



**Middle Tennessee State University**  
**Office of Athletic Compliance**  
**Do's and Don'ts with Current Student-Athletes**

**DO NOT** provide room, board or transportation costs incurred by friends or family of an enrolled student-athlete to visit campus or attend an athletic event.

**DO NOT** provide any payment of expenses or the loan of an automobile for a student-athlete to return home or to any other location to receive an award or for any other personal reason.

**DO NOT** provide any extra benefit or special arrangement to student-athletes or friends or relatives of student-athletes.

**DO NOT** type or pay for typing or other costs associated with school projects or reports for student-athletes.

**DO NOT** provide enrolled student-athletes with professional services for which a fee would normally be charged (i.e., free dental or medical services, haircuts, etc.)

**DO NOT** expend funds to entertain student-athletes, their friends or relatives. You are not even permitted to buy student-athletes' parents a soft drink or popcorn at an athletic event.

**DO NOT** permit a student-athlete or his/her friends or relatives to use your telephone for long distance calls at your expense.

**DO NOT** provide gifts or awards to a student-athlete for his/her athletic performance. All awards must conform with NCAA awards restrictions and must be approved by Middle Tennessee State University. Check with the athletic department first before permitting a hometown group or business to provide any award to a student-athlete.

**DO NOT** use the name or picture of an enrolled student-athlete to directly advertise, recommend, or promote the sale or use of a commercial product or service of any kind. Such use will render the student-athlete immediately ineligible.

**DO NOT** provide an honorarium to a student-athlete for any speaking engagement. Student-athletes may only receive necessary travel expenses when speaking to educational or charitable groups. All speaking engagements must be approved in advance and coordinated by the athletic department.

**DO NOT** give money to a student-athlete, even if it is for the purpose of paying expenses to amateur athletic competitions. All expense funds must be provided through the University or officially registered amateur sports clubs. For instance, an alumnus cannot sponsor a golfer or tennis player who competes in pro-am competition over the summer.

**DO** feel free to invite a team for dinner or to meet with alumni or friends in a city where they play. Student-athletes may participate in many events and are allowed to receive, as a team, benefits which individual student-athletes may not. Always make arrangements for such activities through the head coach or an athletic department administrator.