



Case Summary

General Case Information

Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
1044590	Interpretation Request	Athletics Personnel - Bylaw 11 Awards and Benefits - Bylaw 16 Playing and Practice Seasons - Bylaw 17 Recruiting - Bylaw 13	No

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Legislative Cite(s)

17.02.8 - Intercollegiate Competition.
2005-106 - ELIGIBILITY -- INTERCOLLEGIATE COMPETITION -- USE OF EQUIPMENT DURING ACADEMIC YEAR
- Scouting service providing oral reports
- Student-Athletes Seeking Instructional Assistance from Individuals Outside the Institution
- Use of Apparel or Equipment that Includes Institutional Identification (I/II/III)
13.14.3 - Recruiting or Scouting Services.
11.7.1.1 - Countable Coach.
16.8.1.2 - Other Competition.
17.31.1.8 - Competition as Individual/Not Representing Institution.

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	01/28/2019	Staff	Individual

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: Due to the length of the response, please see the file titled "1044590 Responses" through the "Documents" tab.

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1060890	Interpretation Request	Eligibility - Bylaw 14 Four-Year College Transfers-Bylaw 14.5.5 (Including Graduate Transfers - Bylaws 14.6.1) Two-Year College Transfers-Bylaw 14.5.4 (Includes 4-2-4 Transfers-Bylaw 14.5.6)	No

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Legislative Cite(s)

14.5.6.1 - Exceptions.
14.5.6 - 4-2-4 College Transfers.

Status Information

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

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: You describe a situation in which a student-athlete is planning to transfer to your school after attending two four-year schools and a two-year school. This 4-4-2-4 transfer would like to return to the second four-year school (your school) and you are asking what transfer analysis applies. Specifically, you are asking if Bylaw 14.5.6.1-(a) applies in this situation. You are correct in your analysis. The SA should be evaluated as a 4-2-4 transfer as that is the legislation that best describes his current status. It is possible for the SA to avoid serving an academic year in residence if he meets the exception's requirements.

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

Student-athlete utilizes one-time transfer exception to leave institution 1 and attend institution 2, which are both 4-year institutions. Student-athlete withdraws from institution 2 in the spring semester and subsequently enrolls at a two-year institution which does not offer athletics. Student-athlete would like to return to institution 2 this fall. We believe that 14.5.6.1 would permit him to do so, but given that he is not technically a 4-2-4 transfer and rather is a 4-4-2-4, we thought it best to confirm in an interpretive request.

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.

Specific Case Information

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Question #1: Can you help clarify whether collegiate coaches are able to observe outside lessons between current student-athletes and their non-collegiate swing coaches? Question #2: There is confusion regarding "recruiting services." It is clear that it is not permissible for a coach to receive an oral report from a recruiting service. However, is this different than outside services that are hired by the student-athletes to help them with the recruiting process? It is common right now for representatives that offer these services to attend junior tournaments and interact directly with college coaches that are there recruiting. Question #3: There was quite a bit of confusion regarding the use of team apparel and equipment by student-athletes competing in outside events over the holiday break. It definitely seemed like coaches were getting different interpretations from their departments. This is a very relevant question as Augusta National created an event called the Augusta National Women's Amateur Championship. Its inaugural event is in early April and is the first time women will have the opportunity to compete at Augusta. There are a lot of current collegiate players that will be competing in this event and there will be a tremendous amount of TV/media coverage. Can you help clarify how the rules apply to (a) events that take place during the vacation period vs events that take place during the academic year, (b) equipment like golf bags and umbrellas, (c) current year uniforms vs. previous year uniforms, and (d) caddying by collegiate coaches, specifically in the Augusta event?

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Question #1: Can you help clarify whether collegiate coaches are able to observe outside lessons between current student-athletes and their non-collegiate swing coaches?

No, it is not permissible for a collegiate coach to observe outside lessons between current SAs and their non-collegiate swing coaches. The October 5, 1995 Official Interpretation clarifies that SAs may receive assistance from an individual outside the institution (e.g., swing coach); however, the institution cannot be involved in anyway, including arranging the activity, observing the activity or allowing the activity to occur at an institutional facility.

Question # 2: It is clear a coach cannot receive an oral report from a recruiting/scouting service. However, is this different than outside services that are hired by the student-athletes to help them with the recruiting process?

Outside services designed to help SAs with recruiting process are recruiting/scouting services. Therefore, it would not be permissible for representatives of these services to have verbal conversation (i.e., provide oral report) with college coaches regarding PSAs.

See the December 16, 1987 Official Interpretation which says oral reports from a recruiting/scouting service are not permissible as they cannot be standardized in a manner than ensures consistent distribution of information.

Question #3: Use of team apparel and equipment by SAs competing in outside events. Can you help clarify how the rules apply to (a) events that take place during the vacation period vs events that take place during the academic year, (b) equipment like golf bags and umbrellas, (c) current year uniforms vs. previous year uniforms, and (d) caddying by collegiate coaches, specifically in the Augusta event?

A: Specific to the use of team apparel and equipment, there are no differences between events that occur during vacation periods and events that occur during the academic year.

B: A SA may use institutional equipment (i.e., golf bags and umbrellas) at any event (including competition as an individual). See Proposal No. 2005-106 which permitted a SA to use equipment during the academic year.

C: While competing as an individual, a SA may wear institutional apparel it has purchased or apparel the institution no longer uses (e.g., last year's uniform). However, it may not wear the institution's current uniform/apparel. See the 12/03/2003 Staff Interpretation.

D: No, a coach may not caddy for a SA at the Augusta National Women's Amateur Championship. Per Bylaw 17.1.1.1, a coaching staff member may engage in coaching activities with a student-athlete during the student-athlete's participation in events listed in Bylaw 16.8.1.2. However, the Augusta National Women's Amateur Championship does not satisfy any events listed in Bylaw 16.8.1.2.

The coach may only caddy for the SA if the institution counts the SA's participation as an individual date of competition per Bylaw 17.11.5.1.4 (please note, if four or more SAs from the same institution are participating, the institution would also have to count it as an team date of competition).

Mitigation regarding the event could be considered through the legislative relief process.