



# Case Summary

## General Case Information

Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
1044232	Interpretation Request	Recruiting - Bylaw 13	No
Division	Sport(s)		
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### Legislative Cite(s)

13.6.2.5 - Visit While Competing in Open Event.  
13.11.3.1 - Open Events.  
13.2.3 - Awards to Prospective Student-Athletes.  
2018-48 - RECRUITING -- OFFERS AND INDUCEMENTS -- AWARDS TO PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES -- OPEN EVENTS  
- Providing Goodwill Packages to Visiting Teams (I)

## Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	02/05/2019	Staff	Bylaw Team Lead

## Conditions

### Rationale

Interpretation:: 1) Can institution provide participation gifts, they are paid for as part of the entry fee and standard for gymnastics meets,  
*Per the attached August 26, 2013 interpretation, it is permissible for Boise State to provide an item of nominal value to all participants, regardless of whether they are prospects, without triggering the preferential treatment legislation.*

2) Would it be permissible to place BSU Open posters that include the BSU's gymnastics schedule at the entrance of the open event? These would be available to all event participants and attendees.

*Based on the information provided it would be permissible provided the posters are a part your staffs normal activities for an event, does not become a special addition and the posters/schedules are available to all participants.*

3) Would it be permissible to place a photo booth in the lobby of the event facility? This would also be available to all event participants and attendees at no cost.

*Based on the information provided It would be permissible to provide items of nominal value to participants as long as it available to all participants.*

4) Would it be permissible to host an "ice cream social" for event participants and current Boise State gymnastics student-athletes?

*Based on the information provided the ice cream social would also be permissible as long as it is open to all participants and the benefit is of nominal value.*

## Case Summary

**Specific Case Information**

Describe the interpretive request

Boise State is hosting a USA Gymnastics sponsored open event on campus. The event is divided by objective USA Gymnastics skill levels and is open to levels 1-10, which includes prospective student-athletes and non-prospective student-athletes. Boise State would like to provide every participant with an item of nominal value upon check in (e.g. nike cinch bag, water bottle, or socks), as the item can be used throughout the open event. Is this permissible?

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.



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1045833	Interpretation Request	Athletics Personnel - Bylaw 11 Recruiting - Bylaw 13	No
<b>Division</b>	<b>Sport(s)</b>		
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<b>Legislative Cite(s)</b>			
- Electronic Correspondence, Social Media and Recruiting (I) 11.3.2.8 - Promotion or Endorsement of a Prospective Student-Athlete's Team, Coach or Athletics Facility.			

## Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	01/31/2019	Staff	Individual
<b>Conditions</b>			
<b>Rationale</b>			
<p>Interpretation:: The legislation surrounding the promotion or endorsement of a PSA's team, coach or athletics facility applies to all social media mediums/modes. In order for the institution's athletic department staff member's public post to be permissible it must be informational in nature and no indication that the institutions endorses the PSA's team, coach or athletic facility. The June 3, 2016 educational column provides some helpful examples as guidance along with the Division I Introduction to Social Media presentation from last year's RRS (still available on the NCAA website).</p> <p>As for the second question regarding whether the coach could share video of interactions with high school staff members, again, the institution would have to determine that the video doesn't promote or endorse the PSA's team, coach or high school or also run contrary to publicity legislation, particularly 13.10.1 or 13.10.2.1 and 13.4.1.9.</p>			

## Case Summary

**Specific Case Information**

Describe the interpretive request

Due to the proliferation of videos on social media, Boise State is seeking assistance in determining what does and does not constitute an endorsement of a PSA's team, coach or athletics facility. Specifically, would it be permissible for an institution to post a video that included images of a specific high school athletics facility (field, gym, weight room, etc.)? Would it be permissible for a video posted by an institution to showcase interactions between countable coaches and a PSA's coach or a member of the faculty at a PSA's educational institution? Does the interpretation of these situations differ if these are pictures?

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Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.



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1051865	Interpretation Request	Recruiting - Bylaw 13	No
<b>Division</b>	<b>Sport(s)</b>		
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<b>Legislative Cite(s)</b>			
13.5.2.1 - General Restrictions.			

## Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	03/20/2019	Staff	Individual
<b>Conditions</b>			
<b>Rationale</b>			
Interpretation:: Per Bylaw 13.5.2.1 it would be permissible to pay the airline baggage fees for a PSA's official visit to the institution's campus as it is part of the actual round-trip costs.			

## Case Summary

**Specific Case Information**

Describe the interpretive request Is there a limitation on the number of bags an institution may pay for on a flight in conjunction with a prospective student-athlete's (PSA) official visit? Bylaw 13.5.2.1 allows an institution to provide "actual transportation costs". However, with this language, it is unclear whether or not there is any limitation on the number of bags an institution could pay for a PSA to bring on a flight to campus.

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Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.



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## General Case Information

<b>Case Number</b>	<b>Case Type</b>	<b>Sub Case Type</b>	<b>Release to Database</b>
1055033	Interpretation Request	Financial Aid - Bylaw 15	No
<b>Division</b>	<b>Sport(s)</b>		
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<b>Legislative Cite(s)</b>			
15.5.1.2.1 - Incapacitating Injury or Illness.			

## Status Information

<b>Status</b>	<b>Status Date</b>	<b>Status Level</b>	<b>Status Level Type</b>
Resolved	04/18/2019	Staff	Bylaw Team Meeting
<b>Conditions</b>			
<b>Rationale</b>			
Interpretation:: Pursuant to Bylaw 15.5.1.2.1 an incapacitating injury or illness must result in a student-athlete's ability to compete ever again. Stated another way, the injury must be career-ending. Therefore, the injury must result in an inability to compete through the student-athlete's exhaustion of his or her five year period of eligibiity, and not simply through graduation.			

## Case Summary

**Specific Case Information**

Describe the interpretive request

We have a women's soccer student-athlete (SA) with the following eligibility clock: 2016-17: SA Redshirted; 2017-18: SA competed. 2018-19: SA competed. SA recently tore her ACL. SA will be incapacitated for the entire 2019 season. Due to the SA arriving with college credit from AP courses, she is scheduled to graduate in December 2019. SA did not plan on playing soccer after the 2019 fall season and will not return to Boise State after graduation. The incapacitating injury will take her through what would have been her final season prior to graduation. However, she still has a season of eligibility remaining (fall 2020) and technically we could file an extension for the 2021 season. So does a career ending injury have to take a SA through exhausting their eligibility or through graduation?

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.





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Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
1056895	Interpretation Request	Financial Aid - Bylaw 15	No
Division	Sport(s)		

## Legislative Cite(s)

15.2.8.1.2.3 - Exception for First-Time Recipient in the Next Academic Year.  
- Proposal No. 2010-70 Financial Aid -- Summer Financial Aid -- Enrolled Student-Athletes -- Exception for First-Time Recipient in the Next Academic Year (I)  
15.2.8.1.2 - Enrolled Student-Athletes.

## Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	05/07/2019	Staff	Bylaw Team Meeting

## Conditions

## Rationale

Interpretation:: Pursuant to Proposal 2010-70, which became the summer aid exception for first-time financial aid recipients in the next academic year in Bylaw 15.2.8.1.2.3, and an accompanying educational column dated January 13, 2011, the exception does not extend to a student-athlete who received athletics aid in a previous academic year, but not in the immediately preceding academic year. The student assistance fund remains a permissible option to provide summer aid to a student-athlete in this situation.

## Case Summary

**Specific Case Information**

Describe the interpretive request

Current Boise State student-athlete [REDACTED] (SA) enrolled at Boise State fall 20 [REDACTED]. During the 20 [REDACTED] academic year, SA redshirted in the sport of men's basketball and did not receive athletics financial aid. SA began the 20 [REDACTED] academic year on no athletics financial aid. However, after spending the 20 [REDACTED] season as a contributing member of the team, the men's basketball coaching staff decided to award SA with athletics financial aid retroactive to the beginning of the academic year (per bylaw 15.3.1.3). SA's athletics financial aid was not renewed for the 20 [REDACTED] academic year, as the men's basketball team no longer had the extra scholarship available. Following the 20 [REDACTED] season, SA was awarded a full scholarship for the 20 [REDACTED] academic year. Would it be permissible for Boise State to provide SA with athletics financial aid to allow SA to take classes during summer 2019?

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.



## Case Summary

### General Case Information

Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
1057570	Interpretation Request	Recruiting - Bylaw 13	No
Division	Sport(s)		

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### Legislative Cite(s)

- Providing a Guarantee to Team that Includes Prospective Student-Athletes -- Sports Other Than Football (I) 13.15.1 - Prohibited Expenses.
- Providing guarantee to junior college team

### Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	05/14/2019	Staff	Individual

### Conditions

### Rationale

Interpretation:: In the sport of tennis the institution may provide a financial guarantee to the prospective student-athletes' institution or team, provided the guarantee is in accordance with the institution's normal contractual arrangements with other teams against which it competes. The institution may not make different financial arrangements only with teams that include PSAs. As a reminder, recruiting rules continue to apply.

### Case Summary

**Specific Case Information**

Describe the interpretive request

Boise State University men's tennis program will be hosting a tournament this fall in which two-year and four-year teams (including Boise State's men's tennis team) will be invited to participate. In order to make it feasible for two-year institutions to attend, our men's tennis program would like to offer financial assistance to two-year programs for travel expenses. The money will not be earmarked for specific student-athletes, and the same dollar amount will be offered to each two-year institution. Financial assistance will not be offered to four-year institutions. Is this permissible?

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.



# Case Summary

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Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
1059871	Interpretation Request	Athletics Personnel - Bylaw 11 Recruiting - Bylaw 13	No

**Division**                      **Sport(s)**

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### Legislative Cite(s)

11.3.2.8 - Promotion or Endorsement of a Prospective Student-Athlete's Team, Coach or Athletics Facility.  
- Electronic Correspondence, Social Media and Recruiting (I)  
11.3.2.8.1 - Exception -- Actions That Indicate Approval of Content on Social Media Platforms.

## Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	05/31/2019	Staff	Bylaw Team Member Consult

### Conditions

### Rationale

Interpretation:: No, NCAA Bylaw 11.3.2.8 precludes an athletics department staff member from promoting a PSA's coach. However, the exception within Bylaw 11.3.2.8.1 would not preclude the DOBO from liking or retweeting a social media post that has already been published on a social media platform.

## Case Summary

**Specific Case Information**

Describe the interpretive request

Boise State's director of basketball operations has an extensive pre-existing relationship (i.e. childhood friends, college roommates, best men in each other's weddings, etc.) with a coach who recently received a new job as a head coach at a two-year college. In this situation, would it be permissible for our sport specific non-coaching staff member to publicly post a congratulatory message for his friend to Facebook? Or, would bylaw 11.3.2.8 prevent this?

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.



## Case Summary

### General Case Information

Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
1060676	Interpretation Request	Playing and Practice Seasons - Bylaw 17	No

Division	Sport(s)
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### Legislative Cite(s)

17.12.6.2 - Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions.  
- Publicity of Permissible Voluntary Workouts with Coach Present (I)  
17.12.7 - Safety Exception.  
17.12.6 - Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities.  
17.1.7.1 - Daily and Weekly Hour Limitations -- Playing Season.  
17.1.7.2 - Weekly Hour Limitations -- Outside the Playing Season.

### Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	06/19/2019	Staff	Bylaw Team Meeting

### Conditions

#### Rationale

Interpretation::

**1) During the summer vacation period, would it be permissible for a coach in an individual sport to film and review a workout session initiated by a student-athlete?**

No, it is not permissible for a coach to film and review a workout session initiated by a student-athlete during the summer vacation period. However, if the coach is permitted to conduct the workout (i.e., vacation period and summer-workout sessions exception), it would be permissible to film the workout during the summer or vacation period if requested by the student-athlete (SA).

**2) If yes, must the request for video also come from the student-athlete?**

Yes. See answer to Question No. 1.

**3) Further, can the review of said film take occur at a later date (e.g., during the academic year)?**

Yes. Please note that if the film review occurs outside of the summer or vacation period, it would be a countable athletically related activity (CARA) and must be counted in the hourly limitations set forth in Bylaws 17.1.7.1 and 17.1.7.2.

**4) Additionally, would it be permissible for a coach to film activities during a voluntary workout in a safety exception sport for the purposes of reviewing with student-athletes?**

No. It would not be permissible for the coach to film the activities if he or she is monitoring the voluntary workout pursuant to the safety exception.

However, if the coach is conducting the voluntary workout pursuant to the vacation period and summer-workout exception, yes, it would be permissible to film the activities as set forth in response to Question No. 1. See response to Question No. 3 regarding the timing of the film review.

### Case Summary

**Specific Case Information**

Describe the interpretive request

During the summer vacation period, would it be permissible for a coach in an individual sport to film and review a workout session initiated by a student-athlete? If yes, must the request for video also come from the student-athlete? Further, can the review of said film take occur at a later date (e.g. during the academic year)? Additionally, would it be permissible for a coach to film activities during a voluntary workout in a safety exception sport for the purposes of reviewing with student-athletes?

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.





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Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
1061037	Interpretation Request	Recruiting - Bylaw 13	No
Division	Sport(s)		
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### Legislative Cite(s)

13.11.3.3 - State, Regional, National or International Training Programs.  
13.14.1.1 - Exception -- Expenses From a Local Sports Club or State, Regional, National or International Training Program.

## Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	06/13/2019	Staff	Bylaw Team Meeting

### Conditions

### Rationale

Interpretation:: Yes, the described scenario would meet the Bylaw 13.14.1.1 exception as long as the coach was selected by the applicable governing body and the participants are selected by an authority or a committee of the applicable governing body that is not limited to athletics department staff members affiliated with one institution. (See Bylaw 13.11.3.3).

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**Specific Case Information**

Describe the interpretive request

Head Baseball coach (HC) was asked to coach the Netherlands International team in an upcoming tournament this summer. It is called the 2019 World Port tournament, will last one week and will be competing against other teams from four other countries. Would this event fall under the new exception ion 13.14.1.1 to also allow HC to recruit on behalf of Boise State University?

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.



Institution: Boise State University  
Case Type: Interpretation Request

Division: I

Case ID: 1060957  
Date: 06/25/2019

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## General Information

### Institution Information

Institution or Conference	Boise State University
Division of Institution	I
Conference	Mountain West Conference
Phone Number	208/426-1288
Academic year related to this request	2019-20

### Sub Case Types

**Please check all the Interpretation Request sub-case types and conditions that apply**

<input type="checkbox"/> Athletics Personnel - Bylaw 11	<input type="checkbox"/> Recruiting - Bylaw 13
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### Legislation Related to this Request

Provide cite(s) of applicable legislation, educational column or interpretation	Type	Division ID	Text
	Interpretation	I	<a href="#">College Coach Donating Funds to Former High School</a>
	Bylaw	I 11.3.2.8	<a href="#">Promotion or Endorsement of a Prospective Student-Athlete's Team, Coach or Athletics Facility.</a>
	Education Column	I	<a href="#">Electronic Correspondence, Social Media and Recruiting (I)</a>
One sentence statement that describes the interpretive issue.	Could a coach endorse the athletics facilities at his/her former high school?		

### Case Prioritization Information

Do the circumstances of this request require urgent review (within the next two business days)?  No

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### Case Information

#### All Requests

Describe the interpretive request  Would it be permissible for a coaching staff member to endorse, via social media, the athletics facilities at his/her former high school? Specifically, if a coaches' former high school has made facility upgrades from the time he/she attended, could the coach comment on how much it has improved since his/her time at the school?

Have you previously contacted any NCAA staff regarding this request?  No

Have the institution and conference communicated regarding this request?  No

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### Case Documentation

(Maximum individual file size is 10MB.) Upload each document individually.

#### Recommended Documentation

##### If necessary

Provide any documentation related to the interpretive request

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### Case Contacts and Submission

#### Select Contacts for this Case

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#### Additional Case Contacts

Additional contacts with a valid email address from the conference or member institution will receive selected e-mails related to the case.

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Agreement by Tyler Wilson on 06/11/2019

**Activity After Case Submission**

**Responses to Requests for Additional Information**



Institution: Boise State University  
Case Type: Interpretation Request

Division: I

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Date: 06/25/2019

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## General Information

### Institution Information

Institution or Conference	Boise State University
Division of Institution	I
Conference	Mountain West Conference
Phone Number	208/426-1288
Academic year related to this request	2019-20

### Sub Case Types

**Please check all the Interpretation Request sub-case types and conditions that apply**

<input type="checkbox"/> Recruiting - Bylaw 13
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### Legislation Related to this Request

Provide cite(s) of applicable legislation, educational column or interpretation	Type	Division ID	Text
	Bylaw	I	13.15.1.2 <a href="#">Fundraising for High School Athletics Program.</a>
One sentence statement that describes the interpretive issue.	Can an athletics department staff member, who does not have sports specific responsibilities with football, play in a golf tournament to help support a local high school football team?		

### Case Prioritization Information

Do the circumstances of this request require urgent review (within the next two business days)?	No
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## Case Information

### All Requests

Describe the interpretive request One of the athletics department staff member's friends from childhood just moved to the area over the winter. His friend has a son who is going into his sophomore year of high school (HS) and plays football and lacrosse at a local HS. They have an established pre-existing relationship and have provided benefits to each other in the past, mostly meals and entertainment activities. The staff member's friend invited him to play in a scramble golf tournament this August to benefit the local HS football team, of which, his son is a plays for. Does pre-existing relationship permit the staff member to participate in the golf scramble, or does the fundraising aspect for a HS athletics program prohibit the activity? The greens fees are \$75 and then I would imagine other items will be purchased (e.g., food, drinks, mulligans, raffles, auction items, etc.). Does the analysis change if the staff member is not paying for his own greens fees and his friend pays?

Have you previously contacted any NCAA staff regarding this request? No

Have the institution and conference communicated regarding this request? Yes

Provide the date(s) of contact between the institution and conference office regarding this request. 06/19/2019

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request. Conference was not sure because of the fundraising aspect. Believes the fundraising aspect trumps the pre-existing relationship.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request. The fundraising component directly for a HS football program is what is preventing us from saying yes.

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## Case Documentation

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### Recommended Documentation

#### If necessary

Provide any documentation related to the interpretive request

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## Case Contacts and Submission

### Select Contacts for this Case

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Agreement by Matt Brewer on 06/21/2019

## Activity After Case Submission

### Responses to Requests for Additional Information