

Date	Interpretation Request	NCAA Response
04/22/2019	Can a current beach volleyball student-athlete be utilized as a student assistant coach for the indoor volleyball team under Bylaw 11.01.5 if they did not participate in court volleyball at the applicant institution?	Based on the specific facts presented in this case, staff is able to provide interpretative flexibility to permit the student-athlete to serve as a volleyball student-assistant coach at an institution where the SA did not most recently compete in that sport. Specifically staff noted that the internship is a requirement of the SAs graduate program, the SA is competing in beach volleyball at the institution, and the SA will not be receiving any remuneration in addition to her beach volleyball scholarship.
04/30/2019	Does the restriction of hiring an individual associated with a prospect to any athletic department noncoaching staff position apply to a graduate assistant coach in bowl subdivision football since he is permitted to participate in coaching activities per Bylaw 11.7.4. Per Bylaw 11.01.3, a graduate assistant in bowl subdivision football (FBS) is considered a coach. As such, per Bylaw 11.7.4.1, an individual in this capacity can participate in any manner in the coaching of an intercollegiate team for competitions, practices, or other organized activities. Therefore, Bylaw 11.4.4, which restricts employing an individual associated with a prospect (IAWP) to any athletics department noncoaching staff position, does not apply to an individual in an FBS graduate assistant coaching capacity, since he is permitted to perform coaching duties.	Yes. The graduate assistant coach is a countable coach and is not subject to the IAWP legislation. However, if the individual is reassigned to a non-coaching position prior to completing two seasons as a countable coach, the reassignment would be subject to the IAWP legislation.
06/11/2019	Does the exception for providing financial aid to former student-athletes after their five-year clock expire apply to a former student-athlete enrolled in a graduate degree program?	Yes, the institution may provide the former student-athlete athletics aid as this exception is not limited to student-athletes completing undergraduate study.
06/11/2019	Whether a football student-athlete who signed an NLI and GIA with applicant institution in 2016 counts in the annual signing limit of 25 after missing a semester and re-enrolls the ensuing term.	The institutional analysis is correct. If the SA is not signing a financial aid agreement for the first time and he did not trigger transfer to another institution during the spring 2019 term under Bylaw 14.5.2 (i.e., becoming a prospective student-athlete) the SA would not be counted in the Bylaw 13.9.3.3 limitations for 2019-20.