



Case Summary

General Case Information

Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
1051095	Interpretation Request	Amateurism - Bylaw 12	No

Division	Sport(s)
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Legislative Cite(s)

- NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2017-21 Athletics Eligibility -- Five-Year Rule Waiver Criteria -- Redshirt Year Provision (I)
12.8.1.7(12.8.1.5 current) - Five-Year Rule Waiver.
12.8.1.7.1(12.8.1.5.1 current) - Waiver Criteria.

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	03/07/2019	Staff	Individual

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation::

No. Pursuant to the July 13, 2018, Educational Column (Q/A Nos. 1 and 6), the "redshirt year" must occur during the student-athlete's initial year of full-time collegiate enrollment. In the scenario described, the SA was "redshirted" during his first year of enrollment at the certifying institution, but not his first year of full-time collegiate enrollment. These facts appear to have been contemplated by the sponsor of Proposal 2017-21, which revised 12.8.1.7.1. On December 13, 2017, the sponsor modified the proposal to clarify that the institutional decision to "redshirt" the SA must occur in his or her initial year of full-time collegiate enrollment.

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

Student-athlete attends a two-year institution and participates with in the sport. Student-athlete transfers to a four-year institution is eligible and listed on the roster but redshirts (2017-2018) first year at the four-year institution due to coaches decisions. Student-athlete then is injured during spring ball after his redshirt season causing student-athlete to miss all of their second season at the four-year institution (2018-2019). Can the redshirt year in 2017-2018 qualify the student-athlete for the waiver criteria for the five-year rule under bylaw 12.8.1.7.1 (a)?

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
1051676	Interpretation Request	Amateurism - Bylaw 12	No

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Legislative Cite(s)

12.5.1.1 - Institutional, Charitable, Education or Nonprofit Promotions.

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	03/21/2019	Staff	Individual

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: Provided the entity making/posting the videos is an institutional, charitable, educational or nonprofit entity, and all other criteria in Bylaw 12.5.1.1 are satisfied, it is permissible for the entity to use a student-athlete's name, picture or appearance to support its charitable or educational activities.

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request Is it permissible for current student athletes with eligibility remaining to be interviewed and a promotional video clip created describing their experience with in a university program (score program) that reflects on having a dietitian that they work with and the benefits it has provided them as a student and as a student-athlete? A nonprofit agency sponsors the university program which is out of the College of Health Science but the nonprofit agency pays for the dietitian and supplements for the university athletic department. As sponsor of the Scores Program the nonprofit agency would like its logo to appear on the clip. Having the logo of the nonprofit agency is it permissible for current student-athlete with remaining eligibility be permissible to perform?

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
1055466	Interpretation Request	Financial Aid - Bylaw 15	No

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Legislative Cite(s)

15.2.5.1 - Exempted Government Grants.
15.3.2.3 - Hearing Opportunity.
15.1.2 - Types of Aid Included in Limit.

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	04/22/2019	Staff	Individual

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation::

No, the institution does not need to provide the student-athlete with a hearing opportunity to appeal the "reduction" of athletics aid if the student-athlete has received the elements written into the agreement. Pursuant to bylaw 15.2.5.1-(e), benefits received under the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill, including matching payments made by the Department of Veterans Affairs, are exempted from individual and institutional team financial aid limitations. It is permissible for the institution to apply the benefits of the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill first (as required by the federal government) and apply the athletics aid to cover any remaining charges up to the student's cost of attendance. If the athletics aid agreement is written to include *specific elements* (e.g. full tuition, mandatory fees, room, and board), and those elements are fulfilled, no reduction has occurred because the student has received what the athletics aid agreement covers. Further, it is permissible for the institution to retroactively seek reimbursement for costs the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill would have covered in previous years, as appropriate.

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request Student-Athlete received a full grant in aid, but is eligible for government grants under the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill. According to the campus Veteran's Department the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill has to be used first to be aligned with the Federal Government. If athletic financial aid was awarded to the student-athlete to cover these expenses (tuition, fees, books, room and board) and are first using the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill to cover the tuition and fees and athletic award will cover the remaining costs that is not covered under the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill, does the institution have to award the student-athlete an opportunity to appeal the reduction in athletic financial? Aid awarded to the student-athlete remains the same just coming out of two different sources instead of just athletics? Can the institution retro back to previous years to amend Post 9/11 G.I. Bill to be used first. According to the Veteran's Department the institution could ask for the permissible tuition and fee's be paid through the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill to the university ensuing a refund of \$18,000 to the institution. The student-athlete would not receive this money as the university paid student-athletes tuition and fee's the previous years out of athletics funding. The Government Post 9/11 G.I. Bill would reimburse the university for the tuition and fee's that should have been covered under the Bill. Student-athlete was on a full grant in aid scholarship in all previous years. The Financial Aid Department on Campus deem that using other funding like Government Grants such as Post 9/11 G.I. Bill reduces the athletic aid (sense athletic aid that was awarded is not being used) and requires an opportunity to appeal by Student-Athletes, but funding to student-athlete is same as athletic award offered.

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
1055826	Interpretation Request	Eligibility - Bylaw 14 Full-Time Enrollment-Bylaw 14.2	No

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Legislative Cite(s)

- 14.2.2 - Requirement for Competition.
- 14.01.2 - Academic Status.
- 14.4.3.1.7 - Hours Earned or Accepted for Degree Credit.
- 14.2.1 - Requirement for Practice.
- 14.1.1 - Admission.

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	04/29/2019	Staff	Bylaw Team Member Consult

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: Provided the basis for the SA's current institutional designation as seeking an associate's degree is solely the result of how the SA's chosen baccalaureate degree program is structured during the first two years of the academic curriculum, the SA is not in violation of the minimum full-time enrollment requirements for Division I athletics participation (Bylaw 14.2). Specifically, so long as the SA was admitted consistent with the standards used for the certifying institution's baccalaureate degree offerings, the structure of the SA's chosen degree program during any student's first two years does not disqualify the SA from otherwise meeting the intent of Bylaw 14.2.

Per our phone conversation the degree program that the SA has chosen to pursue is designed to progress the student through the first two years of completing an associate's degree into the remainder of the requirements for the baccalaureate degree. Based on the facts in the case, the institution has not committed a violation.

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request Does a freshman student-athlete need to be listed in a baccalaureate degree program on the institutions official system to practice and compete? For instance a freshman student-athlete applies to the institution on the admissions application selects an associate degree, enrolls in full-time with all credits leading to a baccalaureate degree at the institution, but on the universities official records it shows the student-athlete enrolled in an associate degree and not a baccalaureate degree. Would this be a violation according to 14.2.1 and 14.2.2 since they are not enrolled as a baccalaureate degree seeking student? The student does have to declare a baccalaureate degree by the beginning of the third year (fifth semester 14.4.3.1.7 (b)). Just wondering about freshman and sophomore student-athletes that have not declared a major but have been listed in an associate degree.

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request. The conference office could not give a definitive yes or no answer on if it is a violation that a freshman or sophomore student-athlete practices or competes while only being listed in an associate degree on the universities official records.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request. Since a student-athlete does not have to declare a major until the beginning of their third year or fifth semester that it would not be a violation if a freshman or sophomore student athlete are listed on the official records in an associate degree and not a baccalaureate degree as long as all credits lead toward a baccalaureate degree those first two years.



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Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
1057388	Interpretation Request	Eligibility - Bylaw 14 Other Bylaw 14	No

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Legislative Cite(s)

14.4.3.1 - Fulfillment of Credit-Hour Requirements.
14.4.3.1.7 - Hours Earned or Accepted for Degree Credit.
14.4.3.5.4 - Remedial, Tutorial or Noncredit Courses.
14.02.14.1 - Academic Year of Residence.
- Bylaw 14.6.1.1 -- academic year in residence
14.02.14 - Residence.

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	05/09/2019	Staff	Individual

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: Based on the information provided, specifically that the student-athlete (SA) has been enrolled in and complete a minimum full-time program of studies for two full semesters (Fall 2018 and Spring 2019), the SA has completed his academic year in residence required for nonqualifiers.

Provided the grade earned in ENGL1101P allows the prerequisite course to fulfill an actual degree requirement in one of your institution's degree programs, the course may be used to satisfy the SA's 18 credit-hour requirement for the 2018-19 academic year.

Additionally, the SA may utilize the summer sessions to satisfy the 24 credit-hour requirement (14.4.3.1-a) and the minimum grade-point average requirement (14.4.3.3) prior to the start of the SA's second year of collegiate enrollment.

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

Student-athlete is a non-qualifer out of high school. Student enrolled in certifying institution Fall 2018 full time and passed 12 credits with a 3.0 GPA. Student enrolled in Spring 2019 retook a course and received a D both semesters. Student passed 11 courses with a cum GpA 1.69. The repeated course is a general education course ENGL 1101P prerequisite. The course requires a C to continue on to ENGL 1102 (general education requirement). University Banner system technically counts the course as a passed course for financial aid purposes and other academic purposes. Student currently has 19 credits after the retake of the course (course only counting once). Can student athlete count the course since it is technically passed by the institution to meet the requirements for a non-qualifer in bylaw 14.02.14 and 14.4.3 (b)? Can student take credits in the summer to meet the remaining requirements of 14.02.14 and 14.4.3.1(a) to become eligible for Fall 2019? Student would need to pass at least 5 credits in summer to have 24 credits with a GPA of 3.1 or better to raise GPA above a 2.0.

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
1058383	Interpretation Request	Recruiting - Bylaw 13	No

Division	Sport(s)
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Legislative Cite(s)

13.1.8 - Banquets, Meetings and NCAA Promotional Activities.
13.1.8.2 - Banquets or Meetings at Locations Other Than a Prospective Student-Athlete's Educational Institution.
- Coach Speaking at Clinic Outside a Contact Period (I)

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	05/24/2019	Staff	Individual

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: If the coach is contacted to speak at the high school coaches clinic by the high school athletics association, it is permissible for him/her to speak as long as no prospects are present. Note, that the coaches purpose can not be to recruit at the event. Therefore, the coach may not make recruiting presentations on behalf of the institution to any attendees of the clinic.

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

Our assistant basketball coach and football coaches have been asked to present at the State High School Coaches clinic. Only state high school coaches will be present and will be presenting on skills as a coaches. No recruiting presentation will be given.

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

Conference could not answer the question due to being out of the office for conference meetings.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.

Due to it being a coaches clinic the institution finds it would be permissible to attend the coaches clinic as a speaker in both basketball and football.



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Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
1062019	Interpretation Request	Awards and Benefits - Bylaw 16	No

Division	Sport(s)
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Legislative Cite(s)

16.5.2.8(16.5.2.7 current) - Nutritional Supplements.
- Nutritional Supplements and the Food First Approach (I)

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	07/02/2019	Staff	Bylaw Team Member Consult

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: Based off of the information provided, the supplement described would be impermissible due to the fact the powder contains 5.5 grams of a branched chain amino acid. Currently, it is not permissible for an institution to provide a nutritional supplement to student-athletes if:

1. The nutritional supplement includes any impermissible ingredient;
2. The nutritional supplement lists any parts of protein separately (e.g., amino acid);
3. The nutritional supplement lists a "proprietary protein" or "protein blend", unless the proteins in the proprietary blend are identified on the label and are from whole food sources.

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

Donor wants to donate a whey protein powder to our athletic department for the use of our student-athletes. The label doesn't include the BCAAs on the ingredients but on the "Amount Per Serving" portion it lists 5.5 g of BCCA. The Ed Column mentions BCAAs as a supplement that the institution can't provide for the student-athletes. We wanted clarity if the BCAAs can't be provided in a stand alone form or at all, as in a small part of the whey protein powder.

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
1063805	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)

- 14.5.5.1 - General Rule.
- 14.5.5.2 - Exceptions for Transfers From Four-Year Colleges.
- 14.5.5.2.6 - Discontinued/Nonsponsored Sport Exception.
- 14.5.5.2.10 - One-Time Transfer Exception.

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	07/12/2019	Staff	Individual

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: A PSA may serve an academic year in residence associated with their nonqualifier status at an international institution and therefore be eligible to utilize any four-year transfer exception upon transfer to a Division I institution (Bylaw 14.5.5.2). The nonsponsored sport four-year transfer exception is available to international transfer student-athletes who did not have access to an intercollegiate-level experience at their international institution while in attendance (Bylaw 14.5.5.2.6-c). Based on the facts described in this request, the international PSA would likely qualify for the identified nonsponsored four-year transfer exception upon enrollment at the certifying institution.

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Describe the interpretive request PSA in soccer never took the SAT test and will be deemed a non-qualifier through the Eligibility Center. PSA attend an institution in home country for 18-19 academic year and did not participate on the soccer team and institution did not offer soccer at the intercollegiate level. Would Bylaw 14.5.5.2(c) Discontinued/Nonsponsored Sport Exception and 14.5.5.2.10 One-time Transfer Exception be used to allow for PSA to compete immediately upon transfer, since PSA technically had a year in residency at the previous institution before transferring and if PSA meets all eligibility requirements for a SA entering their 3rd semester?

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request. Left message with conference office.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request. Since PSA previous institution did not offer soccer at the intercollegiate level and serving a year in residence at international institution in 18-19 the one time transfer exception should be able to be used to allow PSA to transfer and be eligible for aid, practice, and competition immediately as long as they meet the 24 credits in previous 2 terms and is in good academic standing at previous institution.