Division I

Athletics Certification

Men's and Women's Ice Hockey

This resource contains general rules education regarding ice hockey activities occurring *prior* to initial **full-time collegiate enrollment**.

WHAT DOES THE ELIGIBILITY CENTER REVIEW?

- Timeline of all team and club participation.
- Signed agreements with agents, recruiting services and professional teams.
- Expenses received during tryouts with professional teams.
- All compensation received from your hockey team(s).
- Date of birth and expected date of high school graduation.

RULES YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Generally, you are not allowed to reach an agreement (written, verbal or for future representation) with or receive benefits or services from an agent.
- A men's ice hockey prospect who is drafted by a professional team before enrolling full time at any college or university may be represented by an agent or attorney during contract negotiations. The prospect must pay the going rate for the agent's services, but if the prospect does not sign a contract with a professional team, the agreement for representation must be terminated before enrolling full time at any college or university.
- Before enrolling full time at any college or university, it is permissible for men's and women's ice hockey prospects to:
  - Receive up to actual and necessary expenses to compete, practice and/or try out with a professional team.
  - Sign a contract to participate on a professional team provided the contract does not promise current or future payment above actual and necessary expenses.
  - Receive up to actual and necessary expenses from an amateur team for competition and/or practice directly preceding competition.

ACTUAL & NECESSARY EXPENSES

Actual and necessary expenses are any expenses necessary or required for your participation in practice or competition, including but not limited to:

- Meals.
- Lodging.
- Transportation.
- Apparel, equipment and supplies.
- Coaching and instruction.
- Medical treatment and benefits (e.g., insurance).
- Facility usage.
- Entry fees.





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WHAT IS "DELAYED ENROLLMENT"?

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» Your delay period ends on your 21st birthday. Participation in **organized competition** after your 21st birthday and before enrolling full time at a college or university could jeopardize your eligibility.

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» If you do not enroll full time at the first opportunity after your 12-month grace period following your expected date of high school graduation and continue to participate in organized competition, you will lose one season of NCAA eligibility for each calendar year during which you continue to compete.

» If you continue to compete on or after Oct. 1 or March 1 (whichever occurs first after the end of your grace period), you risk losing up to one season of NCAA eligibility for each consecutive 12-month period you continue to compete. You may also be required to serve an academic year in residence at your NCAA school before you can compete.

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

D1

Up to

21ST

Birthday

WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY

D1

Grace Period

12

Months

THE REVIEW PROCESS

1 Register with the **right Eligibility Center certification account** before the ninth grade (year nine of secondary school) at **eligibilitycenter.org**.

2 Select each sport you plan to play at a NCAA Division I school.

3 Complete and update the **sports participation** section annually within your Eligibility Center account.

4 Before starting at a NCAA Division I school, **request final athletics certification** and confirm you have provided complete and accurate information to the Eligibility Center.
» Fall enrollees can request starting April 1 before their Division I enrollment.
» Winter/spring enrollees can request starting Oct. 1 before their Division I enrollment.

5 Monitor your **task list** and **sign up** for text alerts in your Eligibility Center account for next steps. You may complete tasks in any order.

6 If additional information is requested regarding your athletics certification through a task in your account, copy and paste the request into an email and reply to **acp-processing@ncaa.org**.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Athletics certification:
https://www.ncaa.org/prospects/future/athletics
International prospects: **on.ncaa.com/IntlStudents**
Division III amateurism flyer: **on.ncaa.com/DIIIAmat**

CONTACT THE NCAA LEGISLATIVE LINE

317-917-6008, Monday-Friday
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time
International (including Quebec):
on.ncaa.com/intlcontact

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