

# *Facilities & Services Staff*

## *Interpretations:*

Employment Earnings - The membership services staff confirmed that the employment earnings of a student-athlete who has exhausted eligibility in a particular sport may be exempted not only from the individual financial aid limitation but also from the institutional cost-of-attendance limitation, provided the student-athlete subsequently does not practice or compete in intercollegiate athletics. In addition, such a student-athlete may be employed in the institution's athletics department or athletics facility.

Providing Expenses to Reserve a Facility for Voluntary Activities During the Academic Year - *It is permissible for an institution to provide expenses (e.g., paying greens fees) to reserve a facility for student-athletes who wish to engage in voluntary activities while at an away-from-home contest during the academic year, including activities that occur during the institution's required day off.*

Reserving the use of facilities during summer for participants in individual sports - *The Administrative Committee approved a request by the Interpretations Committee for an amendment to Bylaw 17.02.1.2-(n) under the provisions of Constitution 5.4.1.1.1, to permit a coach in an individual sport in Division I to reserve the use of a facility during the summer to participate in the permissible individual workout sessions with a student-athlete (i.e., those requested by the student-athlete). Use of an institution's athletics facilities when such activities are supervised by or held at the direction of any member of an institution's coaching staff. Facilities may be reserved for such use during the academic year. It is not permissible to reserve facilities during the summer, except to participate in permissible individual workouts in individual sports at the request of the student-athlete(s). In the event the use of an institution's facilities is requested by a team composed partly of enrolled student-athletes and partly of*

*individuals not otherwise affiliated with the institution, use of the facilities shall be consistent with the policies established for outside groups generally.*

**IMPORTANT:** *If a fee is required of students who utilize a facility during an official institutional vacation period, student-athletes must be charged the same rate as all other students.*

**Student-Athlete Teaching Sports Skills While Utilizing a Member Institution's Facility** - Reviewed Bylaws 12.4.2.1 (coach or physical education instructor) and 12.4.2.2 (fee-for-lesson instruction) and determined that it would be permissible for a student-athlete employed by an outside organization to teach classes while utilizing a member institution's facilities, provided the teaching activities are not arranged or sponsored by the member institution.

**Student-Athlete Prepares Playing Field for Practice or Competition** - Reviewed NCAA Bylaws 17.1.5.1 (daily and weekly hour limitations — playing season) and 17.1.5.2 (weekly hour limitations — outside of playing season) in regard to a situation in which a student-athlete prepares a field or **facility** (e.g., golf course, baseball field) for an institution's practice or competition; determined that unless those responsibilities are considered to be employment as part of the financial aid agreement for a particular student-athlete, any work by the student-athlete or an institution's team that is required, supervised or monitored by institutional staff members would be considered countable athletically related activities; further noted that employment as part of an individual's financial aid package would not be considered countable athletically related activities.

**High School Students Clean Institution's Facility** - Reviewed Bylaw 13.15 (pre-college expense) and 05/19/89 staff minutes, Item No. 1-(b), in regard to a member institution that employs outside groups to clean its **facility** following institutional and non-institutional events (e.g., intercollegiate contests, concerts, rodeos), noting that a local high school is interested in performing these duties; determined that the member institution may employ a high school group to clean the **facility** subsequent to any event, provided the funds are distributed directly to the high school for the use of all students, compensation is commensurate with the going rate for such services and the funds not distributed directly to the high school's athletics department.

**Student-Athletes Involved in Supervisory Activities During Facility Use by Group Involving Prospective Student-Athletes** - Determined that Bylaw 13.11.3.1.3 (tryout exceptions — activities not involving institution's staff) applies to student-athletes as well as athletics department staff members or representatives; noted further, the student-athletes also would be permitted to be involved in activities incidental to supervising the use of the facilities.

**Employment of Prospective Student-Athletes at Institutional Athletics Events/Facility.** - An institution's athletics department may not employ any **group** consisting of prospects (e.g., athletics team, **high-school athletics booster group**, non-athletics **high-school group**), except as provided in Bylaw 13.2.4.1. However, it is permissible for a department of the institution (other than the athletics department) or an independent, third-party entity (e.g., an entity to which the athletics department has contracted out the responsibility of hiring groups to work for the institution) to employ a **group** of prospects to work at the institution's athletics contests or non-athletics events taking place in athletics facilities, provided: (1) the opportunity for employment is available to other groups in general; (2) the **group** is not selected for a recruiting purpose; and (3) the athletics department has no involvement in the selection process.