



Intercollegiate Rowing Association Compliance Memo

Re: Division I Competition in Year of Transfer

Thursday, December 19, 2019

To: IRA Institutional Compliance Contacts and Head Coaches

The Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) Eligibility and Infractions Committee recognizes that there was uncertainty on the application of NCAA Bylaw 14.5.5.3 as recently as earlier this month at our coaches' meetings.

Since those meetings, we have received confirmation from the NCAA that Bylaw 14.5.5.3 (Competition in Year of Transfer) **does not apply** to women's rowing. Therefore, men's rowing transfer student-athletes that competed for one institution in the fall are permitted to compete for a different institution in the spring semester if they are deemed otherwise eligible (i.e., meets a legislated transfer exception.)

The official interpretation from their office and the corresponding educational column for this bylaw are also attached to this correspondence.

This legislation became effective on August 1 and subsequently applies to all IRA member institutions.

As a reminder, the IRA applies NCAA legislation and subsequent interpretations unless the Association has adopted a different rule. Since the Association has not adopted its own policy regarding competition in year of transfer, we must utilize this interpretation and bylaw. If the Association sought a more restrictive bylaw, it could be sponsored and subsequently voted on by the membership.

Any questions regarding the above should first be communicated to your institutional compliance office. If further questions arise, please have your compliance officer contact Brady (bsm@athletics.wisc.edu) or Katie (katie.boldvich@usrowing.org)

Sincerely,

The IRA Eligibility and Infractions Committee