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General Case Information

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| 1043948 | Interpretation Request | Amateurism - Bylaw 12 | No |

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Legislative Cite(s)

12.1.2.1.4.3 - Expenses from an Outside Sponsor.
- Issues Related to Crowdfunding (I)

Status Information

| Status | Status Date | Status Level | Status Level Type |
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| Resolved | 01/18/2019 | Staff | Bylaw Team Meeting |

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: Pursuant to Q&A number 9 in the November 6, 2014 educational column, it is permissible for a student-athlete to raise actual and necessary expenses for outside competition through a crowdfunding website. The website in question that offers a reward structure per donation level would be permissible provided no public reference is made back to the specific site and company by the student-athlete in their social media shout outs, the cost of purchasing the thank you gifts is not included and used to offset the student-athlete's actual and necessary expenses and a disclaimer is posted on the campaign that no agents or boosters may contribute.

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

SEMO gymnast from Canada qualified to represent her country in the World University Games in Italy this June. Institution believes she meets the criteria to use her name and likeness to crowdfund for this outside competition per Bylaw 12.1.2.1.4.3 and an Ed Column from 11-6-14. However, the site she wants to use (<https://makeachamp.com/>) is slightly different than GoFundMe as it's only for Canadian athletes and it has a reward structure built in. Before posting, we are making sure she includes the following disclaimer: • No Agents or Boosters of SEMO Athletics may contribute. • Further, donors must disclose all requested personal information and respond to any inquiry from SEMO or the NCAA, if requested. The reward structure is the main issue causing our concerns. SA would like to offer donors these rewards at these levels (Canadian dollars): \$15 Social media shout out \$20 Video messages \$30 Video messages and shout out \$50 Postcard from Italy \$100 Video message, postcard, signed photo \$200 Tshirt from Italy, video, and shout out \$500 Hoodie from Italy, video, shout out, and postcard from Italy Institution needs guidance regarding the permissibility of a current SA using this site in the manner described above.

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.



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| 1045712 | Interpretation Request | Eligibility - Bylaw 14 Two-Year College Transfers-Bylaw 14.5.4 (Includes 4-2-4 Transfers-Bylaw 14.5.6) | No |

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Legislative Cite(s)

- Calculation of grade-point average for transferable credit (I)
14.5.4.6.3.2 - Calculation of Grade-Point Average for Transferable Credit.

Status Information

| Status | Status Date | Status Level | Status Level Type |
|----------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Resolved | 01/29/2019 | Staff | Individual |

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: Institution should calculate the grade-point average (GPA) in accordance with bylaw 14.5.4.6.3.2, using all four course and their grades. The attached interpretation refers specifically and only to the institution's grading scale (A, A-, B+, B, etc.), not to other institutional policies.

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

Football PSA attended 4-year institution from Fall 2016 until Spring 2018. PSA attended 2-year institution during Summer 2018, Fall 2018 and Winter Mini-session following fall 2018. In fall 2018, PSA failed MUSIC 204 (3 hours) and SOC 120 (3 hours), both of which, are normally transferable to this institution. During winter session, PSA took and passed MUSIC 100 (3 hours) and GEO 121 (3 hours), both of which, are also transferable to this institution. The 2-year college has a unique policy in which a student may replace failed courses with different courses, as long as they satisfy the same requirement. As such, when calculating the students GPA, the 2-year college replaces his failed courses with new courses that are not the same, giving him an institutional GPA above 2.5, when he would have had a GPA of 2.1 IF the two originally failed courses were included. According to Bylaw 14.5.4.6.3.2, SEMO should calculate GPA based on grades earned in all courses that are normally transferable, telling us we should include the two failed courses. However, the interp from March 1990 tells us to use the grading scale of the 2-year college regardless of whether the scale differs from that of SEMO.

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Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.



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| 1046637 | Interpretation Request | Recruiting - Bylaw 13 | No |

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Legislative Cite(s)
13.6.4.1 - 48-Hour Period Defined.

Status Information

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|----------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Resolved | 02/22/2019 | Staff | Bylaw Team Lead |

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: The 48-hour period ends when the prospect departs the institution's campus and does not include direct transportation back to the airport unless the transportation includes delay for personal reasons or entertainment purposes.

At the completion of the 48-hour visit, the prospective student-athlete must depart the institution's campus immediately; however, the PSA does not have to be returned to the nearest airport within the 48-hour period.

Therefore, transportation to the nearest major airport, provided it is without delay for personal reasons or entertainment purposes, including meals, is permissible outside the 48-hour period of the on-campus visit. Note that in order for the transportation to be outside the 48-hour period, contact may not be maintained with the prospective student-athlete after he or she is dropped off at the airport.

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

Gymnastics PSA will begin 48 hour official visit at 8:00 AM on Friday, March 1. PSA will depart campus at 7:45 AM on Sunday, March 3. Nearest major airport in is St. Louis; a 1.5 hour drive from campus. Assistant Coach would like to drive PSA to St. Louis Airport for a late morning flight home purchased by the institution. While the PSA would have departed the institution's campus prior to the completion of the 48-hour deadline, institution needs guidance as to whether or not a) the coach may drive PSA to the airport and 2) the team may pay for return flight home, as both activities would occur after the end of the 48 hour visit.

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Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.



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| 1050391 | Interpretation Request | Awards and Benefits - Bylaw 16 | No |

| Division | Sport(s) |
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Legislative Cite(s)

12.1.2.1.6 - Preferential Treatment, Benefits or Services.
12.02.2 - Actual and Necessary Expenses.
16.02.3 - Extra Benefit.
16.11.2 - Nonpermissible.

Status Information

| Status | Status Date | Status Level | Status Level Type |
|----------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Resolved | 02/28/2019 | Staff | Individual |

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: If the team is not otherwise providing full actual and necessary equipment/uniform, etc. expenses for participation on the team (see 12.02.2c), then the SA may use the team discount in relation to purchasing such equipment/uniform, etc. The SA may not, however, use a discount made available to the team (i.e., discount not otherwise available to the general public) for personal use without such use being considered impermissible preferential treatment.

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

Approved outside summer baseball team provides all team members a certain amount of gear and equipment. Team also allows all team members the opportunity to purchase additional equipment & gear at discounted rate. As the language in 1-8-04 Ed Column is a bit ambiguous, stating "If the institution is not involved, the receipt of the benefit may constitute preferential treatment", the institution needs guidance defining if such an arrangement is permissible in this case. Because all players must have JUCO or NCAA eligibility remaining in order to make a team, institution is hesitant to allow its SAs to take advantage of the discounted rate.

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Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.



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| 1051738 | Interpretation Request | Eligibility - Bylaw 14 Full-Time Enrollment-Bylaw 14.2 | No |

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Legislative Cite(s)

14.2.2.1.3 - Final Semester/Quarter.
14.4.3.2.3 - Timing of Certification.

Status Information

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| Resolved | 03/19/2019 | Staff | Bylaw Team Member Consult |

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: NCAA staff agrees that the student-athlete may continue to practice and compete while enrolled less than full-time using the final term exception. As required by Bylaw 14.2.2.1.3, the student-athlete was certified as carrying for credit the courses necessary to complete his degree. While the SA plans to change his specific course enrollment after changing his major, he will remain enrolled and does not need to be re-certified as continuing to meet the final term exception at the point he adds and drops classes. Please note that the student will forfeit eligibility in all sports unless the student completes his degree requirements during the term.

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Describe the interpretive request

SA was enrolled in his final 13 hours needed this spring in order to graduate as an Education major in May 2019. SA realized teaching was not for him in the middle of student teaching this semester. SA discovered he could still graduate this May with a General Studies degree, if he enrolled in nine hours of second eight week classes. SEMO needs guidance to see if he still meets the exception allowing him to be under-enrolled in his final semester IF the major he is now pursuing is not the major he was certified in at the beginning of classes in January. Institution believes SEMO has the authority to re-certify him in this new major and allow him to compete while enrolled in less-than full-time credits, as there is no change in his eligibility status (i.e., he's not going from being ineligible to eligible).

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| 1051895 | Interpretation Request | Eligibility - Bylaw 14 Progress Toward Degree-Bylaw 14.4 | No |

Division | **Sport(s)**

Legislative Cite(s)

14.4.3.1 - Fulfillment of Credit-Hour Requirements.
- Use of Credits Earned During an Interim Term for Midyear Certification (I)

Status Information

| Status | Status Date | Status Level | Status Level Type |
|----------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Resolved | 03/20/2019 | Staff | Individual |

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: No. A student-athlete's enrollment in courses that begin and/or end outside of the institution's regular term may not be used to satisfy full-time enrollment requirements or the six-hour rule. Unless an institution has received a waiver pursuant to Bylaw 14.2.3.1 and 14.4.3.5.1 (nontraditional academic calendars), student-athletes must meet full-time enrollment requirements based on coursework that is conducted within the confines of the institution's regular academic term, as defined by the institution's academic calendar.

As a result, a winter session course, which is conducted between the end of the fall semester and completed prior to the beginning of the spring semester, may not be applied towards either term's six-hour requirement as the course occurs outside of the confines of the institution's regular academic terms.

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

Institution needs guidance in regards to the 6 hour rule requirement, and the application of interim session courses. The institution understands that per 14.4.3.1 (c) a student athlete must pass 6 hours the preceding term in order to be eligible for athletic participation. The institution also understands that interim term courses may be used to satisfy 24/36 hour, 18/27 hour requirements, and percentage of degree requirements, per staff interpretation of 14.4.3.1 on 2/9/12. Institution needs help understanding if interim winter session courses may also be used to satisfy 6 hour requirement for previous term if these courses begin and end prior to the spring semester.

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Legislative Cite(s)

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| Resolved | 03/20/2019 | Staff | Individual |

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| 1051918 | Interpretation Request | Amateurism - Bylaw 12 | No |

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Legislative Cite(s)

12.8.3.1.6 - Exception -- Football.

Status Information

| Status | Status Date | Status Level | Status Level Type |
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| Resolved | 03/27/2019 | Staff | Individual |

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: If a student-athlete satisfies Bylaw 12.8.3.1.6, the student-athlete would not use a season of competition. An institution does **not** have the discretion to apply the exception on a case-by-case basis. An institution may re-evaluate a student-athlete's eligibility if the student-athlete transferred from another Division I institution.

Case Summary

Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

During fall 2018, a few SEMO FB SAs participated in four or fewer contests. A number of questions have come up when determining those who used a season of competition: 1) who has the authority to determine if a season was used or not (coach or student) 2) is there a deadline to determine if a season was used or not (for example if a student played in 3 games as a freshman in F18, can a coach decide in May of 2022 to count that as a redshirt year and make the SA eligible for F22), and 3) if SA transfers, can the coach at school #2 determine that the 3 games played by the SA in F18 don't count as a season even if the coach at school #1 said it did count as a season? Question #2 might come into play if the freshman suffers a season-ending injury in year 2, 3, or 4...

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Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.



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| 1055606 | Interpretation Request | Eligibility - Bylaw 14 Four-Year College Transfers-Bylaw 14.5.5 (Including Graduate Transfers - Bylaws 14.6.1) Two-Year College Transfers-Bylaw 14.5.4 (Includes 4-2-4 Transfers-Bylaw 14.5.6) | No |

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Legislative Cite(s)

2018-42 - RECRUITING -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE -- PARTICIPATION IN REQUIRED SUMMER ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES
14.4.3.3 - Fulfillment of Minimum Grade-Point Average Requirements.
14.4.3.3.1 - Application of Rule to Transfer Student.

Status Information

| Status | Status Date | Status Level | Status Level Type |
|----------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Resolved | 04/23/2019 | Staff | Individual |

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation: The academic term in residence listed in Bylaw 14.4.3.3.1 is not inclusive of the summer term prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution. As a result, the transfer SA is not subject to the minimum GPA requirement for progress-toward-degree purposes until a regular term of residence (e.g., fall semester) is completed at the certifying institution. Please note that the SA needs to be in good academic standing per the certifying institution's standards in order to compete. As a result, the extent to which the incoming SA's summer grades impact his good academic standing status at the certifying institution, must be taken into account when assessing the SA's fall eligibility.

Case Summary

Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

For 2018-42, the proposal states "the application of this proposal does not impact transfer triggers", but institution needs guidance on how the rule impacts continuing certification of 14.4.3.3. Example: A 2-4 non-qualifier in FB graduates from his 2-year school in May after 4 semesters of FT enrollment with exactly a 2.5 and meets all other transfer eligibility criteria. He comes to SEMO in June and takes two 3-hour classes while participating in 8 weeks of CARA. He earns a C and an D. His cumulative GPA at the end of July is a 2.47 and his SEMO GPA is a 1.5. For this student-athlete, do we now need to check for his institutional GPA to be at 90% the minimum GPA required for graduation prior to the start of his 5th semester of full-time enrollment?

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.



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Case Management System

Institution: Southeast Missouri State University
Case Type: Interpretation Request

Division: I

Case ID: 1059872
Date: 06/28/2019

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General Information

Institution Information

Institution or Conference Southeast Missouri State University
Division of Institution I
Conference Ohio Valley Conference
Phone Number 573/651-2227
Academic year related to this request 2018-19

Sub Case Types

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

Eligibility - Bylaw 14

Eligibility - Bylaw 14 Sub-Case Types

Two-Year College Transfers-Bylaw 14.5.4
(Includes 4-2-4 Transfers-Bylaw 14.5.6)

Legislation Related to this Request

| Provide cite(s) of applicable legislation, educational column or interpretation | Type | Division ID | Text |
|---|--|--------------|--|
| | Education Column | I | Proposal No. 2007-66 Eligibility -- Two-Year College Transfers -- Nonqualifiers -- Transferable English and Math (I) |
| | Education Column | I | NCAA Bylaw 14.5.4.2 -- Transferable English and Math Credit (I) |
| | Bylaw | I 14.5.4.2.1 | Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition. |
| One sentence statement that describes the interpretive issue. | Institution needs guidance on application of 3 hour transferable natural/physical science requirement as it relates to 2-4 Non-qualifiers. | | |

Case Prioritization Information

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

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Describe the interpretive request: PSA is a 2-4 Non-qualifier who has successfully completed Human Anatomy and Physiology at 2 year institution. This course does transfer in as BS113 at our institution. However, BS113 does not satisfy the natural science requirement for our institution graduation purposes. Institution needs guidance on application of 14.5.4.2.1 (b) to determine PSA transfer eligibility as this course will transfer in, but does not meet institution course requirements for natural/physical sciences.

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

Have the institution and conference communicated regarding this request? No

Page 3 - Case Documentation

Case Documentation

(Maximum individual file size is 10MB.) Upload each document individually.

Recommended Documentation

If necessary

Provide any documentation related to the interpretive request

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Case Contacts and Submission

Select Contacts for this Case

Primary Contact: Jared Waldhoff (jwaldhoff@semo.edu) Phone: 573-651-2980 Cell: 217-663-4551

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Additional Case Contacts

Additional contacts with a valid email address from the conference or member institution will receive selected e-mails related to the case.

Email Delivery First Name Last Name Title E-mail Address

Terms and Conditions

Disclaimer Terms and Conditions
I understand the interpretations staff response will be based solely on the specific facts provided in this interpretive request. Any changes to the facts presented, or additional information relevant to this request, must be submitted through Requests/Self-Reports Online.

Agreement by Jared Waldhoff on 05/30/2019

Activity After Case Submission

Responses to Requests for Additional Information



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| 1060478 | Interpretation Request | Eligibility - Bylaw 14 Two-Year College Transfers-Bylaw 14.5.4 (Includes 4-2-4 Transfers-Bylaw 14.5.6) | No |

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Legislative Cite(s)

14.5.4.6.7 - Participation Prior to Certification.

Status Information

| Status | Status Date | Status Level | Status Level Type |
|----------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Resolved | 06/07/2019 | Staff | Individual |

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: An incoming student-athlete would not need to have the official certification completed in order to participate in required summer athletic activities. The student-athlete would simply need to meet the requirements in place to participate (e.g., enrollment in summer school).

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

Institution needs guidance on application of Bylaw 14.5.4.6.7. Is this bylaw applicable during summer activities for FCS Div1 football institutions? PSA has been admitted to the University, however has not yet undergone certification. PSA meets other transfer criteria.

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.



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| 1060888 | Interpretation Request | Playing and Practice Seasons - Bylaw 17 | No |

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Legislative Cite(s)

- Conditioning Activities Outside of the Playing Season -- Contact, Equipment, Expenses and Publicity (I)
17.1.7.2.1.5.2 - Football.
17.10.6.2 - Conditioning Activities -- Championship Subdivision.
17.1.7.2.2 - Skill Instruction -- Sports Other Than Football.

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| Resolved | 06/11/2019 | Staff | Individual |

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: In football, SAs are not permitted to engage in skill-instruction during summer access. Only required weight-training, conditioning and film review is allowed during summer access per Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5.2 (Football).

Per the 10/10/12, Educational Column, (Question No. 12) it is permissible for the institution to publicize required summer activities on social media. However, publicizing voluntary athletically related activities during summer access is not permissible.

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

Bylaw 17.1.7.2.2 specifically addresses the prohibition on the publicity of summer skill instruction for basketball, but institution needs guidance as to whether or not it is permissible to publicize student-athlete participation in summer skill instruction in the sport of football. Department video coordinator would like to post video of weight lifting sessions to social media.

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.



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| 1061076 | Interpretation Request | Recruiting - Bylaw 13 | No |

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Legislative Cite(s)

- Institutional Coaching Staff Members Involved with Outside Teams Including Prospective Student-Athletes (I)
14.5 - Transfer Regulations.
13.11.2.4 - Local Sports Clubs.

Status Information

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| Resolved | 06/14/2019 | Staff | Individual |

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: A student-athlete (SA) from another four-year institution is not considered a prospective student-athlete (PSA) unless he or she has provided notification of transfer and is in the transfer portal. Accordingly, an institutional coaching staff member may be involved with an outside team or local sports club that includes SAs from other four-year institutions; however, if an SA is in the transfer portal, the SA reverts back to PSA status and NCAA recruiting rules apply to a coach who is involved with any outside team or local sports club that includes these SAs/current PSAs..

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

Former SEMO baseball SA entered the transfer portal at the end of the spring semester. SA will be attending NAIA school this fall, but has not completed any of the 4 steps to avoid the tryout legislation. SA traveled to Georgia to play for the same summer team & coach he played for in 2018. However, the coach (who is a volunteer at South Dakota State University) cited the 12-15-14 Ed Column as a reason why the SA can't play for him again this summer. Given the success of the Transfer Database, SEMO hopes AMA can reconsider the directive from that Ed Column, considering the impact it could have on the 1,308 DI and DII baseball transfers currently in the portal. Certainly these SAs should be allowed to play over the summer while they decide where they want to continue their college careers. If the goal of the Transfer Portal was to empower student-athletes to explore their options, it seems a disproportionate safeguard to require them to complete one of the four steps prior to being able to participate in summer leagues.

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.