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- (a) A student shall not participate in interscholastic athletics after any of the following:
 - (1) Graduation, except that the student may continue to participate in playoff and state championship contests in spring sports after graduation.
 - (2) Signing a professional athletic contract, except that the student may continue to participate in any sport for which the student has not signed a professional contract.
 - (3) Receiving remuneration as a participant in an athletic contest, except that the student may accept a gift, merchandise, or other thing of value, provided that:
 - (A) The value does not exceed two hundred-fifty dollars (\$250.00) per student per season;
 - (B) The item is totally consumable and nontransferable, or labeled in a permanent manner (e.g., an engraved or monogrammed item); and
 - (C) The item is approved by the principal of the student's school and the local superintendent.
 - (4) Participating on an all-star team or in all-star game or bowl game that is not sanctioned by the administering organization of which the student's school is a member, provided that the student shall be ineligible only for that sport.
 - (5) Entering into an NIL agreement, unless the student has complied with the requirements of Rule .0211 of this Section.
- (b) A student shall not be deemed ineligible under this Rule for any of the following:
 - (1) Payment by an administering organization, PSU, or athletic booster club affiliated with the student's school or PSU for essential expenses arising from a specific interscholastic athletic contest in which the student participates. Essential expenses shall include the reasonable cost of meals, lodging, and transportation.
 - (2) Receipt of a nominal, standard fee or salary for instructing, supervising, or officiating an organized youth sports program, recreational activities, playground, or camp, whether or not affiliated with a PSU.
 - (3) Receipt of an Operation Gold Grant from the United States Olympic Committee.

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