

Question: Can student-athletes playing on outside teams in the summer (ie: YMCA or summer league) accept an award (in this case - Sportsmanship Award which are t-shirts).

Answer: This would be permissible pursuant to **16.1.1.2 - Student-Athlete Not Enrolled**.

Question: May a SA practice while serving a year in residence?

Answer: Yes, they may practice but not compete under 14.5.1 Residence Requirement - General Principle. The SA would be charged a season of eligibility if he/she practices after the first date of competition.

Question: Is Track & Field allowed to segment their season? ie: have a non-traditional season in the fall. In looking at the bylaws, it's not clear to me, but seeing that track is allowed to start practice on Sept. 7, I would only conclude that outdoor track is allowed a non-traditional as long as all of their practice and competition fits into 24 weeks.

Answer: Yes, track is permitted to segment their season pursuant to 17.27.4.

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: An institution would like to have a winter sport get together in the early fall (outside of playing season) and have them go through a ropes course. They are questioning if this activity is permissible outside the season.

Answer: It is not permissible to pay for a ropes course out of season. In general, the Conditioning and Expenses Outside of Playing Season interp is applicable, but note that DIII does not have any permissible out of season conditioning, so funding or requiring the ropes is a no-go.

Question: Some parents and supporters at an away venue want to have a cook out for our team after the game. They were told a few years ago that it might not be allowed under NCAA rules. Do you know of any rules against this type of activity? They had cookouts years ago for us, but discontinued when they were told by someone that it might be illegal.

Answer: Bylaw 16.11.1.5 (Occasional Meals) is true for boosters and institutional employees, which would prevent this type of activity from boosters. If parents want to host, you can use 16.11.1.13 to do it with an away from home contest.

Question: I am wondering if it is permissible for a SA to participate on an outside team (ie: club team or summer team) while also participating with their collegiate team during the **non-traditional season segment**. Where would I get that a SA could not participate on an outside club team while participating in their traditional AND non-traditional segment?

Answer: In bylaw 14.7.1 (Outside Competition). The institution's intercollegiate season refers to both segments.

Question: An outside organization is planning an event in town. They are looking for donations for the gift bags at the event--trinkets from the Athletic Department. May an institution donate items to something like this?

Answer: Athletics departments can donate if the event supports non prospect-aged individuals (pre ninth grade). So, it depends on the nature of event. It's a pre-college expense issue (13.15.1).

Question: Can an institution send coaching staff to an admissions fair? I'm not clear if there will only be seniors or younger prospects. Let's assume there are juniors and seniors attending the college fair. My assumption would be to treat this something similar to how coaches can't attend the State Fair due to potential of face to face contact with prospects under senior status.

Answer: The only way coaches can go to a college fair with individuals younger than 12th grade is if they are normal employees of the admissions department and do not engage in athletics recruiting while at the fair. Your assumption is correct.

Question: Is it permissible to send summer workout packets to current SAs and recruited student athletes who have committed to attending the institution and playing a sport?

Answer: The workouts could go out as informational, but it should be made clear that they are suggested workouts and the PSA is not required to do them.