



Case Summary

General Case Information

Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
1045145	Interpretation Request	Athletics Personnel - Bylaw 11	No

Division	Sport(s)
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Legislative Cite(s)

11.01.7 - Manager.
- Employment of Student-Athlete as a Coach (I/III)

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	01/24/2019	Staff	Individual

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: The conditions outlined in the November 12, 2003 interpretation (which I've attached to this case) also apply to a manager. Therefore, it would be permissible for a manager to serve as a high school coach provided he or she does not: (1) do so at the direction of an institution's coach; (2) engage in recruiting activities (e.g. conduct evaluations for the institution's coaching staff); (3) engage in recruiting conversations on behalf of the institution; or (4) report back to institution's coaching staff, while serving in that capacity.

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

Is it permissible for a full-time student to volunteer as a manager with the softball program when she is also a high school softball coach? Our head softball coach was approached by a USU student who has never been a student-athlete at USU, but she coaches the freshman/sophomore catchers at a local high school. Volunteer coaches are not allowed to also coach a team with PSAs. Student-athletes are allowed to coach a high school team as long as they do not recruit. A student manager is someone in between, where she is a full-time student who is a volunteer member of the staff, but not providing coaching instruction. In this scenario, the manager candidate approached USU asking for opportunities to help out with the team (please see attached email). Technically, USU could add her to the softball team as a student-athlete to avoid this question, so we are inclined to think this might be permissible.

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.



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1052489	Interpretation Request	Awards and Benefits - Bylaw 16	No

Division	Sport(s)
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Legislative Cite(s)

16.8.1 - Permissible.
- Expenses for Student-Athletes to Attend Championships (I/II/III)

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	03/29/2019	Staff	Individual

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: Due to the elite nature of the NCAA Championship Regional, the unique aspect of the student-athlete's sister attending the Regional in an official capacity, the minimal cost of the shuttle service, and for student-athlete well-being issues, the staff is comfortable with your institution providing the travel expenses for the student-athlete who did not qualify for the Regional to travel with the team rather than by herself between Portland and Corvallis.

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Describe the interpretive request

USU gymnastics qualified three student-athletes to compete in the NCAA Regional Women's Gymnastics Championships in Corvallis, Oregon on April 5, 2019. The team did not qualify. The rules specify that individuals who did not qualify to compete in the championships may not receive travel expenses to attend the championship. This student-athlete's twin sister is attending the championship as a participant. The drive from Portland, Oregon to Corvallis, Oregon is approximately 100 miles, and the cost of a shuttle is approximately \$35. Is this a situation where there is interpretive flexibility and institutional discretion is appropriate to employ for this amount of a benefit?

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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
1056729	Interpretation Request	Amateurism - Bylaw 12	No

Division	Sport(s)
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Legislative Cite(s)

12.5.2.1 - Advertisements and Promotions After Becoming a Student-Athlete.
12.5.1.1 - Institutional, Charitable, Education or Nonprofit Promotions.
12.5.1.1.2 - Promotions Involving Commercial Locations/Sponsors.

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	06/10/2019	Staff	Director and Above

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: Pursuant to Bylaw 12.5.1.1 and Bylaw 12.5.1.1.2, it is permissible for a student-athlete to participate in an event that has a commercial co-sponsor (e.g., grocery store or Mexican restaurant), provided the student-athlete does not promote a commercial product. In this case, given your student-athlete-themed basketball night would be sponsored by a grocery store or Mexican restaurant where their products (e.g., can of beans, burrito) are given away to fans based on the student-athlete's specific names, the student-athletes and their names would be an inextricable part of the promotion. Therefore, the themed nights as proposed that include commercial co-sponsors would be impermissible.

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Utah State has men's basketball student-athletes with the names [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Would it be permissible to have promotions involving their names such as Bean Night where the first 1,000 fans get a can of beans sponsored by a local grocery store? Another example might be Frozen Bean Burrito Night sponsored by a local grocery store or local Mexican restaurant. What are some of our options here? We think these promotions could sell a lot of tickets just because the fans love these two guys.

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Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.



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1057355	Interpretation Request	Amateurism - Bylaw 12	No

Division	Sport(s)
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Legislative Cite(s)

12.5.2.1 - Advertisements and Promotions After Becoming a Student-Athlete.
- NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief Previously Approved Waivers Checklist (I)
12.5.1.3 - Continuation of Modeling and Other Nonathletically Related Promotional Activities After Enrollment.
- Student-Athlete Providing Opinions on a Commercial Product or Service (I)

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	05/10/2019	Staff	Bylaw Team Member Consult

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: You are correct in that this student-athlete's circumstances do not meet the requirements of the previously approved waiver given any promotion occurring would be of the student-athlete's family's business. Interpretatively, moving forward, the student-athlete may provide an opinion (see attached October 20, 2015 official interpretation) on family business, but any calls to action (e.g., linking to a website) would constitute impermissible endorsement under Bylaw 12.5.2.1 and 12.5.1.3(d). You may want to seek relief through the legislative relief waiver process.

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██████████ is a Utah State women's basketball student-athlete. Her mother has her own business as a nutritionist and fitness trainer. ██████████ has "been a client" of her mother's well before becoming a student-athlete at Utah State. Additionally, she used to promote her mother's business on social media prior to her enrollment at Utah State, but stopped due to compliance concerns once she enrolled here. She was never compensated for doing so and simply did it because she was supporting her mother. Recently, she approach compliance regarding her ability to continue promoting her mother's fitness business on her social media. A previously approved waiver for this scenario states that the criteria to use the waiver is not met for a family business. Due to this being considered a "family business", my question is would 12.5.1.3 allow ██████████ to continue to use her name or picture to promote her mother's business on social media considering she was doing so prior to enrollment and provided she follows all the other conditions set forth in 12.5.1.3 or is a waiver still necessary for this scenario?

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Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
1058252	Interpretation Request	Recruiting - Bylaw 13	No

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Legislative Cite(s)

13.02.5.2 - Evaluation Period.
13.1.1.1 - Time Period for Off-Campus Contacts -- General Rule.
13.02.4 - Contact.

Status Information

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Resolved	05/22/2019	Staff	Bylaw Team Meeting

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: Yes, permitting a photograph to be taken during a un-arranged encounter between a prospective student-athlete and a coach at any location is considered "in excess of a greeting," and therefore, considered a contact per Bylaw 13.02.4.

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Does a photo with a PSA automatically constitute a contact in excess of a greeting? It was brought to our attention in compliance that one of our football coaches took a picture with two PSA's (one a freshman, one a sophomore) during an evaluation period. The picture was then posted on social media by one of the PSA's. When we asked the coach about it, he stated that he entered into a hallway through the doors behind him (see attached picture). When he entered, two PSA's were in the hallway and the high school coach took a picture of them real quick. The exchange of greeting and picture did not last more than 10 seconds. After the picture, our coach immediately headed to the high school coach's office and there was no other contact with the PSA's. When reviewing whether or not this would be a violation, I looked at a few RSRO cases. I noticed that one case (Case 955816) stated that the NCAA staff determined a picture was considered an in-person contact. However, there is no official ed column or interp that states that is the case. That said, does a photo with a PSA automatically constitute and in-person contact or contact in excess of a greeting or does circumstances determine?

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