



Case Summary

General Case Information

Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
1056304	Interpretation Request	Recruiting - Bylaw 13	No

Division	Sport(s)
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Legislative Cite(s)

13.1.7.4 - Evaluations -- Football.
13.1.2.6.3 - Spring Evaluation Period.

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	05/01/2019	Staff	Individual

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: If the prospective student-athlete is home-schooled, in this case, the PSA's home is his educational institution and his parents would be considered the PSA's academic counselor. Therefore, the institution's coach may visit the PSA's home (educational institution) and speak with his parent(s) (academic counselor) regarding the PSA's academic qualifications per evaluation period legislation. Please note, recruiting contact legislation would still apply. Therefore, the coach is not permitted to have in-person contact with the PSA or have athletically related recruiting conversations with the PSA's parents during the evaluation period as in-person, off-campus contact is not permissible.

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

Institution would like to evaluate a football prospective student-athlete (PSA) academics who is homeschooled. Would it be permissible for institution's coaches to perform an academic evaluation with the homeschool administrator at PSAs home, provided no contact is had with the PSA or additional family members.

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
1060669	Interpretation Request	Awards and Benefits - Bylaw 16 Playing and Practice Seasons - Bylaw 17 Recruiting - Bylaw 13	No

Division Sport(s)

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Legislative Cite(s)

- Foreign Tours (I)
13.10.2.1 - Comments Before Commitment.
- Application of Publicity and Contact Legislation After Prospective Student-Athlete Commits to an Institution (I)
17.29.1.4.1 - Incoming-Student Participation -- Summer Prior to Initial Full-Time Enrollment at the Certifying Institution.
- 13.02.13 - Prospective Student-Athlete.

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	06/18/2019	Staff	Bylaw Team Meeting

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation::

Does practice in preparation for a foreign tour trigger student-athlete status?

No, practice in preparation for a foreign tour (during the summer) is similar to required summer athletic activities in football and basketball (which we have also said does not trigger SA status and does not trigger transfer status), and therefore would not trigger SA status or transfer status.

Can an institution provide actual and necessary expenses for a PSA that has not triggered SA status in preparation for a foreign tour?

Yes, if an incoming student-athlete is eligible to compete on a foreign tour pursuant to Bylaw 17.29.1.4.1, it is permissible for his or her institution to pay expenses for practice and/or competition in conjunction with that foreign tour, even if the student-athlete has not yet triggered student-athlete status prior to the team's departure for the foreign tour.

Can a non-scholarship incoming SA who has not triggered SA status be included in any publicity that may occur as part of the foreign tour?

No, if the prospective student-athlete does not meet the commitment requirements in Bylaw 13.10.3, the institution may not engage in publicity related to the student-athlete.

However, based on the specific facts presented, staff felt interpretative flexibility may be provided to permit the institution to include the incoming PSA in any publicity tied to the foreign tour.

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

The indoor volleyball team has a foreign tour scheduled to begin June 22 and will be conducting the permissible 10 practices prior to departure for the foreign tour next week. Pursuant to NCAA DI Bylaw 17.29.1.4.1, eligible incoming student-athletes are permitted to go on a foreign tour held in the summer prior to initial enrollment as well as participate in practice sessions for the foreign tour. Seeking clarification if participation in a practice related to a foreign tour would trigger student-athlete status pursuant to NCAA DI Bylaw 13.02.13 (b). Specifically, would a practice prior to departure for a foreign tour be considered a "regular" squad practice? The foreign tour practices are being conducted prior to attendance in summer classes and the individuals would remain prospects unless participation in the practice related to a foreign tour would meet the requirements to trigger student-athlete status. If participation in foreign tour practices does not trigger student-athlete status, then is a waiver needed in order to provide the incoming student-athletes will vacation period expenses associated with their participation in the practices conducted prior to departure for the foreign tour or is interpretations philosophy appropriate given the uniqueness of the situation? Also, if student-athlete status is not triggered by participation in a foreign tour practice, then would a waiver be needed in order to include a non-scholarship incoming student-athlete in any publicity that may occur as part of the foreign tour? The institution does not require a financial deposit as part of its admission offer for transfer students, so publicity could not occur until the individual triggers student-athlete status at our institution.

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.



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1051251	Interpretation Request	Eligibility - Bylaw 14 Full-Time Enrollment-Bylaw 14.2	No

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Legislative Cite(s)

14.2.1.7(14.2.1.6 current) - Exception -- Former Student Participating in Practice on an Occasional Basis -- Sports Other Than Football.
12.8.2.5 - Eligibility for Practice.
14.2.1 - Requirement for Practice.

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved		Staff	Director and Above

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: .

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Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
1050608	Interpretation Request	Financial Aid - Bylaw 15	No

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Legislative Cite(s)

15.3.6 - Increase Permitted.
15.3.3.1 - Period of Award.
15.5.2.4 - Midyear Replacement -- Women's Volleyball.

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	03/01/2019	Staff	Bylaw Team Lead

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: Provided the multiyear aid agreement was permissibly awarded for less than one-year in spring 2017, the institution is correct that the aid agreement is valid and the SA is not a counter for the current academic year. The institution is also correct that SA's multiyear aid agreement may be increased at any time, and the midyear replacement legislation does not require the SA to have not received athletics aid before or to not be on a multiyear agreement. Therefore, based on the information provided, the SA may receive financial aid during spring 2019 academic year without being considered a counter in 2018-19.

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

A current student-athlete in the sport of women's volleyball was issued a multi-year grant-in-aid agreement on January 10, 2017. It is noted that the midyear replacement exception was not utilized when the multi-year scholarship agreement was awarded to the student-athlete for the 2017 spring term. The multi-year agreement awarded athletics aid to the student-athlete for the 2017 spring term only, with 0% of aid awarded for the remaining academic years (2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21). In order to award athletics aid to the student-athlete for the current 2019 spring term, the multi-year agreement would be increased (as permitted) but would only if the midyear replacement exception is used, as the team is currently at the team limit for counters for the 2018-19 academic year. In this scenario, is it permissible to apply the midyear replacement exception in women's volleyball to a student-athlete currently on a multi-year GIA, if the original GIA was 0% for the current academic year?

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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
1047254	Interpretation Request	Financial Aid - Bylaw 15 Playing and Practice Seasons - Bylaw 17	No

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Legislative Cite(s)

15.5.4.1 - Minimum Equivalency Value.
- Baseball Academic Enhancements Frequently Asked Questions (I)
15.3.3.1.1 - One-Year Period.
15.5.4.4 - Voluntary Withdrawal From the Institution During the Academic Year.
17.2.8.3.2 - Exception -- Voluntary Withdrawal.

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	02/15/2019	Staff	Individual

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: In line with both question 8 and question 9, the institution may satisfy the 25% provision by providing 25% for the spring term, as that is equivalent to the remainder of the year for that SA. (Question No. 9: If athletically related financial aid is awarded to a student-athlete for the first time after the beginning of the fall term (e.g., six weeks after classes begin), must the student-athlete receive athletically related and other countable aid that is equal to or greater than 25 percent of an equivalency or may the aid be prorated to meet the minimum requirement? Answer: The financial aid may be prorated to meet the minimum requirement. At the point the aid is awarded, a combination of athletically related and other countable aid must cover at least 25 percent of the student-athlete's costs of tuition and fees, room, board and books for the remainder of the academic year.)

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

The institution is seeking clarification on the application of the legislation allowing replacement of a counter in the sport of baseball who voluntarily withdrew from the institution at the conclusion of the Fall term by providing the remaining aid to a continuing student-athlete for the spring term. Specifically, the amount of athletics aid to be re-awarded would be less than the minimum 25% requirement pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 15.5.4.1. Based on Question 8 from the NCAA Educational Column published on December 12, 2012, an institution may provide a student-athlete who enrolls midyear with athletics aid of at least 25-percent for the spring term, which is equal to 12.5 percent equivalency for the academic year. Would the same allowance be permitted (i.e., awarding 25% for the spring term/12.5% for the academic year) for a continuing student who was on the roster during the fall term, but would only be awarded athletics aid for the spring term? It is noted that the student-athlete is non-recruited and has never received athletics aid from the institution previously.

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Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.



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Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
1046510	Interpretation Request	Eligibility - Bylaw 14 Four-Year College Transfers-Bylaw 14.5.5 (Including Graduate Transfers - Bylaws 14.6.1)	No

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Legislative Cite(s)

14.5.2 - Conditions Affecting Transfer Status.

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	02/07/2019	Staff	Individual

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: Based on the information provided in this request, the SA's enrollment in multiple independent study courses never constituted a full-time program of studies. As a result, despite the cumulative number of hours exceeding 12 semester hours, based on lack of full-time, degree-seeking structure to this type of enrollment, this did **not** trigger transfer status, start of the SA's five-year clock nor PTD application.

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

Would a student trigger transfer status pursuant to NCAA DI Bylaw 14.5.2, if he/she was enrolled full-time in an online program of studies under a continuing education program at a 4-year institution if he/she is never actually present on campus and did not participate in athletics at that institution? Per a response from the institution, the student-athlete never matriculated but completed several courses during the fall term. A copy of the unofficial transcript verified enrollment in 15 credit hours during the 2018 fall term in the Continuing Education division of the institution, while student resided in another state during the term.

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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
1043539	Interpretation Request	Athletics Personnel - Bylaw 11 Recruiting - Bylaw 13	No

Division Sport(s)

Legislative Cite(s)

11.4.3.2 - Exception -- Reassignment.
 13.8.3.4.2 - Exception -- Reassignment.
 11.4.4.2(11.4.3.2 current) - Exception -- Reassignment.
 13.8.3.3.2(13.8.3.2.2 current) - Exception -- Reassignment.
 13.8.3.5.2(13.8.3.4.2 current) - Exception -- Reassignment.
 11.4.2.2 - Exception -- Reassignment.

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	01/09/2019	Staff	Director and Above

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: Staff has determined that interpretive flexibility is appropriate in this case for any student athlete or prospective student-athlete that the coach would have triggered IAWP status with while employed as a coach at the institution and participating in coaching activities on behalf of the institution. Specifically, staff is comfortable providing interpretative flexibility, noting the "triggers" of IAWP status occurred post-employment at the institution and the reassignment is at the same institution.

Additionally, staff noted in this scenario the institution has asserted the coach was not an IAWP for any PSAs or SAs at the institution when he was hired into a coaching staff role.

Lastly, any triggers that occurred prior to his employment at the institution are subject to the legislation as the transition to the noncoaching position does not meet the two-year reassignment exception.

Please know that in a scenario where the reassignment of a coach to a non-coaching position has not occurred, the institution would be able to pursue a waiver for any impacted PSAs or SAs. However, if the reassignment has already occurred, the institution would need to seek reinstatement for any impacted PSAs or SAs..

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Describe the interpretive request

For a countable coach who will be reassigned to a noncoaching staff position at the same institution and who did not serve in the countable coaching position for at least two years, is the IAWP analysis inclusive of prospects who the individual initially started and maintained communication with while in the countable coaching position? Or is the analysis limited to only those PSAs for whom the individual had triggered IAWP status with prior to assuming the countable coaching position? Further, if the analysis is limited to the latter scenario, would those student-athletes on the current roster and signees for whom the individual triggered IAWP status for prior to the hire in the countable coaching position be subject to a waiver or reinstatement in advance of moving the individual into the noncoaching staff position?

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Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.