

Division: I

Legislative Cite: 17.1.7.1.1

Title: Exception -- Elite Athlete Training.

Text:

17.1.7.1.1 Exception -- Elite Athlete Training. A student-athlete who has been designated by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the sport-affiliated national governing body (or the international equivalent) as an elite athlete may participate in an individual workout session conducted by a coaching staff member without such activity being considered a countable athletically related activity, provided the workout is initiated by the student-athlete and he or she does not miss class. *(Adopted: 1/23/20)*

Proposals

Proposal Number	Title
2019-121	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- TIME LIMITS FOR ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- EXCEPTION -- INDIVIDUAL WORKOUTS -- ELITE ATHLETE TRAINING

Division: I

Legislative Cite: 12.1.2.4.7

Title: Exception for Training Expenses.

Text:

12.1.2.4.7 Exception for Training Expenses. An individual (prospective or enrolled student-athlete) who has been designated by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the sport-affiliated national governing body (or the international equivalent) as an elite athlete may receive developmental training expenses related to training, coaching, sport experts other than coaches, training partners, facility usage, equipment, apparel, supplies, comprehensive health insurance, travel (including travel for parents or guardians, coaches, sport experts and training partners), room and board without jeopardizing the individual's eligibility for intercollegiate athletics, provided such expenses are approved and provided directly by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, the appropriate national governing body in the sport (or, for international student-athletes, the equivalent organization of that nation) or a governmental entity. *(Adopted: 1/10/91, Revised: 4/27/00, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 10/17/19, 1/23/20)*

Proposals

Proposal Number	Title
ER-2019-11	VARIOUS BYLAWS -- UNITED STATES OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE
2019-107	AMATEURISM -- EXCEPTIONS TO AMATEURISM RULE -- DEVELOPMENTAL TRAINING EXPENSES FOR ELITE ATHLETES
RWG-12-6	AMATEURISM -- GENERAL REGULATIONS -- EXCEPTION FOR TRAINING EXPENSES -- GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES



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Dear Leland,

The College Swimming and Diving Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) join the Student-Athlete Experience Committee and Olympic Sports Liason Committees in expressing our support for Proposals 2019-107 and 2019-121 regarding elite athletes. We would also like to express our strong opposition to 2019-52 regarding sports camps and clinics.

2019-107 and 2019-121

Intercollegiate swimming and diving has long been a source of the United States' Olympic success. As the sport and the rest of the world have evolved, however, they have begun to erode many of the advantages provided by the collegiate environment. These two proposals would better equip our student-athletes to pursue their dreams of representing the United States **and** receiving a college degree.

Given the later development of several national-team athletes, we feel that USA Swimming and USA Diving are best positioned to identify elite-caliber athletes in our sport. We additionally feel that requiring the student-athlete to initiate the request to participate in workout sessions (in 2019-121) and not miss class will prevent abuse.

2019-52

Drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional deaths (behind motor vehicle crashes) among children under the age of fifteen. Proposal 2019-52 would prevent thousands of children from receiving swimming lessons from their local teams while also severing an important link between an institution and its community.

The effect of Proposal 2019-52 would also have a crippling effect on many teams' budgets. For many of our most-vulnerable teams, camps and clinics are the single-most-important source of funding. At best, the loss of camps and clinics will force teams to cut corners. At worst, it will lead to the elimination of teams and the opportunities they provide.

Proposal 2019-52 would also hamper institutions' ability to attract and retain coaches. Already, fewer than one in four Division I programs employ a full coaching staff with many of those coaches employed part-time or on a seasonal basis. For these programs camps and clinics represent a significant portion of coaches' income. Without them, we will continue to lose coaches to outside opportunities leaving our student-athletes a diminished experience.

Best regards,

Greg Earhart
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