

Report of the Eligibility Committee

December 19, 2014

All of the issues that were directed to the Committee were resolved by referencing the ICSA Eligibility Guide & Casebook.

1. Question: A Student-Athlete was listed on the ICSA Website as having used 8 seasons of eligibility. The Student-Athlete claimed to having not competed in the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 seasons.

Answer: The matter was referred to the ICSA Webmaster for a correction.

2. Question: A Student -Athlete's year of graduation was listed incorrectly on the ICSA Website indicating that the 5 year limit had been exceeded.

Answer: The student-Athlete provided data indicating that the year of Graduation was incorrect. The matter was referred to the ICSA Webmaster for correction.

3. Question: Is a student taking undergraduate classes but has received a Bachelor's degree from a foreign university eligible?

Answer: No. The ICSA Eligibility Guide & Case Book answers this question. Refer to Cases 12(d).

In recent days, some of the members of the Committee have been discussing PR 12(f) [Financial Assistance]. This topic has been reviewed by the Board of Directors periodically over the years. The latest concern is a report [without any specific information or allegations] that some schools are giving financial aid in the form of reduced tuition. There are some that feel that PR 12(f) needs to be rewritten to indicate that this practice is a grant in aid which is prohibited by PR 12((f). There are some that feel that the ICSA should rethink its policy and permit financial aid. There are others who think that the ICSA should maintain its prohibition based on sailing ability, but be more active in pursuing penalties for violations. The Board of Directors should review this matter again. The options that present themselves are:

- 1 Retain the existing PR 12(f)
- 2 Develop a system of actively seeking out violations of PR 12(f).
- 3 Modify PR 12(f) to permit certain types of financial assistance, and/or amounts.
- 4 Delete PR 12(f) and permit financial assistance based on sailing ability.