

Question: Is it permissible for an institution to use a current student-athlete for an advertisement for the institutions career center? I do not believe the student would be identified by name. They want to place this advertisement on the dasher boards of the ice arena they play ice hockey at. The arena is their home venue, off-campus (not owned by the institution), but it is also the home venue of a high school team as well.

Answer: You are ok to do this so long as the school follows 12.5.1.1. Also, assuming 13.4.2.1.2 is satisfied, it would be permissible to advertise at the facility assuming it is a shared facility.

Question: A summer camp is being run by the athletic department on your campus. Current SA's are employed at the camp at the normal rate and they are doing normal duties for their pay. At many camps during a break (eg. lunch) the camp counselors will scrimmage....could camp counselors (SA's) and athletic staff members (assistant coaches) who are all employed at the camp, scrimmage together? Or is this illegal/impermissible out-of-season athletically related activity?

Answer: It would be considered impermissible out-of-season activity. Options would be to have no coaches involved, and SAs would need to organize themselves or have no SAs involved who have their collegiate coach there.

Question: Has a student used a season of participation if he/she traveled with the team to the first contest, dressed but did not enter the game and did not practice with the team after the first game.

Answer: No, based on the language of 14.02.5(c) the student-athlete has not used a season of participation. Bylaw 14.02.5(c) states a Student-athlete must both compete "and" receive expenses to constitute "intercollegiate competition." The "and" indicates that the Student athlete would have to do more than just travel with the team. This situation could only occur when a road game is the first game of the year.

Question: Institution coaching staff would like to put on a 7 vs 7 team football tournament over the summer for prospects. Teams may sign up to participate in this one day event. It is open to everyone. Would bylaw 13.11.3.1 "Open" Events' cover this scenario? If it does cover it, then no instruction would need to be provided at this open event correct? Does the term 'open' relate to an event such as this I have described?

Answer: Correct, if it is an open event then you don't have to have instruction and institutional staff may be involved. So the event you described could fall under the "open events" exception. I would suggest being careful not to define it as a high school 7 on 7 tournament. Basically, the bylaw you cited sets forth how the tournament may or may not be limited so as long as those parameters are followed you would be alright.

Question: Can my coaches contact junior college students while they are in-season?

Answer: NCAA bylaws do not restrict when a coach contacts junior college students. NCAA staff reported that since there is no clearinghouse, coaches can have contact with students (prospects) from junior colleges and it is not clearly regulated.

Question: May a post-secondary student who is enrolled full time at an institution and is a degree seeking student compete in a fall sport (soccer) for the college and then compete in spring (tennis) for the high school.

Answer: NCAA bylaws do not restrict this from occurring but advised to check with the local high school athletic association as they most likely have some type of rule (MSHLS does not allow a student who has participated in collegiate athletics to retain any high school eligibility).

Question: Can a coach give an out-going student-athlete, who is graduating, a congratulatory monetary gift?

Answer: A representative of a member institution's athletics interests asked whether he could provide cash or gifts to a student-athlete whose eligibility was exhausted five years ago, but who just graduated from the institution. The staff concluded that while the representative could employ the former student-athlete after graduation or could be involved in another type of legitimate business arrangement with him, it would not be permissible for the representative to give the student-athlete cash or other gifts.

Question: Does the Two-year Nonparticipation Exception (NCAA bylaw 14.5.5.1.3 and 14.5.4.2) apply to someone who completely left college for two years (did not participate in athletics) or must they be enrolled and non participate?

Answer: The 2 year nonparticipation exception does apply to someone who completely left college- they are not required to be enrolled for the two year period.

Question: - What is the ruling about contacting prospects during a showcase event? How about an "expo" (Specific example - the team will be playing two games on Saturday and two games on Sunday. It is not a tournament - there is no progression to a championship. It is just 4 games over two days? How about a tournament that is pool play on Saturday that goes into a seeded tournament on Sunday?

Answer: The application of subsection (d) of 13.1.4.2 would apply to the situation you described where it is not a tournament but yet they play four games over two days. The legislation refers to "competition that requires more than one day of participation", it does not limit that specifically to tournaments in which a champion is crowned. The same rings true for an event that involves pool play on Saturday that goes into a seeded tournament on Sunday.

Question: May a coach/the college buy equipment - using a college discount -and have an SA pay them back?

Answer: Provided the equipment, supplies or clothing is essential to participation, the coach may purchase the items at the discounted rate and have the student-athletes pay him back. The important issue with this is determining whether the equipment is essential to participation. Whether the students pay the supplier directly or through the coach, does not matter.
