NCAA Division III Bylaw 17
Playing and Practice Seasons
Advanced Application

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Agenda

• Athletically related activities.
  • Fundraisers.
  • Out-of-season athletically related activities.
    • Outside teams/summer leagues.
  • Counting dates of competition and contests (NCAA Division III
    Bylaws 17 and 20).
  • Foreign tours.
  • New legislation and hot topics.
Session Outcomes

- Recognize permissible participation by student-athletes (SAs) and coaches in fundraising activities that use athletics ability.
- Apply the involvement of coaching staff outside of the playing and practice season legislation with student-athlete participation on outside teams and summer leagues.
- Recognize differences between Bylaw 17 maximum contest limitations and Bylaw 20 minimum contest requirements.
- Understand legislation surrounding foreign tours.
- Identify key hot topics in the Division III membership as well as recently adopted legislation.

In *The Sandlot*, the kids are afraid of a menacing dog in the adjacent yard. What is the dog referred to by the kids (his name)?

**THE BEAST**

Athletically Related Activities

- Athletically related activities include:
  - Practice which is defined as any meeting, activity or instruction involving sports-related information and having an athletics purpose.
  - Examples: field/court activity, chalk-talk, review of game film.
Athletically Related Activities

- Athletically related activities include:
  - Competition.
  - Required weight training.
  - Captain's practices.

- Common exceptions are in Bylaw 17.02.1.1.
  - Fundraising not involving use of athletics ability.

Athletically Related Activities – Out of Season

- SAAs and coaches shall not engage in athletically related activities outside of institution's declared playing and practice season.
Fundraising

• In-season fundraising activities.
  • SAAs may participate in fundraising activities that may or may not involve the use of athletics ability.

• Out-of-season fundraising activities.
  • SAAs may participate in fundraising activities that do not involve the use of athletics ability.
    o Must receive approval from the institution's chancellor or president (or designee).

Case Study

• Institution is hosting a golf fundraiser during the summer to benefit the department of athletics in which all athletics department staff, including coaches are expected to participate in the administration of the event.

• The event is open to anyone; however, invitations to participate in the event are sent to alumni, boosters and parents of current student-athletes.

• Three golf student-athletes submit the required fee to participate in the event.

Case Study

• Is it permissible for the student-athletes to participate?
  • Yes. Why?
    o The event is open to anyone interested in participating.

  • What if the institution's coach solicited the student-athletes participation?
    • Impermissible. Why?
    o Because participation is at the direction of the coach and is occurring out-of-season.
Case Study

• What if the team captains invite their fellow team members to participate?
  - Depends. Why?
    - Because it could be considered a captain's practice.

Bylaw 17.02.1.1-(g)

Case Study

• What if the golf coach requires the golf student-athlete's to work the registration desk?
  - Permissible. Why?
    - Because the activity does not involve the use of athletics ability and, therefore, can be required both in-season and out-of-season.

Bylaw 17.02.1.1.1-(b)

Case Study

• Several of the institution's cross country SAs decide to participate in the mini-marathon as a group and raise funds to support child cancer research.

• The institution's cross country coach also decides to participate in the same race on her own and is not involved in raising funds with the SAs.
Case Study

• Is it permissible for both the SAs and their coach to participate in this event?
  • Yes. Why?
    o Because the coach's participation is independent of the SAs, the SAs were not directed to participate by the coach and the event is open to any entrant.
  • What if the coach invited the SAs to voluntarily participate in the race?
    • Impermissible. Why?
      o Because it does not satisfy the definition of voluntary athletically related activities.

Fundraising Activities – Questions to Ask

- Is the event in-season?
  - Yes. SA may participate in any capacity.
  - No. Move to next question.

- Is the event open to anyone?
  - No. SA may participate as any other participant.
  - Yes. Move to next question.

- Does the event use athletics ability?
  - No. SA may be required to participate.
  - Yes. Move to next question.

- Participation solicited by coaches or team captains?
  - Yes. SA may not participate.
  - No. SA may participate as any other participant.

In Remember the Titans, what historic site did coach Herman Boone take his high school football team during a two-week training camp in the movie?

GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA
Noncollegiate Amateur Competition

• No member of an institution's coaching staff may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league administrator) outside of the institution's declared playing and practice season with an outside team that involves student-athletes with eligibility remaining.

• Common exceptions:
  ● Foreign tour.
  ● National team participation.
  ● Recognized state or national multisport games.

Bylaws 14.7.3, 17.1.5.2, 17.1.5.2.1 and 17.28

Case Study

• May an institution's coach be the coach of a summer baseball league team that includes one of the coach's student-athletes?
  ● No.

• May an institution's coach be the administrator of a summer baseball league if one of the teams includes one of the coach's student-athletes?
  ● No.

Bylaw 17.1.5.2.1
June 23, 2010 Official Interpretation

Case Study

• May an institution's coach be a member of a summer baseball league and compete on the same team as one of the coach's student-athletes?
  ● No. Why?
    ○ An institutional coaching staff member may only compete on a team in the same league as a student-athlete from that institution if the student-athlete is on a different team in the league.

March 27, 2014 Official Interpretation
Case Study

- May an institution's coach be a coach of another team in the same league which competes against a team that includes the coach's student-athletes?
  - Yes. Why?
    - An institutional coaching staff member may coach a team that competes against his or her own student-athletes in out-of-season competition.

February 19, 1992 Staff Interpretation

Case Study

- May an institution's baseball coach be the coach of a summer baseball league team that includes a football student-athlete from his institution?
  - Yes. Why?
    - The rule prohibiting coaches from observing student-athletes engaged in athletically related activity outside of the season is a sport-specific requirement.

Case Study

- The institution's director of athletics joined a summer soccer club. On the first day of practice, he or she realizes that one of his or her school's soccer student-athletes has joined too.
  - Does he or she need to quit the team?
    - No. Why?
      - An institutional staff member who does not have coaching duties may compete on the same team as a student-athlete.
The film *Mighty Macs* centers around which former Division III women's basketball coach?

**CATHY RUSH**

Contests vs. Dates of Competition

• Sports vary when calculating number of maximum dates of competition for Bylaw 17.

• For example:
  • Softball = 40 contests.
  • Golf = 20 dates of competition.

Contests vs. Dates of Competition

• Unlike Bylaw 17 maximum dates of competition/contest requirements, Bylaw 20 minimum contest limitations for sports-sponsorship requirements are based on number of contests in all sports.

• Example:
  • Tennis: Two dual meets on one day.
    o Bylaw 17 = one date of competition.
    o Bylaw 20 = two contests.

Bylaws 17. __.5.1 and 20.11.3.8
Contests vs. Dates of Competition

• Example:
  • Multiday event - team sports - volleyball tournament.
  • Two matches on Friday and three matches on Saturday.
    o Bylaw 17 = two dates of competition.
    o Bylaw 20 = five contests.

Bylaws 17.__.5.1, 20.11.3.8.3 and 20.11.3.8.4

Contests vs. Dates of Competition

• Multiday event - individual sports.
  • Four teams participating in a swim meet over two days.
    o Bylaw 17 = two dates of competition.
    o Bylaw 20 =
      - two contests if scored head to head.
        A vs. B, A vs. C, A vs. D.
      - one contest if a single score is reported.
        1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th place.

Bylaws 17.__.5.1, 20.11.3.8.3 and 20.11.3.8.4

Contests vs. Dates of Competition

• Bylaw 20 minimum contest requirements – completed contest.
  • In individual sports, a competition must be completed with the minimum number of participants required by the playing rules to be counted for sports sponsorship.

Bylaws 20.12.3.8 and 20.11.3.8.1
Case Study

- The team starts a golf match with five golfers. Susie gets injured and does not complete the round.

  - Can this contest be counted for dates of competition?
    - Yes, because one or more SAs participated.
      Bylaw 17.10.5.1.2

  - Can this be counted for sports sponsorship?
    - Yes, because four SAs completed the contest which is the number required by the playing rules for golf.
      Bylaw 20.11.3.8.1

Preseason Expenses

- Before the first day of fall preseason practice an institution may conduct:
  - Administrative and academic activities.
  - Medical examinations.
  - Filling out NCAA compliance forms.
  - Orientation.

  June 9, 2004 Staff Interpretation
  August 10, 2005 Educational Column

- The day before the first day of practice or after fall term classes have begun an institution may:
  - Issue equipment.
  - Take team pictures.
  - Any activities listed on previous slide.

  June 9, 2004 Staff Interpretation
  August 10, 2005 Educational Column
Preseason Expenses

- Expenses to student-athletes for preseason may begin with an evening meal and lodging on the evening prior to the equipment issue, team pictures and administrative activities day.

- If team's first day of practice is a Monday, then equipment issue, team pictures and administrative activities may occur on the preceding Saturday.

Case Study

- The field hockey team's first permissible date of practice is Monday, August 11. When may the team members report to campus?
  - Friday evening, August 8.

- Despite having a math degree, you miscalculate the preseason practice date to be Friday, August 8, so you plan to bring the student-athletes back on the evening of Thursday, August 7.
  - Now what?

Case Study

- If you catch the error before the student-athletes report:
  - Correct the error.
  - If the student-athletes will suffer an undue hardship, a legislative relief waiver is a possibility.

- If you catch the error after the student-athletes report:
  - Institutional violation.
  - Does not effect SA eligibility and no reinstatement is needed.
In *The Mighty Ducks*, Gordon Bombay is forced to coach a local youth hockey team as punishment for drunken driving. What was his profession?

**LAWYER**

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**Foreign Tours**

- Must be scheduled during an institutional vacation period (e.g., summer vacation, fall break, spring break).
- All travel to and from the foreign country must take place during the vacation period.
- Not more than once every three years.

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**Foreign Tours**

- Eligibility of continuing SAs on the tour:
  - Summer tour: SAs must have been eligible during the previous academic year or enrolled full time during the previous academic year and be eligible for competition for the upcoming academic year.
  - If the tour takes place after the academic year has started, SAs shall be regularly enrolled and eligible.
Foreign Tours

• Student-athlete eligibility:
  - Incoming SAs (freshmen and transfers): Tour must begin after the permissible starting practice date or the first day of classes.
    - Incoming SAs may participate in practice sessions for a foreign tour if the practice begins after the first practice date or the first day of classes.

  Bylaw 17.28.1.5.1

Foreign Tours

• Practice for foreign tour:
  - Ten days of practice before departure which must occur on consecutive days, unless extenuating circumstances exist (e.g., final exams, convocation).
  - All practice days must be conducted during the 20 calendar days immediately before the foreign tour departure date.
  - Only SAs who will accompany the team on the foreign tour are permitted to participate in the 10 practice days.

  Bylaw 17.28.1.6

Foreign Tours

• Maximum number of contests/competition:
  - Three football games.
  - Ten basketball games.
  - Ten contests or dates of competition in any other sport.

  - No competition against other American teams (colleges or other U.S. teams) other than teams composed of U.S. armed forces personnel at U.S. military bases in foreign countries.

  Bylaw 17.28.1.7
Case Study

• The men's soccer team is planning a foreign tour for the fall.
  • Their first date of preseason practice is Tuesday, August 12.
  • They will depart for the tour Friday, August 15.

• They have 36 individuals on their roster:
  • Thirty returners, only 24 will travel on the tour.
  • Five freshmen.
  • One transfer.

Case Study

• When can the 30 returning student-athletes start practice?
  • Unless there is an extenuating circumstance, the 24 SAs that will be traveling on the tour can begin practice 10 days prior to departure, August 5.
  • The six SAs that will not travel on the tour must wait until August 12 to begin practice.

Case Study

• When can the five incoming freshmen begin practice?
  • August 12.

• When can the transfer students begin practice?
  • August 12.
In the movie *Caddyshack*, the sound effects by Mr. Gopher were actually made by what animal?

**A DOLPHIN**

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**New Legislation**

**Women’s Triathlon – Emerging Sport**

- Bylaw 17.24 outlines how triathlon will be conducted.
  - Fall championship.
  - Six institutional and individual dates of competition.
  - Minimum of three participants.
- Bylaw 20 - sports sponsorship.
  - Minimum of four contests with at least three participants.

*Bylaws 17.24, 20.02.6 and 20.11.3.8.*

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**New Legislation**

**Playing and Practice Seasons – Women’s Rugby**

- Changes requirements from 10 contests to 15 dates of competition.
- Can count 15 vs. 15 or seven vs. seven contests.
  - Seven vs. seven conducted in a tournament format.
- An institution may count up to two contests per year against collegiate club teams toward meeting minimum-contest requirements.

*Bylaws 17.16, 20.11.3.8.3 and 28. 11.3.8.7.1*
New Legislation
Playing and Practice Seasons – Ice Hockey

• Practice shall not commence before the third Monday in October.
• The first contest shall not occur before the second Friday following the first permissible practice date.
• May conduct one scrimmage or exhibition game before the first permissible contest date provided each SA has completed a five-day acclimatization period.

Bylaw 17.12

New Legislation
Playing and Practice Seasons – Ice Hockey

• Five-day acclimatization period.
  • Every SA shall participate in five on-ice practices, conducted on separate date, prior to participation in any outside competition.
  • An on-ice practice conducted on the same date as competition is not countable toward the five-day acclimatization period.

Bylaw 17.12

Case Study

• The Ice Ice College hockey team is preparing for the upcoming season. Their first permissible date of practice is Monday October 20. What is their first permissible date of competition?
• Friday October 31 (the second Friday after the first date of practice).
Case Study

• When can Ice Ice hold their first exhibition game?
  • No sooner than Saturday October 25. Why?
  • All student-athletes must complete the five-day acclimatization period.

Case Study

• Johnny gets the flu October 20 and does not begin practice until October 22. Can he play in the scrimmage October 25?
  • No. A student-athlete cannot participate in any outside competition until he or she has completed the five-day acclimatization period.

New Legislation

Playing and Practice Seasons – Field Hockey

• Up to three field hockey scrimmages or exhibition games before the first contest during the playing season.
• Must count against the maximum number of contests.
• May have unlimited number of exhibitions or scrimmages on one date during the preseason.
• Similar to soccer rule.
Hot Topics

- Sand Volleyball.
  - Being considered as a Division III sport.
- Football.
  - Use of helmets in spring conditioning.
  - Spring practice.

In the Air Bud series, Bud is what breed of dog?

GOLDEN RETRIEVER

QUESTIONS?