



Case Summary

General Case Information

Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
1043810	Interpretation Request	Playing and Practice Seasons - Bylaw 17	No

Division	Sport(s)
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Legislative Cite(s)

- Proposal No. 2016-138 Autonomy Proposal -- Playing and Practice Seasons -- Required Day Off -- Playing Season -- Preseason Practice and Vacation Periods (I)
17.1.7.4 - Required Day Off -- Playing Season.
17.19.1 - Length of Playing Season.
17.1.7.8 - Additional Required Days Off.

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	01/16/2019	Staff	Individual

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: Staff agrees with the institution's analysis in this case. Specifically, days that are excluded from counting towards the 132/144/156 - day season may not be used as one of the 14 additional days off. I have also attached the July 13, 2017 educational column which provides further clarification specific to the 14 additional days off.

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1057556	Interpretation Request	Playing and Practice Seasons - Bylaw 17	No

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Legislative Cite(s)

17.1.7.2 - Weekly Hour Limitations -- Outside the Playing Season.
- Proposal No. 2016-136 Autonomy Proposal -- Playing and Practice Seasons -- Additional Days Off During the Academic Year (I)
17.3.4 - End of Playing Season.
17.02.1 - Countable Athletically Related Activities.
- Required Athletically Related Activities Outside the Playing Season -- Activities Surrounding the Final Examination Period -- Sports Other Than Football [A] (I)

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	05/13/2019	Staff	Individual

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: Once the team is no longer under consideration for an NCAA Championship or other post season national championship event, the playing season has ended and the team is considered to be out-of-season; therefore, it is permissible for the team to participate in out-of-season countable athletically related activities (CARA) per Bylaws 17.02.1 and 17.1.7.2. Further, for institutions that opted into autonomy time demand legislation, the seven-day discretionary period begins the day after the last contest of the championship segment and must be provided to the student-athletes prior to engaging in out-of-season CARA.

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

The compliance office sent out an email to the basketball staff that they cannot engage in CARA until the conclusion of the championship event (17.3.4). The coaching staff stated that all other schools around the area have already started practicing. After reaching out to the conference office, the conference office issued an interpretation that basketball may engage in CARA prior to the conclusion of the championship event due to bylaw 17.1.7.2 (a).

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

After doing some research, I have confirmed that the coaches may schedule and attend CARA during this time period as long as they are within the constraints of 17.1.7.2 (a).

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.

Because bylaw 17.3.4 is listed under basketball (and June 04, 1986, educational column), the institution leans more towards that no CARA can take place until the conclusion of the championship event.



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Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
1057485	Interpretation Request	Financial Aid - Bylaw 15 Playing and Practice Seasons - Bylaw 17	No
Division	Sport(s)		
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Legislative Cite(s)

17.1.7.2.1.5.1.1 - Exception to Summer School Enrollment -- Academic Requirements for Student-Athletes Who Receive Athletically Related Financial Aid -- Basketball.
 17.1.7.2.1.5.2.1 - Exception to Summer School Enrollment -- Academic Requirements for Student-Athletes Who Receive Athletically Related Financial Aid -- Football.
 2015-74-FBS - PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- SUMMER ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES -- ENROLLMENT IN ONE SUMMER TERM -- FBS
 2015-73 - PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- SUMMER ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES -- ENROLLMENT IN ONE SUMMER TERM -- BASKETBALL
 17.1.7.2.1.5 - Summer Athletic Activities.

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	05/16/2019	Staff	Bylaw Team Meeting

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: If a student-athlete wants to participate in all 8 weeks of summer athletic activities, and they do not meet the exception to summer school enrollment, they need to be enrolled in summer school and can take any courses, even if the course is a one-credit hour course. **Please note, the individual may not begin participating in summer athletic activities until the summer course begins (opening day of classes) and must cease participation when the summer course ends, even if they did not get to participate in the full 8 weeks of summer athletic activities.**

If the student-athlete enrolls in at least three degree-applicable credit hours in one-summer session, the student-athlete may engage in the full 8 weeks of summer access, even if the summer term is fewer than 8 weeks in duration.

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

The institution would like to clarify if a student-athlete who does not meet the summer school legislation (17.1.7.2.1.5.1.1 or 17.1.7.2.1.5.2.1), can he or she be enrolled in 1 credits course that is at least eight weeks long without enrolling in 3 degree-applicable credit hours in order to participate in required summer activities provided that after the Spring semester the student is eligible for competition in the ensuing fall term?

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

Based on my understanding of the bylaw, the student-athletes who do not meet the exception have to be enrolled in three hours no matter the length of the course.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.

The institution agrees with the conference office interpretation.

Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

The institution's coaching staff heard that an institution who applies autonomy rules may take an additional day off, in addition to the required day off, and not include it in the nonchampionship playing season calculation. The institution's former director of compliance, who came from an autonomy institution, confirmed that they are permitted to apply that methodology too.

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

Based on bylaw 17.19.1 and 17.1.7.4, only a required day off per week can be excluded from the playing season calculation. Thus, an additional day off would still count in the 132 days.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.

The institution agrees with the conference office's interpretation.