

13.15.1 Prohibited Expenses. An institution or a representative of its athletics interests shall not offer, provide or arrange financial assistance, directly or indirectly, to pay (in whole or in part) the costs of the prospective student-athlete's educational or other expenses for any period prior to the prospective student-athlete's enrollment or so the prospective student-athlete can obtain a postgraduate education. **[R]** *(Revised: 8/5/04)*

13.15.1.1 Extent of Prohibition. The provisions of Bylaw 13.15.1 apply to all prospective student-athletes, including those who have signed a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of admission or financial aid.

13.15.1.2 Fundraising for High School Athletics Program. An institution may not provide funding, directly or through paid advertisements, to benefit a high school athletics program. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 4/26/01)*

13.15.1.2.1 Involvement by Local Representatives of Institution's Athletics Interests. A representative of an institution's athletics interests may provide funding to benefit a high school athletics program located in the community in which the athletics representative resides, provided: *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

- (a) The representative acts independently of the institution;
- (b) The funds are distributed through channels established by the high school or the organization conducting the fundraising activity; and
- (c) The funds are not earmarked directly for a specific prospective student-athlete.

13.15.1.3 College Use of High School Facility. An institution may not contribute to a high school or its athletics booster club any funds realized from an athletics contest played or a practice held at a high school facility, except actual and necessary expenses for rental of the facility.

13.15.1.4 State High School Association Use of Member Institution's Facilities. An institution may permit a state high school association to use its facilities to host state high school championship events at a reduced rate. *(Adopted: 4/28/05)*

13.15.1.5 High School Contest in Conjunction with College Competition. A high school contest held in conjunction with an institution's intercollegiate contest shall be governed by the following: *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/95, 4/25/18 effective 8/1/18)*

- (a) It shall involve a sport other than basketball, football, women's gymnastics or volleyball;
- (b) It shall be regularly scheduled and approved by the appropriate state high school authority;
- (c) The member institution shall not provide the high school with any financial compensation, including transportation expenses or a guarantee or percentage of the income realized from the contest; and
- (d) The only expenses the member institution may incur are the operating and maintenance costs associated with its facility's use for the high school contest.

13.15.1.6 Donation of Equipment.

13.15.1.6.1 Athletics Equipment. A member institution may not provide athletics equipment to a high school. However, a member institution is permitted to provide athletics equipment to bona fide youth organizations (e.g., the YMCA, YWCA, Boy Scout troops, Girl Scout troops, a summer recreation league) that may consist of some prospective student-athletes, provided the issuance of equipment is in accordance with the institution's regular policy regarding the discarding of equipment. **[D]** *(Revised: 4/26/01, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/12)*

13.15.1.6.1.1 Exception -- Women's Rowing. An institution may loan rowing equipment to a high school's or junior club program's women's team on an issuance and retrieval basis and may permit high schools' and junior club programs' women's teams to use its rowing facilities for practice and/or competition. *(Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*

13.15.1.6.1.2 Donation of Used Athletics Equipment to Foundation. An institution may donate used athletics equipment to a nonprofit foundation established to distribute such equipment to high schools, provided the request for such donations is initiated by the foundation and the institutions have no part in selecting the high schools that are to receive the equipment. *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*

13.15.1.6.1.3 Exception -- Catastrophic Event. An institution may donate equipment and/or apparel to a prospective student-athlete's educational institution that has suffered a catastrophic incident, provided the equipment or apparel does not contain the institution's name, logo or other identifiable markings and the institution does not publicize the donation. *(Adopted: 1/23/19)*

13.15.1.6.2 Nonathletics Equipment. A member institution may provide nonathletics equipment (e.g., a computer) to a high school, provided there is no athletics department involvement and the equipment is not used to benefit only the high school's athletics program. *(Adopted: 1/10/91)*