



Case Summary

General Case Information

Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
1043898	Interpretation Request	Amateurism - Bylaw 12	No

Division	Sport(s)
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Legislative Cite(s)

12.8.3.1.2 - Exception -- Nonchampionship Segment Competition -- Field Hockey, Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer, Women's Volleyball and Men's Water Polo.
- Competing in Nonchampionship Segment after Satisfying Academic Year of Residence (I)
- Designation of Degree Program and Timing of Degree Change (I)

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	01/17/2019	Staff	Bylaw Team Member Consult

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: Pursuant to the attached March 22, 2010 education column, it is permissible to apply the nonchampionship segment competition exception, provided the institution can demonstrate the student-athlete could have declared and met the academic requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.4.3.2 (e.g., 40% benchmark) during the 2018 fall term. However, if the institution cannot demonstrate the student-athlete met the academic requirement, [redacted] is not permitted to use the exception to compete during [redacted] nonchampionship segment without using a season of competition.

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Describe the interpretive request

Student-athlete transferred to UCI midyear and satisfied academic year in residence at conclusion of Fall 2018 term. ■ began 7th quarter in Fall 2018 but did not declare major as the desired major required additional prerequisite coursework. Student-athlete subsequently completed those courses, declared major, and meets 40%. Since ■ was serving ■ year in residence there was no concern about declaring major and meeting 40% for Fall 2018 because ■ couldn't compete anyway. However we were not thinking about ability to compete in spring without using a season of eligibility. So, our question is this, if we could demonstrate that there are majors on campus that the student-athlete could have declared and met the 40% requirement, could we still use this exception on behalf of the student-athlete? Or would that need to be a waiver scenario?

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

Waiver

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.

Probable waiver but figured we would ask the question first.



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1045202	Interpretation Request	Recruiting - Bylaw 13	No

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13.11.1.6.1 - Criteria.

13.11.1.6 - Competition in Conjunction with a High School, Preparatory School or Two-Year College.

- Intercollegiate Athletics Competition in Conjunction with High School, Preparatory School or Two-Year College Competition (I)

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	01/23/2019	Staff	Individual

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: Yes, it is permissible for an institution to play a competition in conjunction with a club team (including PSAs) competition. However, it is not permissible for an institution to provide or arrange financial assistance (directly or indirectly) to support the costs/expenses for PSAs. Specifically, a PSA's club team may not realize financial benefit by competing in conjunction with a college team (e.g. ticket/concessions revenue generated by the college team's competition). In the facts provided, there will be no tickets or concessions sold at the competition so there are no Bylaw 13.15.1 concerns.

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Describe the interpretive request

UCI Men's Soccer is hoping to compete in a nonchampionship segment competition on a site that will concurrently be hosting a club soccer tournament that will include PSAs. It is unclear if club games will be going on at the same time as the collegiate match. No tickets will be sold for either event, UCI has no involvement in the management of the club event. This is not a UCI owned facility so UCI would not be considered hosts of the club event in any way.

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

Previously discussed with conference in December. A follow up discussion resulted in a split interpretation and concern from conference office so it was determined that we needed to submit an interpretation request

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.

Permissible as the ed column and bylaw specifically preclude certain sports, is restrictive in nature, and so we inferred that sports not included in the bylaw were permitted to have such events.



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1052239	Interpretation Request	Athletics Personnel - Bylaw 11	No

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Legislative Cite(s)

- Undergraduate Student Assistant Coach in Other Sports (I)
- Alternating different individuals during academic year as volunteer coach
- 11.01.7 - Manager.
- 11.01.5 - Coach, Student Assistant.

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	03/27/2019	Staff	Bylaw Team Lead

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: No, there is not a minimum amount of time that a former baseball SA must serve as a manager before he can be reassigned as a student assistant coach.

For this issue, an institution is best positioned to use its discretion to confirm that an individual has truly "served" as a baseball manager (thus exhausting his eligibility) and becomes eligible to be a student assistant coach.

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Describe the interpretive request

Our conference office received an interpretation from the NCAA (via a fellow conference school) regarding the permissibility of assigning a recently cut Baseball student-athlete to the title of student manager. In the sport of Baseball this requires them to relinquish any remaining eligibility at the institution. At which point, they would now be eligible to serve as a student assistant coach. While I don't necessarily have a problem with this interpretation, I do have concerns about unintended consequences or misuse of the intent of the legislation. In light of that concern I am trying to understand if there is a minimum time that a student must serve as a manager before being reassigned as a student assistant coach. For example, what is stopping a Baseball coach from cutting a student-athlete, naming them to manager role on staff, and then naming them to student assistant coach all on the same day? Similar to language regarding replacement of volunteer coaches, I was wondering if the student would be expected to serve in the manager role for the remainder of the academic year and could THEN be reassigned as a student assistant coach the following academic year.

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

At this time we have not seen anything that indicates a time requirement for an individual to serve as a manager before they are eligible to be assigned as a student assistant coach.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.

At this time we have not seen anything that indicates a time requirement for an individual to serve as a manager before they are eligible to be assigned as a student assistant coach. However, in light of the rationale for replacing volunteer coaches and what I believe could be unintended consequences of the recent interpretation



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1058088	Interpretation Request	Playing and Practice Seasons - Bylaw 17	No

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Legislative Cite(s)

17.11.6.2 - Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions.

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	05/22/2019	Staff	Bylaw Team Meeting

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation: Yes, it is permissible for the assistant coach to caddy for [REDACTED] during the summer vacation period. Please note it is not permissible for the assistant coach to report back to the head coach regarding any aspect of the student-athlete's performance (e.g., score, future potential).

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Describe the interpretive request UCI [redacted] coach is also the father of one of our student-athletes. [redacted] would like [redacted] father (asst coach) to caddy for [redacted] during [redacted] summer tournament participation. Specifically, the following events, [redacted] These events do not qualify for 16.8.1.2 however we had what we believed to be a violation this year for the asst coach caddying for [redacted] and were told that it was not a violation. So we're just trying to make sure we know where the line is, and if it's a potentially waivable request if not permissible by interpretation.

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.



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1057552	Interpretation Request	Financial Aid - Bylaw 15	No

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Legislative Cite(s)

15.5.5.4(15.5.5.3 current) - Replacement of an Ineligible Student-Athlete.

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	05/28/2019	Staff	Individual

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation: Since the student-athlete's ineligibility did not take effect until the conclusion of the term (e.g., after the last day of the winter term), the student-athlete did not render [REDACTED] ineligible during the term itself. Therefore, the exception does not apply.

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- Describe the interpretive request SA had been suspended for conduct by the dean of students in based on actions occurring during the Winter 2019 quarter. Student-athlete was officially suspended during the break in between Winter and Spring quarters (3/27/19 - 6/14/19). The Ed Column published on 7/11/17 states in Question 3 that "aid may be re-awarded for any reason by which a student-athlete renders himself or herself ineligible during the term." However the 5/17/18 Interp indicates that replacement of ineligible student-athlete exception does not apply when student-athlete rendered themselves ineligible for intercollegiate competition following completion of an academic term. Head coach would like to re-award the aid to another student-athlete for Spring, but we are at a standstill on how to interpret this particular situation. Additionally, we would like to add that this is not a run-off situation. In fact, currently suspended SA will return with the team and be given [redacted] athletics scholarship come Summer and Fall of 2019 upon reinstatement with the university (already enrolled for Summer).
- Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request. They don't believe SA's situation meets the requirements for redistributing the aid without triggering counter status for [redacted] Especially given the attached interp (5/17/18) and the fact that we didn't lose any E points for [redacted] That being said, the conference suggested we run it through RSRO.
- Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request. UCI agrees with assessment from Big West Conference. however, wanted to do due diligence on behalf of [redacted] Had SA been suspended and removed from the quarter immediately, reallocation of funds would have been permissible for Spring. However, because suspension was not applied until the conclusion of the term (and student completed Winter quarter courses with credit awarded), it created our "in between" scenario.