

Question: May a current SA coach a local high school team?

Answer: This would be permissible pursuant to a staff interpretation from Nov. 12, 2003. A SA may serve as a coach at a two-year college, high school, preparatory school, grade school or sports club provided he or she does not recruit prospective SAs while serving in that capacity.

Question: Our volleyball team plays against an NAIA team using NAIA rules. What is the impact?

Answer: The contest would not count in the institutions overall record since it was not played under NCAA rules. The contest would need to be counted as outside competition though. Any statistics from that contest would not be included in the overall team stats.

Question: If wrestling is not a conference sport, do they still follow conference rules (or just the NCAA DIII rules)?

Answer: Under MIAC bylaws, Article 5, Section B, Number 2 - Any varsity sport that is not recognized by the conference is still subject to conference regulations.

Question: May a person serve as both a professional and collegiate coach?

Answer: NCAA concluded that as long as the individual doesn't recruit anyone from the college team to the pro team, you can avoid problems with NCAA bylaw 12.2.2.1.

Question: Study abroad athlete. May a Tennis player compete for the college team that they are attending during her study abroad and not lose a season of participation and compete in the spring?

Answer: If the SA would like to compete on the team overseas, they would need to file an ARS waiver. This allows the SA to play for another institution. It will be important to detail the standard of play/organization (ie: is it less than NCAA standards). An item to note is to identify if the SA will remain a full time student at your institution while they are abroad.

Question: We have a SA that will require an exception for a medical issue. The SA is severely allergic to his own sweat. The issue can be solved by having the SA wear a type of long sleeve shirt to cover his arms. Where would the institution go about finding a form to get permissible to wear clothing not like the rest of his teammates (ie: long sleeve shirt and maybe on legs too)?

Answer: The institution's athletic trainer and AD or compliance person (if applicable) will need to send the NCAA a letter requesting a waiver for the reasons stated on letterhead.

Question: Is it true that coaches cannot have contact with a prospect before a competition even if they are on an unofficial or official visit to our campus?

Answer: Correct due to Bylaw 13.1.4.2. If a prospect has any sort of competition the day of their campus visit, the coach may not speak with the prospect until after the competition and they are released by their coach.

Question: May an institution send a mailing to prospects and ALSO include a summer camp brochure that is operated by the head coach of that institution?

Answer: It would be permissible for the institution to include a camp brochure with other institutional publications.

Question: Our JV football program has been approached by a varsity team (outside the conference) to have them compete. The varsity team plans on using this as a varsity date of competition and I believe plans on having it count on their overall record. Is this possible? Would the MIAC JV institution need to count it as a varsity competition since their opponent is?

Answer: One of your JV teams may play a varsity program, however that varsity program may not count that game for purposes of championship consideration or statistical achievements. See bylaws 31.3.3.1 and 31.9.1.4. The JV squad would not have to count it as a varsity competition.

Question: Our Women's Hockey team would like to play a prep school from Canada. Is this ok?

Answer: Per NCAA rule 13.11.1.2, varsity teams may not compete against prep schools. The bylaw states that subvarsity teams may compete against prep schools, but MIAC rule 2.1 (general section) prevents this from occurring. If the prep school is made up of HS graduates (found at a few places), then we can look to see if there is an exception).

Question: If we have a SA who wants to be on the Swimming & Diving team and the Women's Hockey team, that is ok as long as the coaches can work it out, correct?

Answer: That is correct, it is permissible. The coaches would have to be ok with it and work out a fair schedule. The one thing to keep in mind, the SA would need to have ONE FULL day off each week per NCAA bylaw 17.1.6.

Question: Would it be permissible for our athletics director (or coach) to give an FCA announcement to a high school team prior to a contest?

Answer: No. It is not permissible for a collegiate coach or institutional athletic representative to have contact with a prospect prior to their contest.

Question: Is it permissible for our institution to advertise during a high school athletic tournament?

Answer: No, advertising during high school sporting events is prohibited by NCAA bylaws.

Question: The Minnesota State High School plays football playoffs in the Metrodome. Would it be permissible for an institution to rent a suite in the dome and invite senior recruits and HS coaches to view portions of the HS game in the suite?

Answer: It would be impermissible for an institution to rent a suite at the Metrodome and invite recruits and their coaches. The entertainment of a recruit's coach is limited to two tickets to a home athletics event (Bylaw 13.8.1) and this is beyond that scope. Additionally, this could be considered a material benefit which is precluded by Bylaw 13.8.2. Likewise this would be considered an offer or inducement for the prospective student-athlete which is prohibited by Bylaw 13.2.1.

Question: Situation: halftime of a football game. May an institution announce the following: 'Institution A would like to welcome all of its football recruits on campus today. Please stand up.' Would this be ok given that they are not identifying by name any of their recruits? If they change the wording and said they welcome all prospective students on campus and please stand up?

Answer: An institution would not be permitted to introduce the prospective student-athlete in either of the manners described. As you stated Bylaw 13.10.5 is the appropriate bylaw to consult. An interpretation exists that explains the meaning of "introduce" for purposes of 13.10.05. This interpretation clarifies that introduce does not necessarily require introduction by name. Essentially any grouping that identifies them as prospects would be impermissible.