

# NCAA Rule of the Month

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## Expenses to Student-Athletes to Travel for Competition

CU may provide actual and necessary travel expenses (transportation/lodging/meals) to student-athletes for participation in competition, as long as the student-athletes are **representing CU**.

Actual and necessary travel expenses refer to the student-athlete's transportation, lodging, and meals during travel for competition. In order to meet the "representing CU" requirement, the student-athlete must be available to compete in uniform for CU and be **eligible for competition**.

Please note that the following student-athletes are prohibited from traveling and thus receiving necessary travel expenses:

- Student-athletes who have not yet been cleared by the NCAA Eligibility Center
- Student-athletes sitting their "year in residency"
- Student-athletes who are academically ineligible

Additionally, all student-athletes on the same team must receive identical meal allowances (perdiems) as part of their travel expenses. However, a meal allowance may not be provided for a particular meal if the student-athlete receives that meal (or its equivalent) from another source.

The following travel expenses **cannot** be provided to student-athletes:

- Travel Apparel – CU may not provide student-athletes with team travel outfits, blazers or any other items of clothing that are not sports-related practice or competition apparel. However, it is permissible for each team to provide each SA with one "team shirt" (e.g. oxford or polo style) with a CU logo that can be used as a travel item.
- Transportation to/from a student-athlete's residence for practice sessions-- Must depart from a "central" location on campus if you are transporting SAs to their practice sites (e.g. south campus for tennis practice or cross country practice).
- Reimbursement for Travel to Practice. Note, you may reimburse the SA for travel to competition, **ONLY** if the parents (or other relatives or friends) are not in the car with the SA to the competition site.

Be sure to double-check your TMD compliance form in advance of your travel and ensure that Jo Marchi receives a copy of the TMD to assist you in being in compliance with team travel issues.

Bylaw 16.8.1.2.1 lists exceptions to the travel expense restrictions, but the exceptions only apply in rare and limited circumstances.

Bylaws we are referencing: 16.8.1.2, 16.8.1.2.1, 16.8.1.2.1.1, 16.8.1.2.3, 16.8.2, 16.8.2.1, 16.8.2.2, 16.8.2.4