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### Title:

Voluntary Out-of-Season Institutional Fundraising Events Involving Athletics Ability (III)

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### Interpretation:

The Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee confirmed that student-athletes are not permitted to practice or compete under the guise of a fundraising event outside of the playing and practice season. As such, coaching staff members may not assess or provide instruction to student-athletes as part of a permissible fundraising event that occurs outside of the playing season.

Additionally, a student-athlete may not compete as part of a team in the student-athlete's sport if the fundraising event is organized, administered by, or benefits the athletics department (in individual sports, such units as golf foursomes, doubles tennis teams and relay teams in track and field are not considered to be team competition). Student-athletes are permitted, however, to participate in **out**-of-season fundraising events: (1) as an individual in an individual sport (e.g. **Institutional** 5K, golf outing); (2) that are administered outside of athletics and do not benefit the athletics department; or (3) in a sport other than the sport(s) in which the student-athlete participates at the institution.

[References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 17.02.1.1 (athletically related activities); 17.02.1.1.1 (exceptions) and 17.02.8 (intercollegiate competition)]

### References

Legislative References			Other
Div.	Number	Title	
III	17.02.1.1	Athletically Related Activities.	
III	17.02.1.1.1	Exceptions.	
III	17.02.8	Postponed/Canceled Contest Due to Inclement Weather.	