



# Case Summary

## General Case Information

Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
1045994	Interpretation Request	Financial Aid - Bylaw 15	No

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

15.5.3.2.4.3 - Institutional Academic Scholarships.  
15.5.3.2.4.1.2 - Renewals.  
15.5.1.1.1 - Exception -- Receipt of Institutional Academic Aid Only.

## Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	02/06/2019	Staff	Individual

### Conditions

### Rationale

Interpretation:: Staff agrees with the institution's analysis. There is no requirement that the SA's grade-point average must be re-certified at midyear. If the SA achieved the minimum grade-point average to exempt the academic honor award after the fall term, the aid is not countable for the spring term.

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## Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

We have a MTE student-athlete who received an academic scholarship at the time of his initial enrollment (Fall 2017) which was noncountable due to the academic honor award criteria. He has maintained a 3.0 so at the beginning of the fall term (Fall 2018) when the award was renewed, it was non-countable per 15.5.3.2.4.1.2 (renewals). The award is a \$6k award for both semesters - renewable for 19-20 based on his GPA at the beginning of the fall 2018 term. After the Fall, the student's gpa fell below the 3.0 threshold for the award to be noncountable. Since the award was provided for the entire year based on the student-athlete's academic credentials at the beginning of the Fall 2018 term, do we need to make the second half of the award countable starting in Spring 2019? In addition, does this same application apply to awards originally noncountable per 15.5.3.2.4.3 and 15.5.1.1.1?

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

The Conference Office was unsure of how the legislation applied in this case and requested an RSRO interp be filed.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.

MSU contends that the award should be noncountable for the entire year since the criteria for renewal was met at time of the award for 18-19. By having to evaluate GPA at the midyear, the institution would possibly be in an over-award situation with short notice and little time to 'fix' the problem at the semester.



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Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
1060645	Interpretation Request	Playing and Practice Seasons - Bylaw 17	No

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### Legislative Cite(s)

17.1.7.2.1 - Institutional Vacation Period and Summer.  
17.1.7.2.1.1 - Exception -- Championship Subdivision Football.  
17.02.19 - Voluntary Athletically Related Activities.

## Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	06/12/2019	Staff	Bylaw Team Meeting

### Conditions

### Rationale

Interpretation:: No. In football, countable coaches may not be present during voluntary athletically related activities. Part of what makes the activities voluntary is countable coaches not having the ability to know who is attending. Allowing countable coaches to be present is contrary to this idea.

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**Specific Case Information**

Describe the interpretive request Voluntary workouts; FCS football; coaching staff present

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