Outside Competition

The following rules govern Outside Competition:

**Sports Other Than Basketball:** A student-athlete in any sport other than basketball who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless they meet an exception. [Bylaw 17.31.1]

- **Exception — Soccer and Women's Volleyball:** In soccer and women's volleyball a student-athlete may compete outside of the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition, provided: [Bylaw 17.31.1.3]
  a. Such participation occurs not earlier than May 1;
  b. In soccer and women's volleyball the number of student-athletes from any one institution does not exceed the applicable limits.
  c. The competition is approved by the institution's director of athletics;
  d. No class time is missed for practice activities or for competition; and
  e. In women's volleyball, all practice and competition is confined to doubles tournaments in outdoor volleyball, either on sand or grass.

- **Exception — Competition as Individual/Not Representing Institution:** It is permissible for a student-athlete to participate in outside competition as an individual during the academic year in the student-athlete's sport, as long as the student-athlete represents only himself or herself in the competition and does not engage in such competition as a member of or receive expenses from an outside team. [Bylaw 17.31.1.7]

**Basketball:** A basketball student-athlete must submit a Basketball Summer League Form and the student-athlete must receive approval from the Compliance Office prior to summer league competition. [Bylaw 17.31.4(a)]

A student-athlete's participation on outside competition at any time requires submission of an Outside Competition or Summer Basketball League Form for compliance approval. Both Forms are available at sjsuspartans.com.

Compliance Brain Busters

1. A student who is a professional in one sport may represent an institution and receive athletics aid in another sport.
   - True
   - False

2. The baseball team had two non-conference games cancelled due to inclement weather. Can the two makeup games be played after the playing season is over?
   - Yes
   - No

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- For those sports outside of the declared playing season, Bylaw 17.1.7.2(a) prohibits all required athletically related activities one week prior to the beginning of the final examination period through the conclusion of each student-athlete’s final exams. Final exams begin May 15th and conclude May 22nd; therefore, beginning May 8th, student-athletes may not participate in any required athletically related activities in those sports outside of the declared playing season.

- Pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.2, in sports other than Football and Baseball, teams outside of the declared playing season may not conduct skill instruction with more than four student-athletes at any one time in any facility after April 15. Those sports still in season (championship segment or nonchampionship segment) are not subject to this limitation until the conclusion of the season. Skill instruction may not be publicized or conducted in view of the general public.

Brain Buster Answers

1. TRUE — Per Bylaw 15.3.1.4, a professional athlete in one sport may represent a member institution in a different sport and may receive institutional financial aid in the second sport.

2. NO — Per Bylaw 17.1.8(a), it is impermissible for an institution to extend the playing season to make up suspended or canceled games (including games that determine a

End of the Year Team Meetings

In lieu of Rules Education this month, the Compliance Office will be conducting team meetings for all RETURNING student-athletes. At least one coach from each team is required to attend with his/her team. The schedule for these meetings is as follows:
- Friday, May 1 @ 9 am in the Gold Room (GYM, SWM, WWP)
- Friday, May 1 @ 3:30 pm in Order of Sparta (WGF, SB)
- Friday, May 8 @ 9 am in the Gold Room (WBK, MSO, MGF)
- Friday, May 8 @ 11 am in the Gold Room (VB, SVB, MBK, WSO, CC, WTK)
- Monday, May 4 @ 9 am in Gadway (FB)
- Monday, May 4 @ 3:30 pm in the Gold Room (BA).

Interpretation Questions and Answers

Question: Is it permissible for an institution to provide a gift to parents of student-athletes for services rendered?

Answer: Yes, per a 7/11/90 Staff Interpretation, it is permissible for an institution to provide a gift to the parents of a student-athlete who provided the student-athlete’s team lodging at their home during an away-from-home contest. Such an arrangement would not be considered an extra benefit, provided the gift is of nominal value.

Question: Ocean State University men’s basketball coaches are finalizing their home visits for the remainder of the fall semester. One of their prospect’s parents does not speak English. Can the coaches bring an interpreter with them to the home visit?

Answer: Yes with conditions. Per Bylaw 13.1.2.2(f), it is permissible to have an interpreter present during an institution’s in-person, off campus contact with a prospect or the prospect’s parents, provided the interpreter is a faculty member or a professional interpreter.

Question: The women’s basketball staff at Ocean State University (OSU) is finalizing the schedule for their summer camps. One of OSU’s National Letter of Intent (NLI) signees would like to work the camps. Is that permissible?

Answer: Yes. An institution may employ a prospect in a camp or clinic, provided he/she has signed an NLI or the institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid, or after the institution has received his/her financial deposit in response to its offer of Admission (orientation deposit at SJSU).