

**Question:** I was approached by my old high school to run their summer camp. However, I am not sure if this is something the NCAA allows. I would be listed as the director. The camp is one week long and has two sessions; open to girls going into grades 3-8. There might be high school girls and alumni working at the camp, including one of my players.

**Answer:** This arrangement would be fine. If it is being operated by the women's basketball coach it is still considered an institutional camp for Bylaw 13 purposes and all regulations concerning an institutional camp must be followed (See Bylaw 13.12.1). If the women's basketball coach is just employed at the camp then the requirements of 13.12.1.1. and 13.12.1.1.1 for institutional camps do not apply. Whether the camp is a private camp or an institutional camp prospective SA as well as enrolled student-athletes may work the camp. Be aware that there are specific requirements for an enrolled student-athlete when employed at any camp or clinic, most notably that if the enrolled student-athlete gets paid, they have to do general supervisory duties in addition to any coaching or officiating duties.

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**Question:** There is an athlete who played one year in the Ontario Hockey League (Major Junior level). We know that this year in major juniors counts as a season of eligibility, and that this athlete must serve a "year in residence" in order to be eligible. However, this athlete is currently a student at Institution A, and has been there for this entire academic year. There is no hockey at Institution A, so he is currently spending a year doing no athletics. If this student transfers to an MIAC institution and wants to play hockey, does the year he has spent at Institution A count as his "year in residence"?

**Answer:** So long as the SA fulfilled a year of residence at any member institution that would satisfy the year in residence. (see Ed Colum from Feb. 10, 2003). The SA could satisfy the year in residence requirement at one institution and transfer to another. Assuming the year in residence requirement is satisfied the SA would still have to satisfy a transfer exception when transferring to the MIAC institution in order to avoid another year in residence.

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**Question:** Is it legal for an assistant basketball coach to play softball with current student-athletes from the institution who are not basketball players?

**Answer:** The situation described would not be permissible. It would be permissible for that coach to play on a team that competes against the team with current SAs but being involved with that team is impermissible. There is a bylaw which appears in each sport section of bylaw 17. Essentially, the bylaw does not limit the restriction to the particular coaching staff – for example the bylaw does not state that only the softball coaching staff may not be involved with a team that includes softball players. Rather the bylaw states "no member of the coaching staff of a member institution."

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**Question:** Is it legal to hold a combine event on our camps. This event will be comprised of prospects, there is a little instruction, prospects are informed about how to be recruited, and the event is run by an outside firm.

**Answer:** No. Per NCAA bylaw 13.11.1.5 (Tryout Events), the situation describe would not be allowable. Many try and disguise combines as camps. Camps need to have significant teaching/instructional components.

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