



Case Summary

General Case Information

Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
1062469	Interpretation Request	Amateurism - Bylaw 12 Awards and Benefits - Bylaw 16	No

Division	Sport(s)
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Legislative Cite(s)

12.5.2.1 - Advertisements and Promotions After Becoming a Student-Athlete.
12.5.1.3 - Continuation of Modeling and Other Nonathletically Related Promotional Activities After Enrollment.

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	06/25/2019	Staff	Individual

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: Given this is not a continuation of this student-athlete's pageant career, Bylaw 12.5.1.3 is not applicable. Post-enrollment, pursuant to Bylaw 12.5.2.1, it is not permissible for student-athletes to advertise and promote commercial products and services, which includes activities as part of a pageant. Your institution may consider submitting a legislative relief waiver.

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

I received this question from one of my student athletes. I'm interested in running for Miss New Jersey (just for fun and because my application was accepted) but I have not sent in the registration fee because I'm unsure if I'm allowed to do this contest if I'm on the [redacted] team. Does the Miss USA/Miss NJ competition affect my NCAA eligibility?

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.



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Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
1043208	Interpretation Request	Financial Aid - Bylaw 15	No
Division	Sport(s)		
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Legislative Cite(s)

- Scholarship offered to prospect when sport is dropped
- 15 - Financial Aid
- Student-athlete who continues on financial aid in a sport that has been discontinued by the institution

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	01/03/2019	Staff	Bylaw Team Meeting

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation::

Because your institution no longer sponsors the sport in question, the applicable financial aid restrictions, including the team counter limit, are no longer applicable.

With respect to the NLI question: If your institution discontinues the sport for 2019-20 and has signees for 2019-20, those NLIs are deemed null and void pursuant to the policies of the NLI/Collegiate Commissioners Association. Your institution will submit the null and voids through the NLI portal for each signee. The accompanying financial aid agreements are not impacted and can still be honored by your institution for the 2019-20 academic year. If you chose to honor the financial aid agreements of the 2019-20 signees, you can provide institutional aid to the student-athletes as defined in 15.02.5.2.

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Describe the interpretive request

Do NCAA Bylaw 15 rules still apply to a sport that has been discontinued? For example, if a counter limit exists for a sport that has been discontinued by the institution, can the institution exceed the counter limit in that sport after the sport has been discontinued? More specifically, the institution would like to provide athletics aid to a student-athlete on a team that has been discontinued, but the team was at the NCAA counter limit at the time when the sport was discontinued. Further, we are required to "Null and Void" National Letters of Intent (NLI) for prospects who have signed for a sport that has been discontinued. As a result, are we permitted to cancel the athletics aid agreement for those incoming student-athletes?

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Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.



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1043274	Interpretation Request	Awards and Benefits - Bylaw 16	No

Division	Sport(s)
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Legislative Cite(s)
16.02.3 - Extra Benefit.
16.11.2.1 - General Rule.

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	01/04/2019	Staff	Individual

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: The adoption of RWG-16-7 permits each institution to establish its own policy to govern the retention of athletics apparel and equipment at the end of a student-athlete's athletic participation at the institution. Therefore, the rules permit a student-athlete to retain athletics apparel/equipment at the end of his or her intercollegiate participation with no requirement to purchase the apparel/equipment, or require a student-athlete to purchase the apparel/equipment based on a value assigned by the institution (e.g., retail value). Given the current situation at the institution (discontinuation of the sport), the institution may allow its student-athlete to retain the apparel and/or equipment the institution will no longer be able to use.

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The University of Massachusetts Lowell (UMass Lowell) recently discontinued Women's Volleyball. That said, are we permitted to provide the former Women's Volleyball student-athletes (and still current students) with equipment and apparel that we no longer will be using? Otherwise, the apparel will be donated to some outside organization while the equipment will be donated to the recreation department at the University.

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.



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1054325	Interpretation Request	Recruiting - Bylaw 13	No
Division	Sport(s)		
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Legislative Cite(s)

13.14.3.1 - Basketball and Football.
13.14.3.3 - Subscription Limited to Approved Services -- Basketball and Football.

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	04/16/2019	Staff	Bylaw Team Meeting

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: No. The staff believes the site triggers the definition of a recruiting or scouting service. Specifically, the service appears to be primarily involved in providing information about prospective student-athletes. The staff based this analysis on the information included in the organization's website:

- "BeTheBeast focuses on creating an environment that fosters open engagement between college coaches actively seeking players and high school athletes aspiring to play at the next level."
- and
- "BeTheBeast Recruiting offers the industry's most comprehensive offline and online college sports recruiting solution. It combines the best of one-on-one recruiting coaching with the use of the industry's most powerful online recruiting platform."

If this service is not listed among the approved recruiting or scouting services for the sport of basketball, it would not be permissible for an institution to subscribe.

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

The Women's Basketball staff received access to the Be the Beast Application after an AAU tournament, they have been using a free version of the application for <https://www.bethebeast.com/> The Compliance Office has reviewed this application and have come to a determination that it should be declared a recruiting/scouting service.

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.



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Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
1058771	Interpretation Request	Recruiting - Bylaw 13	No
Division	Sport(s)		
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Legislative Cite(s)			
2018-42 - RECRUITING -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE -- PARTICIPATION IN REQUIRED SUMMER ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES			
17.1.7.2.1.5.1 - Basketball.			
13.02.13 - Prospective Student-Athlete.			
13.11.3.9 - Required Summer Athletic Activities -- Basketball.			
2018-112 - AUTONOMY PROPOSAL -- RECRUITING AND AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- OFFERS AND INDUCEMENTS AND HOUSING AND MEALS -- REQUIRED SUMMER ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES			

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	05/22/2019	Staff	Bylaw Team Member Consult
Conditions			
Rationale			
Interpretation:: With the adoption of NCAA Proposal 2018-42 and 2018-112, an incoming PSA may participate in required summer athletic activities prior to his initial full time enrollment.			

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

UMass Lowell offers two terms of enrollment for summer school as well a joint online session for summer school. A 2-4 transfer would like to participate in required summer athletic activities per proposal 2018-42 and 2018-112 prior to enrolling in our second summer session is this permissible? Institution would only be providing room and board for two weeks.

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

Conference Office wanted to investigate further on proposals 2018-42 and 2018-112

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.

Institution feels that it is permissible for PSA to participate in required summer athletic activities prior to enrollment due to the adoption of 2018-42.



Case Summary

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Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
1061861	Interpretation Request	Playing and Practice Seasons - Bylaw 17	No
Division	Sport(s)		
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Legislative Cite(s)			
- NCAA Division I Basketball Summer Athletic Activities (I) 17.1.7.3.3 - Definition of Week. 17.1.7.2.1.5 - Summer Athletic Activities.			

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	06/21/2019	Staff	Bylaw Team Member Consult
Conditions			
Rationale			
Interpretation:: Yes, it is permissible to have different "weeks" for different student-athletes, provided no one participates in more than eight full weeks. The definition of a week legislation (Bylaw 17.1.7.3.3) does not technically apply to summer athletic activities. Also the eight weeks do not have to be consecutive or continuous. However, unless a student-athlete meets the exception to the summer school requirement, or enrolls in three-degree applicable credit hours and remains enrolled throughout the term, workouts are only permissible during the time period (term or terms) in which the student-athlete is enrolled. (See the attached 6/27/2014 Educational Column for additional information)			

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Describe the interpretive request: Men's Basketball Staff would like to know if it is permissible to change the week for Summer Access for example Tuesday-Monday and Thursday-Wednesday.

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.



Institution: University of Massachusetts Lowell
Case Type: Interpretation Request

Division: I

Case ID: 1062134
Date: 07/01/2019

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General Information

Institution Information

Institution or Conference	University of Massachusetts Lowell
Division of Institution	I
Conference	America East Conference
Phone Number	978/934-4000
Academic year related to this request	2019-20

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	Type	Division ID	Text
	Bylaw	I	13.2.11 <u>Benefits for Prospective Student-Athlete's Family Members.</u>
One sentence statement that describes the interpretive issue.	Head Baseball Coach has pre-existing relationship with PSA who is a freshman, is it permissible for him to talk about the recruiting process (he is not recruiting the PSA)?		

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: Head Baseball Coach has pre-existing relationship with PSA who is a freshman, is it permissible for him to talk about the recruiting process (he is not recruiting the PSA)?

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: Ravi Masand (ravi_masand@uml.edu) Phone: 978-934-2603 Cell: 603-557-1856

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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

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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 Ravi Masand on 06/21/2019

Activity After Case Submission

Responses to Requests for Additional Information

