



# Case Summary

## General Case Information

<b>Case Number</b>	<b>Case Type</b>	<b>Sub Case Type</b>	<b>Release to Database</b>
1046953	Interpretation Request	Playing and Practice Seasons - Bylaw 17	No

<b>Division</b>	<b>Sport(s)</b>
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## Legislative Cite(s)

**§2.2-3705.4(A)(1), scholastic record**

## Status Information

<b>Status</b>	<b>Status Date</b>	<b>Status Level</b>	<b>Status Level Type</b>
Resolved	02/22/2019	Staff	Bylaw Team Lead

## Conditions

## Rationale

Interpretation: The provisions of Bylaw §2.2-3705.4(A) are sport specific; thus, an individual who participates as a member of an outside team in a sport other than the one in which he/she participates at the collegiate level, does not jeopardize his/her eligibility.

Further, the August 12, 2012 official staff interpretation states "it is not permissible for a student-athlete, during the academic year, to compete in an event in which he or she would represent himself or herself in outside competition but accumulate points for a team competition (e.g., individual doubles tennis partners score points together for a larger overall team)." Therefore, it would be permissible in this situation for the student-athlete to participate in the §2.2-3705.4(A)(1) given they are not accumulating points together for a larger overall team.

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**Specific Case Information**

Describe the interpretive request

Current §2.2-3705.4(A)(1) student-athlete (SA) would like to compete at hometown tennis tournament with §2.2-3705.4(A)(1) which is during the academic year. No classes will be miss. The SA will not be representing the institution, and the award will not go over actual and necessary expenses. With bylaw §2.2-3705.4(A)(1) (Competition as Individual/Not Representing Institution), would it be permissible for a §2.2-3705.4(A)(1) SA to compete in outside competition in another sport other than the SA's sport?

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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
1047392	Interpretation Request	Eligibility - Bylaw 14 Full-Time Enrollment-Bylaw 14.2	No

Division	Sport(s)
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## Legislative Cite(s)

14.2.2.1.4 - Final Term Before Experiential Learning Requirement.  
14.2.1.4 - Final Term Before Experiential Learning Requirement.

## Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	02/15/2019	Staff	Individual

## Conditions

## Rationale

Interpretation:: Yes, a student-athlete (SA) can fulfill the Final Term Before Experiential Learning Requirement by completing the capstone during an intersession term, provided the intersession term occurs immediately after the term in which the SA was enrolled less-than-full-time. If the SA enrolls in the capstone during the following regular term §2-2-3705.4(A)(1) they must be considered full-time during that term.

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Describe the interpretive request

At the conclusion of the [REDACTED] academic year a [§2.2-3705.4(A)(1)] student-athlete (SA) will only have an unfulfilled three-credit course and a capstone project requirement in order to earn [REDACTED] undergraduate degree. Applicant institution is looking to apply 14.2.2.1.4/14.2.1.4 to allow the SA to be eligible for aid, practice and competition in the fall while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies. The SA would only be enrolled in [REDACTED] unfulfilled three-credit course. Applicant institution is seeking clarification whether the following term in which the experiential learning requirement must be completed has to occur during a regular fall/spring term or whether that requirement can be fulfilled through a capstone project that occurs during applicant institution's winter break. The intersession term and capstone project would conclude prior to the start of the spring term.

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Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.



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835710	Interpretation Request	Awards and Benefits - Bylaw 16	No

Division	Sport(s)

### Legislative Cite(s)

16.2.1.1 - Institutional Events in the Student-Athlete's Sport.

16.2.1.1.2 - Tournaments.

16.2.1.2 - General Regulations.

16.2.1.3 - Institution's Home Events in Other Sports.

16.2.1.2.1 - Issuance Procedures.

### Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	03/28/2019	Staff	Individual

### Conditions

### Rationale

Interpretation:: Based on the information provided, it is permissible for an institution to purchase tickets to the event to provide to the SAs as complimentary admissions provided admission to the SAs is provided through a pass list as required by the legislation.

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Describe the interpretive request

Member institution's Women's Basketball team would like to participate in a QRMTE for the 2019-20 season. The contract for the QRMTE does not explicitly provide additional tickets for member institution to provide student-athletes complimentary admissions per Bylaw 16.2.1.1. As a result, member institution would like to purchase additional tickets with member institution's own funds in order to provide student-athletes with four complimentary admissions. Would this be permissible? The tickets that member institution would purchase for the student-athlete's complimentary admissions purposes would be considered general admission tickets.

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Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
1052839	Interpretation Request	Awards and Benefits - Bylaw 16	No

Division	Sport(s)
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## Legislative Cite(s)

16.1.5.1 - Assignment of Normal Retail Value.  
16.3.1.1 - Academic Counseling/Support Services.  
16.1.4.1 - Participation Awards.

## Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	04/02/2019	Staff	Individual

## Conditions

## Rationale

Interpretation:: Provided the participation award is otherwise permissible, the institution may assign the market value of the award at the time it is provided to the student-athletes (e.g., the depreciated value) for purposes of the award limits illustrated in Figure 16-1.

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Describe the interpretive request

One of applicant institution's teams would like to gift graduating senior student-athletes their university issued iPad as a component of their annual participation - participation award. Applicant institution understands the normal retail value shall be assigned as the value of the award (iPad) when determining whether the award meets specified value limits. The question is what retail value has to be used. The retail value from the time of purchase (four years ago) or the depreciated retail value of the product as is.

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Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.





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850923	Interpretation Request	Athletics Personnel - Bylaw 11 Financial Aid - Bylaw 15	No

Division	Sport(s)
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### Legislative Cite(s)

15.2.7 - Employment.

15.5.1 - Counters.

11.01.7 - Manager.

### Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	§2 2-3705 4(A)(1)	Staff	Individual

### Conditions

### Rationale

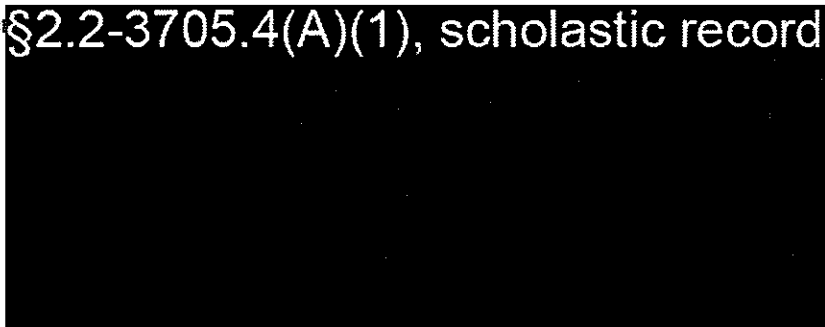
Interpretation:: The individual would generally remain a counter unless the aid is being provided for work actually performed as a manager and at a rate consistent with what students in that role are generally compensated, which would then allow for the award to be seen as employment earnings. My understanding, however, is that the scholarship at issue would likely extend beyond general manger compensation practices at the institution.

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§2.2-3705.4(A)(1), scholastic record



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1056465	Interpretation Request	Playing and Practice Seasons - Bylaw 17	No

Division	Sport(s)
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## Legislative Cite(s)

§2.2-3705.4(A)(1), scholastic record

## Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	05/14/2019	Staff	Individual

## Conditions

## Rationale

Interpretation:: No, only five (5) student-athletes from the same institution may practice or compete on an outside team during the summer or outside the playing season. Specifically, per Bylaw <sup>§2.2-3705.4(A)(1)</sup> no more than five (5) student-athletes with eligibility remaining may practice OR compete on an outside team out of the playing season.

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Describe the interpretive request: §2-3705.4(A)(1) is planning to have six student-athletes on the same outside team for the summer. One of the six student-athletes will be practicing only, and will not be competing. Is it permissible to exceed the maximum number of student-athletes on an outside team if the student-athlete(s) who would ordinarily cause the member institution exceed maximum outside team participation limit are only participating in practice and team meetings but not actual competition?

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## Case Summary

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Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
1052644	Interpretation Request	Athletics Personnel - Bylaw 11 Recruiting - Bylaw 13	No

Division	Sport(s)
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### Legislative Cite(s)

11.3.2.5 - Recruiting Service Consultants.

13.8.1 - Entertainment Restrictions.

11.3.2.7 - Consultant for or Endorsement of Noninstitutional Athletics Events Involving Prospective Student-Athletes.

**§2.2-3705.1(1), personnel information**

### Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	05/17/2019	Staff	Bylaw Team Meeting

### Conditions

### Rationale

#### Interpretation::

No, it is not permissible for the §2.2-3705.1(1) coaching staff to pay travel expenses for an individual aligned with a recruiting or scouting service to serve as a tour guide and translator during a recruiting trip overseas.

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request Applicant institution's §2.2-3705.1(1) coaching staff would like to pay the travel expenses (i.e. flights, room, board etc.) for a tour guide while recruiting in Europe. The person is an employee of an international sports and academics service that helps prospective student-athletes navigate the NCAA eligibility process. The person is an administrator of SportsLinx 360. SportsLinx is a recruiting service to match-up prospective student-athletes with institutions in the United States, and they host several showcases throughout the year. The person will be a tour guide and translator for applicant institution's coaching staff while they recruit in Europe. The intent is for the person to be there for applicant institution's coaching staffs safety and well-being, as the applicant institution's coaching staff is not familiar with Europe. The person will not enter any match venues, recruit on the coaching staffs behalf nor facilitate recruiting conversations with prospective student-athletes. Would it be permissible to provide the person with travel expenses for translating and safety/well-being? Or, does applicant institution need to file a legislative relief waiver for this circumstance?

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Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
1058986	Interpretation Request	Recruiting - Bylaw 13	No

Division	Sport(s)
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### Legislative Cite(s)

§2.2-3705.1(1), personnel information

13.1.7.15 - Coaches' Attendance at Elite and Junior Level International Events.

13.1.7.15.1 - Associated Practices.

### Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	06/05/2019	Staff	Bylaw Team Member Consult

### Conditions

### Rationale

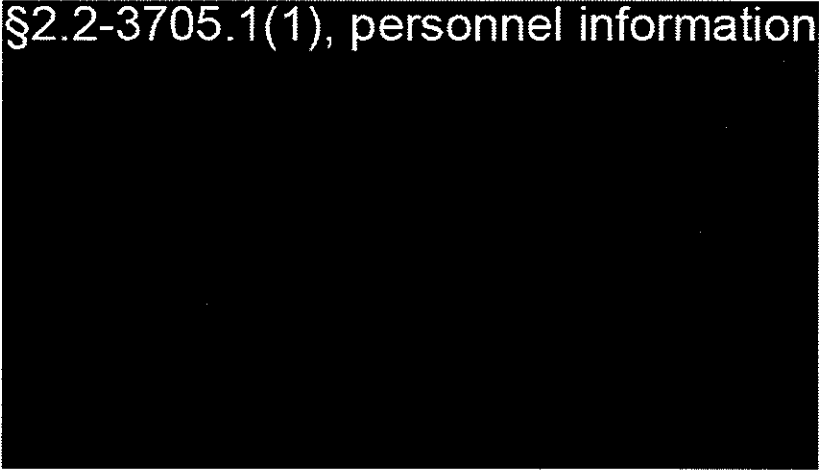
Interpretation:: No, an institution may only attend national team practices during a quiet period if:

1. The events are conducted, sponsored, and approved by §2.2-3705.1 and
2. A Division I coach is involved with the national team (e.g. coach, administrator).

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request §2.2-3705.1(1), personnel information



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1061166	Interpretation Request	Recruiting - Bylaw 13	No

Division	Sport(s)
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## Legislative Cite(s)

- Observation of Prospective Student-Athletes via Livestream, On-Demand and/or Video (I)  
13.1.7.5.4(13.1.7.5.3 current) - July Evaluation Periods.  
13.1.7.5 - Evaluations -- Men's Basketball.

## Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	06/20/2019	Staff	Bylaw Team Member Consult

## Conditions

## Rationale

Interpretation:: A coach may view events via live-streaming, on-demand or video at any time during the year without counting the activity as an evaluation or recruiting activity, provided a recruiting or scouting service is not arranging an off-campus recruiting event to make the broadcast or video available.

## Case Summary

Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

Applicant institution's men's basketball program received a solicitation from The Las Vegas Big Time Tournament. The offer was to pay the tournament organizers a \$1,800 package fee to receive live and on-demand video access for all games associated with the tournament. The tournament would be classified as a non-scholastic tournament. The tournament takes place July 24-28, 2019, during the scholastic evaluation period for the NCAA youth development camps. Applicant institution's compliance office is under the impression it would be impermissible to pay for the service per the rationale in NCAA Interpretation 964035. The observation of a for pay live video stream of prospects at an off-campus site is considered an evaluation/recruiting activity and is subject to the applicable regulations related to the evaluation of prospects. As the tournament is non-scholastic and the evaluation period is scholastic it appears to run afoul of the aforementioned guidance. Is this accurate? Would any changes to the format of the service make it permissible (e.g., free to view, only on-demand replay video access). If only allowing on-demand replay video access would the tournament then have to receive recruiting/scouting service certification from the NCAA?

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Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
855256	Interpretation Request	Financial Aid - Bylaw 15 NCAA Constitution Articles 1-6	No

Division	Sport(s)
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### Legislative Cite(s)

4.01.2.2.2 - Revenue Distribution Formula.  
- Equivalency Computation Method for a Student-Athlete Enrolled Part-Time (I)  
4.01.2.2 - Revenue Guarantee.  
15.5.3.2 - Equivalency Computations.

### Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	06/14/2019	Staff	Individual

### Conditions

### Rationale

#### Interpretation::

The institution should use grant-in-aid amount reflecting the regular academic year in the denominator when calculating the equivalency for a student-athlete that is only enrolled for one semester (i.e. graduating at mid-year). For example, a full scholarship student-athlete who graduates in December is a .50 equivalency, not a 1.0, and a 25% student-athlete enrolled for one semester would be a 12.5%. Further, pursuant to the attached May 1, 2015 staff interpretation, an institution should use the actual or average cost of a full grant-in-aid for full-time students to calculate the equivalency of a student-athlete enrolled part-time during a regular term (e.g., using the final term exception).

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Describe the interpretive request

Member institution would like clarification regarding the "Full Grant per Bylaw 20" figure on Compliance Assistant for Revenue Generation purposes regarding student-athletes only enrolled at member institution for one semester (e.g. a student athlete who graduated after the Fall Semester and is no longer enrolled at member institution for the Spring Semester; or a student-athlete who transferred to member institution for the Spring Semester) and their revenue distribution figures. For a student-athlete only enrolled at member institution for one semester, is that "Full Grant per Bylaw 20" amount the amount for that one semester the student-athlete was enrolled at member institution; or is that amount the amount if that student was enrolled at member institution for the entire school year (essentially amount for the one semester enrolled multiplied by two (2))? Also, in a situation where a student-athlete is enrolled in one semester but less than full-time (e.g. due to graduating at the conclusion of the semester) - is their actual Bylaw 20 cost/figure no matter utilized (no matter how many credits the student-athlete was enrolled in), or the average institutional Bylaw 20 cost/figure of a full-time student enrolled in 12 credits utilized for the "Full Grant per Bylaw 20" figure? Member institution heard potential conflicting information and wanted resolution regarding this matter.

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

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852403	Interpretation Request	Financial Aid - Bylaw 15	No

Division	Sport(s)
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### Legislative Cite(s)

- Proposal No. 2016-130 Autonomy Proposal -- Financial Aid -- Terms and Conditions -- Retroactive Financial Aid (!)  
2016-130 - AUTONOMY PROPOSAL -- FINANCIAL AID -- TERMS AND CONDITIONS -- RETROACTIVE FINANCIAL AID  
15.3.1.3 - Retroactive Financial Aid.

### Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	06/21/2019	Staff	Director and Above

### Conditions

### Rationale

Interpretation:: Pursuant to Bylaw 15.3.1.3, an institution may award retroactive institutional financial aid to a student-athlete after the first day of classes in any term to the beginning of that academic year. Pursuant to the attached July 13, 2017 educational column, the retroactive financial aid agreement must be awarded to and signed by the student-athlete by the day of the institution's spring commencement exercises. In addition, the legislation does not differentiate between countable and exempted institutional financial aid; therefore, the type of aid does not change the analysis related to the spring commencement 'deadline' for awarding retroactive financial aid to a student-athlete for that academic year. If your institution wishes to retroactively award financial aid subsequent to the day of spring commencement, a legislative relief waiver is necessary.

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

Member institution's office of financial aid recently (early June, 2019) notified athletics compliance office that institutional funds (not funds from the athletics department) could be retroactively awarded to a student-athlete for the previous academic year (2018-19). The student-athlete status had no bearing on the student being able to receive these funds. Member institution would like clarification regarding whether or not such institutional funds are permitted to be retroactively awarded in the Summer for the previous academic year. Bylaw 15.3.1.3 mentions that athletics aid must be applied by the conclusion of the Spring term in order for athletics aid to be retroactively awarded. However, while the language in the Rationale of Proposal 2016-130 mentions that "institutions are permitted to retroactively award students (other than student-athletes) with scholarships, loans and grants to the beginning of the academic year," it doesn't specifically mention the last date in which such institutional aid can be retroactively awarded. Furthermore, would this analysis change if the institutional aid was countable towards team limits vs. not countable towards team limits?

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.