

**Intercollegiate Rowing Association
Eligibility and Infractions Committee**

Student-Athlete Reinstatement

Case Number: 2022-04

Decision Date: August 17, 2022

Applicable Bylaws: NCAA Division I Bylaw 13.1.1.3

Facts of the Case: Coach made impermissible contact with a SA from another institution without written notification of transfer. The SA was seeking postgraduate opportunities to utilize their COVID year, and the Interim Coach was unaware this was permissive.

The student has now enrolled, and they are looking for reinstatement. SA will be immediately eligible based on 14.5.5.2 as a non-recruited SA.

Institutional Action: Rules education and 2 week ban from communicating with PSA once in the portal.

Decision: Approved.

Rationale: Institution provided all necessary information for the Committee to apply the exception to reinstate the student-athlete.

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Progress Towards Degree Waiver

Case Number: 2022-05

Decision Date: October 4, 2022

Applicable Bylaws: NCAA Division I 14.4.3.1

Facts of the Case: Student-athlete had documented mental health concern. Additionally, there was a documented plan in place for the student-athlete to graduate from the institution within five years of initial enrollment.

Institutional Action: None required.

Decision: Processed by the Ivy League Office – on file

Rationale: All criteria was met for the waiver to be approved.

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Final Semester/Quarter Eligibility

Case Number: 2022-06

Decision Date: October 24, 2022

Applicable Bylaws: NCAA Division I Bylaw 14.2.2.1.3

Facts of the Case: Student-athlete completed all requirements for his undergraduate degree in Spring 2022 and was eligible to receive his degree at the conclusion of the Spring 2022 term. This fully meets the spirit and intention of the NCAA bylaw. Graduation deferral to Summer 2022 was purely to complete an internship that was not necessary to complete his degree program.

This creates no competitive advantage given that his part-time enrollment in Spring 2022 was appropriately certified and he was otherwise permitted to be part-time under the rules.

Institutional Action: None required.

Decision: Approved

Rationale: All criteria was met for the waiver to be approved. Further, institution provided past case precedent in their request.

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2-4 Transfer Interpretation

Case Number: 2022-07

Decision Date: November 8, 2022

Applicable Bylaws: NCAA Division I 14.5.4.1 and 14.5.4.2

Facts of the Case: Institution was seeking an interpretation as to whether the qualifier OR nonqualifier language could be self-applied by an institution given the IRA does not require initial eligibility certification for freshmen.

Institutional Action: None required.

Decision: Student-athletes must still meet the standards of being a qualifier or nonqualifier.

Rationale: Unless the institution has utilized the NCAA to determine if they would be considered a qualifier, institution must defer to the more restrictive criteria of a nonqualifier to apply any potential exception to the year in residence.

If there were a need to utilize the qualifier exception, the student-athlete could still sign up with the NCAA Eligibility Center and request review.

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Outside Competition Waiver

Case Number: 2022-08

Decision Date: November 9, 2022

Applicable Bylaws: NCAA Division I 17.33.1

Facts of the Case: Student-athlete seeking a one-time waiver to participate in outside competition during the Head of the Charles.

Institutional Action: None required.

Decision: Approved.

Rationale: Past precedent exists for the waiver to be approved. The event is an open event where youth, collegiate, and masters rowers will be competing. The student-athlete will be participating as an individual and will neither be representing the institution nor receiving expenses from the institution.

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Eligibility Waiver

Case Number: 2022-09

Decision Date: November 10, 2022

Applicable Bylaws: NCAA Division I 14.5.5.1

Facts of the Case: Student-athlete is a 4-2-4-4 transfer and does not meet a legislated NCAA transfer exception. He's currently in his 7th full-time term but the last year of his 5-year clock. Institution is seeking immediate eligibility and for his year in residence requirement to be waived.

Institutional Action: None required.

Decision: Denied.

Rationale: The outlined mitigating circumstances for the student-athlete do not align with the circumstances outlined in NCAA case precedent.

Student-athlete IS ELIGIBLE to row in boats other than the 1V based on IRA legislation.

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Eligibility Waiver - APPEAL

Case Number: 2023-01

Decision Date: February 27, 2023

Applicable Bylaws: NCAA Division I 14.5.5.1

Facts of the Case: Institution is appealing prior waiver denial and seeking immediate eligibility for student-athlete in the first varsity boat. Student-athletes prior transfers were made without regard to intercollegiate rowing participation and prior schools do not offer rowing at either the varsity or club level.

Student-athlete also demonstrated exemplary academic performance.

Institutional Action: None required.

Decision: Approved.

Rationale: This reinstatement is based on the detailed supporting documentation provided by the institution, including a full Academic Recovery Plan.

Further, the fact that all schools are supportive of the student-athlete's full and immediate eligibility, with no evidence to suggest ill intent, coupled with minimal participation by student-athlete are further rationale for granting the appeal.

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Impermissible Contact

Case Number: 2023-02

Decision Date: March 27, 2023

Applicable Bylaws: NCAA Division I 13.1.1.1

Facts of the Case: Head Coach and Assistant Coach made impermissible in-person contact with men's rowing PSAs.

Staff self-reported the violation and explained they believed in-person contact coincided with the first day of allowable phone calls and messages.

Institutional Action: No contact with the PSAs for two weeks starting August 1 through August 15. Rules Education

Decision: Approved.

Rationale: Institution self-imposed appropriate measures for the violation.