to provide materials on and after June 15 following their sophomore year.
- There is no limit on electronically transmitted correspondence once a prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent.
- All recruiting calls must be made and received by the head coach or a countable assistant coach. The rule does not apply to graduate assistants in football who have completed the coaches' certification.

## ***EXHIBITIONS OR SCRIMMAGES***

In basketball and soccer, student-athletes in their first year of enrollment can compete in preseason exhibitions and scrimmages against outside competition without using a season of eligibility. In any other sport at CU, a student-athlete who participated in such a contest would be forced to forfeit a season of eligibility.

## ***INCREASING FINANCIAL AID***

Institutional financial aid may be increased for any reason before the first day of classes. The award period spans the entire academic year. But after that period starts, aid can only be increased if it can be demonstrated that the increase is unrelated in any manner to athletics.

## ***COMPLIANCE UNSUNG HERO***



### ***MICHELE BRANNIGAN*** ***Learning Specialist***

In addition to her daily work helping student-athletes succeed in the classroom, Michele has also played a key role in helping the Compliance Office with preparing NCAA academic eligibility waivers. By drafting thoughtful and persuasive statements in support of student-athletes, Michele has helped the Compliance Office submit comprehensive and thorough waivers to the NCAA. Way to go Michele!

## ***CLEAR LINE OF DEMARCATION***

The NCAA's principles of amateurism include "a clear line of demarcation" between college athletics and professional sports. Therefore, student-athletes should generally not be involved with professional sports teams or organizations.

Also, CU should generally not partner with professional teams or organizations. There are some exceptions, such as when a student-athlete throws out the first pitch at a pro baseball game.