REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III INTERPRETATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
May 18, 2017, TELECONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.
   • None.

2. Nonlegislative items.
   • None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Review April Report. The NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee reviewed and approved the report from its April 20 teleconference.

2. Review Compliance Forms. The committee reviewed and approved the 2017-18 compliance forms.


7. Future Meetings. The committee reviewed dates and times for upcoming meetings and teleconferences.

8. Other Business. The committee cancelled its June 15 teleconference due to staff attendance at the Division III Conference Rules Seminar in Worcester, MA.

9. Adjournment. The committee adjourned at 12:30 p.m. Eastern time.
Committee Chair: Shana Levine, Lewis and Clark College, Northwest Conference  
Staff Liaisons: Chris Brown, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Jeff Myers, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Joni Williamson, Academic and Membership Affairs

| NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee  
| May 18, 2017, Teleconference |
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| **Attendees:** |  |
| Jim Cranmer, St. Mary's College of Maryland; Capital Athletic Conference. |  |
| Allie Fox, Mills College; Independent. |  |
| Shantey Hill, St. Joseph's College (Long Island); Skyline Conference. |  |
| Gregg Kaye, Commonwealth Coast Conference. |  |
| Shana Levine, Lewis and Clark College; Northwest Conference. |  |
| **Absentees:** |  |
| Amy Backus, Case Western Reserve University; University Athletic Association. |  |
| Chuck Brown, Penn State Erie, The Behrend College; Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference. |  |
| Michael Rubayo, Swarthmore College, (Student-Athlete); Centennial Conference. |  |
| **NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:** |  |
| Chris Brown, Jeff Myers and Joni Williamson. |  |
Title: ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF PARTICIPATION: 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER RULE -- CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY -- MINIMUM AMOUNT OF PARTICIPATION -- TRANSFER FROM NON-DIVISION III INSTITUTION

Convention Year: 2018
Date Submitted: April 24, 2017
Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council
Effective Date: Immediate

Intent: To clarify that a transfer student-athlete is subject to the season of participation legislation at the institution the student-athlete attended during the term(s) of participation.

Bylaws: Amend 14.2.4, as follows:

14.2.4 Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility.

14.2.4.1 Minimum Amount of Participation. A season of intercollegiate participation shall be counted in the student-athlete’s sport when a student-athlete participates (practices or competes) during or after the first contest in the traditional segment following the student-athlete’s initial participation of that academic year at that institution or when the student-athlete engages in intercollegiate competition during the nontraditional segment in that sport. This provision is applicable to intercollegiate athletics participation (practice or competition) conducted by a Division III collegiate institution at the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team level. (See Bylaw 14.1.12, for student-athletes participating in a recognized foreign exchange/study abroad program).

[14.2.4.1.1 through 14.2.4.1.3 unchanged.]

14.2.4.1.4 Transfer from a Non-Division III Institution.

The season of participation standard does not apply to a transfer student-athlete’s previous participation at a non-Division III institution. A transfer student-athlete is subject to the legislation that applied to the previous institution during the term(s) of participation.

[14.2.4.2 through 14.2.4.8 unchanged.]

Rationale:

Budget Impact: None.

Co-sponsorship - Conference:
None

Co-sponsorship - Institution:
None
Additional Information:

The incorporation of this official interpretation [Reference: 9/28/16. Item No. 2b] provides clarification that a student-athlete is subject to the season of participation legislation at the institution the student-athlete attended during the term(s) of participation. This incorporation further serves to reduce confusion and clarify that a transfer student-athlete who practiced, but did not compete at a Division I or II institution would not be retroactively charged with a season of participation upon transfer to a Division III institution.

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AMATEURISM -- PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES -- PROMOTIONS INVOLVING COMMERCIAL LOCATIONS/SPONSORS -- DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION

Convention Year: 2018
Date Submitted: April 24, 2017
Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council

Bylaws: Amend 12.5.1.1.1, as follows:

12.5.1.1.1 Promotions Involving Commercial Locations/Sponsors. A member institution or a charitable, educational or nonprofit organization may use the appearance, name or picture of an enrolled student-athlete to promote generally its fundraising activities at the location of a commercial establishment, provided the commercial establishment is not a co-sponsor of the event and the student-athlete does not promote the sale of a commercial product in conjunction with the fundraising activity. A commercial establishment would become a co-sponsor if the commercial establishment either advertises the presence of the student-athlete at the commercial location or is involved directly or indirectly in promoting the activity. Student-athletes are permitted to distribute information about institutional fundraising activities, even if those activities involve a commercial location or sponsor, as information distribution does not constitute promotion of a commercial product or service.

Rationale:

Budget Impact: None

Co-sponsorship - Conference: None

Co-sponsorship - Institution: None

Incorporation of this official interpretation [Reference: 10/20/2016, Item No. 2b] serves to reduce confusion and clarifies that distributing information regarding an institutional fundraiser, even if it occurs at a commercial business does not constitute promotion of that business, product, or service.

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Division: III
Proposal Number: I-2018-4

Title: PERSONNEL -- COMPENSATION AND REMUNERATION -- EMPLOYMENT AND ENDORSEMENT OF RECRUITING OR SCOUTING SERVICE

Convention Year: 2018
Date Submitted: April 24, 2017
Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council
Effective Date: May 1, 2017
IPOPL Number: 
SPOPL Number: 
Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).
Category: Incorporation
Topical Area: Personnel

Intent: To clarify that an athletics department staff member may not be employed in any capacity by a recruiting or scouting service or directly promote or endorse a recruiting or scouting service.

Bylaws: Amend 11.3, as follows:

11.3 Compensation and Remuneration. See Bylaw 11.01 for additional regulations regarding coaches’ compensation and remuneration.

[11.3.1 through 11.3.2 unchanged.]

11.3.3 Employment and Endorsement of a Recruiting or Scouting Service. An athletics department staff member may not directly promote or endorse a recruiting or scouting service or be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) in any capacity by a recruiting or scouting service.

Rationale:

Budget Impact: None

Co-sponsorship - Conference: None

Co-sponsorship - Institution: None

Additional Information:

Current legislation does not permit an athletics staff member to be employed by a camp or clinic conducted by a recruiting or scouting service. The incorporation of this official interpretation [Reference: 11/17/2016, Item No. 2a] serves to reduce confusion and clarifies that an athletics department staff member may not be employed (either on a salaried or voluntary basis) in any capacity by a recruiting or scouting service. Further, the coach may not promote or endorse a recruiting or scouting service.

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Division: III
Proposal Number: I-2018-5
Title: ELIGIBILITY -- GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS -- FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT -- EXCEPTIONS -- ELIGIBILITY AFTER COMPLETION OF DEGREE REQUIREMENTS -- USE OF A SEASON
Convention Year: 2018
Date Submitted: April 24, 2017
Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council
Effective Date: Immediate

IPOPL Number:
SPOPL Number:

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).
Category: Incorporation
Topical Area: Eligibility

Intent: To clarify that a student-athlete who has completed his or her degree requirements in fewer than four consecutive years from his or her initial collegiate enrollment must have triggered the use of a season to continue to practice and compete while not enrolled.

Bylaws: Amend 14.1.8.1.6.7, as follows:

14.1.8.1.6.7 Eligibility After Completion of Degree Requirements. A student-athlete who was eligible during the term in which degree work was completed may continue to practice and compete (through the conclusion of the season) after the final day of that term, only if:

[14.1.8.1.6.7-(a) unchanged.]

(b) The student-athlete completed his or her degree requirements in fewer than four consecutive years from his or her initial collegiate enrollment and has been charged with a season of participation for that year prior to the completion of degree requirements; or

[14.1.8.1.6.7-(c) unchanged.]

Rationale:

Budget Impact: None

Co-sponsorship - Conference:
None

Co-sponsorship - Institution:
None

Additional Information:

The incorporation of this official interpretation [Reference: 12/1/2016, Item No. 2b] serves to reduce confusion and clarifies that a student-athlete who has completed his or her degree requirements in fewer than four consecutive years from his or her initial collegiate enrollment must have triggered the use of a season to continue to practice and compete (through the conclusion of the season) while not enrolled.

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