



California Community College Athletic Association

REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL INTERPRETATION

SUBMITTED BY OR ON BEHALF OF: Individual Sports

DATE: August 14, 2008

Article or Bylaw Reference: Bylaw 1.15.9

Briefly describe the specifics of the situation or incident for the requested interpretation:

Please provide an interpretation to clarify what constitutes “unattached” and the specifics of what is permissible to assist a student athlete that competes while unattached. Currently 1.15.9 states:

“An unattached competitor is an individual who is enrolled in and attending a California community college as a California community college student and is not listed on an official college team roster Form 3. Such individuals may not compete as a member of that college team or unattached in any scheduled California Community college game, meet, or match. Such student athletes are ineligible and all contests in which they compete are forfeited.”

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Competing while unattached specifically refers to a student athlete or participant that is competing while NOT representing the institution. As a result, no assistance from the institution is permissible. Transportation, entry fees, meals, lodging, uniform, equipment or any other assistance from the institution is prohibited. In addition, any coaching or treatment from athletic trainers or assistance from institutional staff members or representatives with athletic interests would cause the competition to count toward “competing WHILE representing the institution”. Ineligible student-athletes may compete as unattached (except as restricted by Bylaw 1.15.9) but must also adhere to the criteria and receive no assistance from the institution and/or representatives of the institution including transportation, entry fees, meals, lodging, uniform, equipment or any other assistance, including coaching during a competition (e.g., providing “split times”). **No CCC student-athlete may compete unattached if they appear on the current year’s institutional form 3 in the sport in which they wish to compete while unattached. In addition, no student-athlete may attempt to compete while unattached during any CCC sponsored event or any event appearing on a CCC athletic sport schedule.**