



Case Summary

General Case Information

Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
1046017	Interpretation Request	Financial Aid - Bylaw 15	No

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Legislative Cite(s)

15.5.6.3.3(15.5.6.3.4 current) - Nonrecruited Student-Athlete Receiving Institutional Financial Aid During First Year.

17.1.7.2.1.5.2 - Football.

2018-112 - AUTONOMY PROPOSAL -- RECRUITING AND AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- OFFERS AND INDUCEMENTS AND HOUSING AND MEALS -- REQUIRED SUMMER ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

16.5.2.2 - Preseason Practice Expenses.

- Head Count Sports - Counter Status - Benefits Received During Preseason Practice Prior to the First Day of Classes (I)

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	02/05/2019	Staff	Bylaw Team Member Consult

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: Yes, a non-recruited PSA receive expenses (e.g. housing, meals) to participate in Summer Access while not being enrolled in summer school per the adoption of Proposal 2018-112 and your institution has opted into the legislation as it is autonomy.

If the institution seeks to aid that same nonrecruited SA after the first preseason practice, his initial counter spot can be pushed to the following year. This analysis is separate from the hard cap count, which Randale may or may not be tracking on.

16.5.2.2 permits the provision of preseason practice expenses, so provided the SA receives only the preseason expenses (nothing included in the institution's COA calculation), and would impact the institution's ability to push the initial counter spot.

Please note, that flexibility does not extend to summer access, however, because 15.5.1.9.1 requires that a football PSA who receives financial aid during the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment count as an initial and overall counter for the ensuing academic year. Moreover, 15.5.6.3.3 says "practice" specifically, and we don't consider summer access "practice", therefore Bylaw 15.5.6.3.3 cannot extend back before the first official (preseason) practice. See the January 23, 2002 interpretation which has been attached to the case.

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Describe the interpretive request

The institution is in jeopardy of reaching it's initial counter status in football for the 2019-2020 season but will have room under the overall counter limit. We would like to utilize the 15.5.6.3.3 Nonrecruited Student-Athlete Receiving Institutional Financial Aid During First Year but need clarification on what constitutes "practice" under 15.5.6.3.3 (Summer Access, Preseason, First Day of School?). Also, we would like to know if a non-recruited PSA can receive expenses (housing, meals) during summer access and/or preseason football practice who is then placed on athletic scholarship after his first "practice" without being considered an initial counter for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

The conference feels as if clarification on what is defined as "practice" is needed.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.

The institution believes that summer access, being that it can be required, as well as preseason practice, should constitute as practice under 15.5.6.3.3 allow the institution to push the PSAs initial counter status to the 2020-2021 year so long as he remains non-recruited per bylaw 15 and does not receive athletic scholarship until after "practice".



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1048770	Interpretation Request	Playing and Practice Seasons - Bylaw 17	No

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Legislative Cite(s)

17.02.10 - Organized Competition.
17.10.4 - End of Playing Season.
17.10.5.2.1 - Bowl Subdivision.

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	02/21/2019	Staff	Bylaw Team Meeting

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: The traditional "spring game" is not intercollegiate competition, and is considered practice. As such, it can be counted as one of the permissible 11- on-11 scrimmages under 17.10.6.5 (e), which can come at any point during the spring practice period. If the institution is truly conducting a scrimmage or contest with a team composed of bona fide alumni or students or both [per Bylaw 17.10.4 - (a)], then this contest may only be conducted at the conclusion of spring practice.

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Describe the interpretive request

What factors are used to differentiate the spring game and a spring practice in the sport of football? Currently legislation requires the FB spring game to be held at the conclusion of the spring practices. Institutions often hold spring practices which are viewable by the general public. Our institution is looking to have one practice be an "open practice" and have an event around this, but want to do it with three practices remaining on their 15 allotted sessions. Being that the spring game is a unique circumstance unto itself, is bylaw 17.02.10 the best measure of a game in this case or are there other factors we should lean towards for guidance? Thanks!

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Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.



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1053866	Interpretation Request	Financial Aid - Bylaw 15	No

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15.3.3.1.1 - One-Year Period.
15.3.1.3 - Retroactive Financial Aid.

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	04/11/2019	Staff	Bylaw Team Member Consult

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: Pursuant to Bylaw 15.3.1.3 (Retroactive Financial Aid), it is permissible for an institution to provide a student-athlete financial aid during spring semester and then apply it retroactively to the start of that academic year. It is permissible for an institution to provide a student-athlete financial aid during spring semester and then apply it retroactively to the start of the spring semester, provided the student-athlete meets an exception outlined in Bylaw 15.3.3.1.1 (One Year Period). It is not permissible to initially 'award' a first-year student-athlete financial aid during spring semester and apply the aid retroactively to the fall semester only. In that scenario, the student-athlete would be unable to satisfy an exception in Bylaw 15.3.3.1.1 given fall semester would be his or her initial full-time semester and he or she would not have been enrolled full-time at the certifying institution for at least one regular academic term. Finally, be mindful of autonomy legislation as it relates to renewals when awarding student-athletes financial aid using Bylaw 15.3.1.3.

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Describe the interpretive request. There are a few walk-on SAs who we'd like to place on athletics aid, but for fall semester only.

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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
1047997	Interpretation Request	Membership and Sports Sponsorship - Bylaw 20 NCAA Constitution Articles 1-6	No

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Legislative Cite(s)

3.2.4.5(3.2.4.6 current) - Application of Rules to All Recognized Varsity Sports.
3.2.4.5.1(3.2.4.6.1 current) - Intent to Sponsor a Varsity Sport.
20.9.6.3 - Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship.

Status Information

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

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: Because the institution has evidenced an intent to sponsor the sport, NCAA Division I Bylaw 3.2.4.5.1 (intent to sponsor a varsity sport) will require the institution to adhere to the Bylaw 13 recruiting regulations. No other parts of the legislation must be adhered to until the institution officially accords the sport varsity status per Bylaw 3.2.4.5 (application of rules to all recognized varsity sports). In your case 2020-21 if you stay on schedule.

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Describe the interpretive request

Our institution is adding the sport of Women's Volleyball and plan to have the sport be sponsored during the 2020-21 academic year. Currently our coaching staff is signing PSAs to join the team for next year (19-20). During the 19-20 academic year (while the sport is not sponsored), would the team be permitted to engage in joint practices/scrimmages with outside teams (D1-3, NAIA, adult clubs, etc.) without triggering sport sponsorship status provided the team engages is less than the minimum number of contests per 20.9.6.3?

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Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.