



Case Summary

General Case Information

Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
1045167	Interpretation Request	Awards and Benefits - Bylaw 16	No

Division	Sport(s)
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Legislative Cite(s)

16.8.1 - Permissible.

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	01/22/2019	Staff	Individual

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: The student-athlete in this scenario is no longer eligible for competition, and per Bylaw 16.8.1, may no longer receive expenses for activities or travel that are incidental to practice or competition once he is certified. The institution may either send the SA back to campus (or home) at the next *reasonable* opportunity or allow him to stay in the locale for the remainder of the trip. If the SA stays in the locale of the contest, he will be responsible for all expenses moving forward, including transportation, lodging and food while in the locale and his return trip home. However, it would be permissible for the SA to use the institution's group rate/discount to reserve a room in the team hotel. There would be no violation for expenses received prior to his certification. Further, the institution would need to seek a waiver to cover the expenses, or to provide a loan to the SA to remain in the locale, once he is certified as ineligible.

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

Student-athlete is declared eligible based on grades he has posted prior to his team departing for 2 away-from-home competitions (multi-day road trip). However, the student-athlete has incomplete grades posted for more than one class from the fall term. If after departing for the competition one of the grades posts and thus renders the student-athlete ineligible (i.e. drops his GPA below what is required) does the institution have to send the student-athlete back to campus? Or can the student-athlete continue on the road trip with the team provided he does not compete since he is now ineligible?

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

The conference office feels that if the student-athlete was eligible at the time they departed for the competition they would not have to return to campus if they are subsequently rendered ineligible due to grades posting. They would be able to finish the trip with the team as long as they do not compete.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.

The institution feels that it is contrary to the bylaws to allow the student-athlete to continue to receive expenses for away-from-home competition if the student-athlete is ineligible. However, when considering student-athlete welfare it would seem reasonable to allow the student-athlete to remain with the team and utilize the transportation back to campus that has already been arranged.



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1051247	Interpretation Request	Amateurism - Bylaw 12 Athletics Personnel - Bylaw 11	No

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Sport(s)

Legislative Cite(s)

11.1.3 - Representing Individuals in Marketing Athletics Ability/Reputation.
12.01.2 - Clear Line of Demarcation.
2000-123 - ATHLETICS PERSONNEL -- EMPLOYMENT WITH PROFESSIONAL SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS
11.3.2.1 - Bona Fide Outside Employment.

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	03/11/2019	Staff	Individual

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: Yes, an institution's coach may be employed by a semi-professional team. It is important to note the coach may not use his/her status with a professional team to circumvent the application of the personnel and recruiting rules. Proposal 2000-123 (attached) can provide some additional background.

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Describe the interpretive request

One of the assistant women's basketball coaches was approached about the opportunity to be the head coach of a local semi-professional team. The team does not include any prospective student-athletes. The institution is concerned about a current coach also being a coach for a professional team and is seeking guidance from the NCAA on the permissiveness and any parameters that may need to be followed by the coach if this is permissible (i.e. cannot use status as professional team coach when recruiting for institution).

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

The conference office feels that it would be permissible for the assistant coach to be the head coach of the semi-pro team as long as they do not use that position to recruit for the institution. Also would need to ensure that any endorsements/sponsorships that the coach is involved with for the pro team do not conflict with NCAA rules (i.e. no endorsement of recruiting/scouting service).

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.

The institution agrees with the conference office.



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1061864	Interpretation Request	Athletics Personnel - Bylaw 11 Playing and Practice Seasons - Bylaw 17	No
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Legislative Cite(s)

- NCAA Division I Basketball Summer Athletic Activities (I)
11.7.1.1 - Countable Coach.
17.1.7.2.1.5.1 - Basketball.
11.7.1.1.2(11.7.1.1.1 current) - Replacement Due to Extenuating Circumstances.
17.1.7.2.2 - Skill Instruction -- Sports Other Than Football.

Status Information

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

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:: **Question #1:** Can a candidate for an assistant coach position engage in countable athletically related activity with current student-athletes as part of their interview process?

No, if an institutional staff member or any other individual outside the institution (e.g. candidate, consultant) provided technical or tactical instruction related to the sport to a student-athlete and/or assisted in tactical decisions related to the sport during on-court practice, that individual would trigger the countable coach legislation.

Question #2: Can a candidate for an assistant coach position observe student-athletes in summer athletic activities as part of their interview process?

No, if an institution were to invite an individual (e.g. candidate) to a skill-related instruction session or an informal practice scrimmage it would be considered publicizing the activity, which is prohibited by the legislation. Therefore, your basketball staff cannot invite a candidate to attend a summer access practice when individual skill instruction is closed to a general public audience.

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Describe the interpretive request

The women's basketball team is in the process of hiring a new assistant coach. As part of the interview process the head coach would like the candidates to run a 30 minute practice with current student-athletes. The practice is part of the student-athletes summer athletic activities and is thus otherwise permissible. If this is not permissible, can the candidate even attend and watch the practice since summer athletic activities are not allowed to be publicized or conducted in view of a general public audience?

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

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