NCAA Regulations

As a Tutor, you must know and understand that student-athletes are subject to rules and regulations that might seem unusual, but are dictated by NCAA regulations. A basic rule of thumb is: no service or activity can be provided to a student-athlete that is not available to the general student body.

Some examples of this are:

- No supplies, like paper, pens, pencils, calculators or any other equipment can be given or loaned to a student-athlete.
- No typing can be done for student-athletes. This also includes entering data on a computer.
- No meal, tickets or anything that has a monetary value can be given to student-athletes.
- No materials can be photocopied for a student-athlete free of charge. However, copies of missed course material may be made for students who have missed class due to an athletic competition. A tutor may provide supplemental material from his/her sources to facilitate the tutoring process.
- Tutors cannot make comments on student-athletes written papers, either on hard copy or computer. The Tutor must ask the student open-ended questions as a means of editing written work. No marks should be made on a student-athletes written work. Help with editing papers is very time consuming and tedious for both the Tutor and the student. Extra care must be taken that the completed written work is exclusively the student’s.

Extra Benefits

- An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional staff member, or a representative of the institution’s athletics interests, to provide a student-athlete or a student-athlete’s relative or friend a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation. Receipt of a benefit by student-athletes or their relatives or friends is not a violation of NCAA legislation if it is demonstrated that the same benefit is generally available to the institution’s students or their relatives or friends or to a particular segment of the student body, (i.e., foreign students, minority students) determined on a basis unrelated to athletic ability.