



Case Summary

General Case Information

Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
1048835	Interpretation Request	Eligibility - Bylaw 14 Four-Year College Transfers-Bylaw 14.5.5 (Including Graduate Transfers - Bylaws 14.6.1) Recruiting - Bylaw 13	No

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Legislative Cite(s)

13.11.3 - Tryout Exceptions.
- Institutional Coaching Staff Members Involved with Outside Teams Including Prospective Student-Athletes (I)
13.1.1.3 - Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes.
13.1.1.3.1 - Notification of Transfer.
13.11.2.4 - Local Sports Clubs.

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	02/20/2019	Staff	Bylaw Team Lead

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation::
Based on the information provided, it would be permissible for the women's soccer coach to coach the amateur men's soccer team. Specifically, the local sports club legislation (13.11.2.4) would not apply unless the four year college SAs provide notification of transfer and are placed in the transfer portal triggering PSA status. Also, the institution does not sponsor men's soccer and is the women's soccer coach. Remember if someone on the team requests a transfer to your institution through the transfer portal or there is interaction between the women's and men's club teams (ie. joint practices, joint scrimmages) all club legislation would apply.

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

Institution's women's soccer assistant coach "AC" was offered the opportunity to serve as the head coach for a local men's team in the UPSL (United Premier Soccer League). Link: <http://www.upslsoccer.com/vision>
The league operates as a professional development league that works within the amateur framework and their season runs from late April through mid-July. The team that the AC has been offered to coach would consist of college-aged players or some a couple years out of college (ages 18-24 roughly). Institution does not sponsor a men's soccer team. Additionally, this soccer club does have other teams and training groups for women participants, which includes some who are PSA-aged. AC would not have any involvement with the female programs in his role coaching the men's UPSL team. Given the recent changes in the notification of transfer regulations, institution is seeking confirmation that it would be permissible for the AC to serve as the coach of the summer league team consisting of some college-aged players in a sport the institution does not sponsor.

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

"Given the recent changes for PTC to be the transfer portal, we recommend putting this scenario through RSRO. The educational column is not enough to green light the opportunity. The UPSL is not a NGB, so it technically would not meet the tryout exception We recall a conversation within CCACA about cross over involvement (i.e., women's coach coaching men's outside team) but it never came to a resolution."

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.

Institution believes that the AC would permissibly be able to coach a men's summer league team given that the institution does not sponsor the sport of men's soccer. However, institution wants to verify how, if at all, any of the new transfer and contact restrictions would apply to student-athletes (assuming the team members play for other 4-year institutions) from other institutions in a sport we do not sponsor. Would this type of arrangement make the AC's involvement an impermissible tryout activity with transfer PSAs based on bylaws 13.11.2 and 13.11.3? Based on the quoted language from the attached December 15, 2014, Ed Column, institution believes it would still be permissible. "An institutional coaching staff member may be involved with an outside team that includes student-athletes from other four-year institutions. However, if the coach's institution has received permission to contact a particular student-athlete, then NCAA recruiting rules apply. As a result, the coach is not permitted to be involved with any outside team that includes that student-athlete." However, the last paragraph of the Ed Column uses an example where a baseball coach cannot be involved in any capacity if a summer league team includes PSAs (including 4-year SAs) unless the team and participants satisfy the Local Sports Club (50-mile radius) legislation. If the 50-miles radius does apply to the team the AC would be coaching, how does that apply to college-aged PSAs in terms of 13.11.2.4.2? If they are local students who went outside the 50-mile radius for college but return home for the summer and subsequently participate on this team, is their physical parents' address/home considered their legal residence or would the legal residence in turn be applied to their academic year institution?