



Institution: University of North Alabama  
Case Type: Interpretation Request

Division: I

Case ID: 1039490  
Date: 07/24/2019

## General Information

### Institution Information

Institution or Conference University of North Alabama

Division of Institution Reclassifying to I

Conference ASUN Conference

Phone Number 256/765-4100

Academic year related to this request 2018-19

### Sub Case Types

Please check all the Interpretation Request sub-case types and conditions that apply

Recruiting - Bylaw 13

### Legislation Related to this Request

Provide cite(s) of applicable legislation, educational column or interpretation

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Bylaw	I	13.1	<a href="#">Contacts and Evaluations.</a>
Bylaw	I	13.10.1	<a href="#">Presence of Media During Recruiting Contact.</a>
Proposal	I	2015-36	<a href="#">RECRUITING -- APPLICATION OF RECRUITING RULES AFTER COMMITMENT -- COMMITMENT BEFORE THE NLI REGULAR SIGNING PERIOD</a>
Education Column	I		<a href="#">NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2015-36 Recruiting -- Application of Recruiting Rules After Commitment -- Commitment Before the National Letter of Intent Regular Signing Period (I)</a>
Bylaw	I	13.10.3	<a href="#">Publicity After Commitment.</a>

One sentence statement that describes the interpretive issue.

If a PSA meets the requirements of 13.10.3, has received a letter of acceptance, but has not signed an NLI or GIA, can the institution initiate a public statement? For example, can the institution tweet the SA has been accepted to the institution or will walk on?

### Case Prioritization Information

Do the circumstances of this request require urgent review (within the next two business days)? No

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#### All Requests

Describe the interpretive request After a PSA as signed an NLI or GIA institutions are permitted to publicize the SA through social media. If a SA who will be a walk-on has received a letter of acceptance, is the institution permitted to issue the same statement?

Have you previously contacted any NCAA staff regarding this request? No

Have the institution and conference communicated regarding this request? No

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## Case Documentation

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### Recommended Documentation

#### If necessary

Provide any documentation related to the interpretive request

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Agreement by Todd Vardaman on 11/16/2018

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Playing and Practice Seasons - Bylaw 17

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Bylaw	I	17.2.5.3	<a href="#">Annual Exemptions.</a>
Bylaw	I	20.9.6.3	<a href="#">Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship.</a>

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## Activity After Case Submission

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Institution: University of North Alabama  
Case Type: Legislative Relief Waiver

Division: I

Case ID: 1057550  
Date: 07/24/2019

## General Information

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Division of Institution Reclassifying to I

Conference ASUN Conference

Phone Number 256/765-4100

Academic year related to this request [REDACTED]

Did you receive a phone waiver from NCAA staff for this request? No

Is this request coming from a NCAA Committee? No

Have you contacted AMA or your conference office regarding the specific facts for this request? No

### Sub Case Types

Please check all the Legislative Relief Waiver sub-case types and conditions that apply

Request for a Prospective Student-Athlete or Student-Athlete

#### Request for a Prospective Student-Athlete or Student-Athlete Sub-Case Types

Transfer

#### Transfer Sub-Case Types

Academic Reasons/Residence Requirement

### Legislation Related to this Request

Describe the institution's request for relief. Teh institution is requesting releif from the Year-in-Residence Requirement

Provide cite(s) of applicable legislation or interpretation

Type	Division	ID	Text
Bylaw	I	14.5.5.2.10	<a href="#">One-Time Transfer Exception.</a>

Provide case numbers of any precedent relevant to this request 975094

**Student-Athlete Information**

Is this request for multiple student-athletes? No

NCAA ID [REDACTED]

First Name [REDACTED]

Last Name [REDACTED]

Date of Birth [REDACTED]

Gender [REDACTED]

**Affected Sport(s) and Competition Information**

Sport(s) [REDACTED]

Institution's Next Date of Competition for this Sport 11/07/2019

Institution's Next Location of Competition for this Sport Home

**Student-Athlete Enrollment Information**

Date of Initial Collegiate Enrollment [REDACTED]

Date of Initial Enrollment at Current Institution (if different) [REDACTED]

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Describe the facts associated with this request The University of North Alabama is requesting legislative relief for the SA having to serve a year in residence. [REDACTED] She has signed a GIA for the 2019-20 academic year.

What are any relevant mitigating circumstances that should be considered when reviewing the request? Following the completion of the SA second season [REDACTED] there was a coaching change, the HC and assistants' contracts were not renewed. [REDACTED] The SA also states that during [REDACTED] [REDACTED] have transferred. Due to [REDACTED] the SA is transferring. The University of North Alabama is requesting the SA be immediately eligible for practice, competition and financial aid [REDACTED]

Have you previously contacted any NCAA staff regarding this request? No



**Student-Athlete Information**

**All Requests**

Indicate whether the individual is a prospective or enrolled student-athlete  Enrolled Student-Athlete

Provide the final academic and amateurism certification report (PSA Details Report) [Redacted]

When did recruitment begin? [Redacted]

Was the student-athlete recruited by institutions previously attended?  Yes

What are the names of the institutions the student-athlete previously attended and which recruited him or her? [Redacted]

Will or has the student-athlete been offered or received athletically related financial aid?  Yes

List all collegiate institutions the student-athlete attended

Term/Year	School Name	Division	School Type	Full/Part Time	Completed?	Practiced?	Received Aid?
[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]

Please provide a statement from student-athlete regarding the circumstances of this request. [Redacted]

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Was the student-athlete recruited?  Yes

**Requests Involving Transfer**

Provide a statement from the previous school's AD addressing: whether or not the student-athlete had the opportunity to return to the team and if not, was the opportunity removed for reasons outside of the student-athlete's control; if the student-athlete was dismissed from the team and if so, the reasons for the dismissal; whether the student-athlete was in good standing with the team at the time of departure; and the reasons why student-athlete indicated he or she was transferring.

Provide documentation as to the student-athlete's status on the team at time of departure from previous institution?

Provide documentation that the student-athlete has the necessary credit hours to meet progress-toward-degree requirements at the institution

**Requests Involving Transfer for Academic Reasons/Residence Requirement**

What is the student-athlete's projected or expected graduation date at applicant institution? 05/01/2019

**Required Documentation**

**Requests Involving Transfer**

Provide a copy of the student-athlete's current official transcript and official transcripts from all previous institutions attended. Print-screen transcripts are not acceptable.

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**Requests Involving Transfer for Academic Reasons/Residence Requirement**

If transferring due to academic program being discontinued and the student-athlete does not meet the one-time transfer exception, provide a letter from the dean or appropriate academic authority at the discontinued academic program institution documenting that the program has in fact been discontinued

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Provide documentation indicating that the institution to which the student-athlete is transferring offers the desired program and that the student-athlete has completed the necessary prerequisite courses for admission into the program

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Provide documentation that the student-athlete has the necessary credit hours to meet progress-toward-degree requirements at the institution

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Please explain why any credits earned or attempted by the student-athlete that would normally be transferrable were not accepted by the institution. NA

**Recommended Documentation**

**All Requests**

Provide a written statement(s) from any other individuals involved in the circumstances of this request

Provide any documentation not previously specified that substantiates any assertions made in this request

**Signatures**

Select Required Signatories

STOP! IF USING E-SIGN OPTION:

The signatory email address (in the NCAA Directory) MUST match the email address in NCAA Business Applications (e.g., Single-Source Sign On). The signatory MUST have been granted access to Requests/Self-Reports Online by the on-campus Single-Source Sign On administrator in the NCAA Business Application Administrative tool.

If the signatories do not meet these qualifications, select UPLOAD (or fax, if necessary). Do NOT select e-sign unless the above criteria is met.

Institutional Authority Outside of Athletics Department

Signatory Approved by Pat Roden on 06/17/2019

Institutional Authority Inside of Athletics Department

Signatory Approved by Todd Vardaman on 06/17/2019

Buckley Statement - Student-Athlete

Signatory

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- Institutional Authority Outside of Athletics Department
Institutional Authority Inside of Athletics Department
Conference Personnel
Buckley Statement A Buckley Statement form is required for submission for all cases involving a student-athlete or prospective student-athlete.
A Third Party Buckley Statement must be completed in order for a third party individual (e.g., parent, attorney) to discuss a student-athlete's case with the NCAA staff. The Third Party Buckley Statement has been placed in the General Case Information section located on the Resources tab.

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By submitting information related to this request, I affirm that I have read and understand the application of NCAA Bylaw 10.1 and the information provided is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Agreement by Todd Vardaman on 06/17/2019

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# Case Summary

## General Case Information

Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
1062226	Interpretation Request	Recruiting - Bylaw 13	No

Division	Sport(s)
I Reclassifying to I	

### Legislative Cite(s)

11.3.2.8 - Promotion or Endorsement of a Prospective Student-Athlete's Team, Coach or Athletics Facility.  
13.10.2.1 - Comments Before Commitment.  
11.3.2.8.1 - Exception -- Actions That Indicate Approval of Content on Social Media Platforms.  
- Comments Referencing Likelihood of Commitment of a Prospective Student-Athlete (I)

## Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	06/24/2019	Staff	Bylaw Team Meeting

### Conditions

### Rationale

Interpretation:: It is permissible for a staff member to "like, favorite, republish" a tweet about a PSA that was generated by a third party (e.g. high school or AAU coach). This does not include tweets from a recruiting or scouting service which remain impermissible. A staff member may not add any content (e.g. text, link) to the tweet.

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**Specific Case Information**

Describe the interpretive request

During the Regional Rules session in Denver there was discussion regarding taking action on a tweet about a PSA's commitment (prior to signing an NLI or offer of admission) that was initiated by a third party. It was my understanding that if the PSA used their platform to tweet the statement it was permissible for the institutions staff member to take action (like, favorite, etc..) However, if the tweet was initiated by a third party (HS coach, AAU coach, scouting service, etc..) it was impermissible. I have reviewed the Power Point associated with the session and slides 7-9 seem to conflict with my understanding. In trying to share the information with our staff, there were several examples presented to me where other institutions are allowing the practice of staff members to like, favorite, republish tweets by third parties. Any point of clarification and direction would be appreciated.

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.



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**Decision**

Accepted Date 06/25/2019

Accepted By Todd Vardaman

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Resolved	11/26/2018	Staff	Individual

### Conditions

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13.10.3 - Publicity After Commitment.

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