

## EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

In order for Division I coaches to attend and observe at an activity, an educational session must be scheduled so that all prospective student-athletes (high school and two-year college student-athletes) attend an in-person or video presentation including the mandatory topics (i.e., NCAA initial-eligibility standards, gambling, agents and drug use). The provision of handouts, signage, provision of information to team coaches, or Web postings can be provided, but will not satisfy this requirement on their own. The use of sign-in sheets is advised.

Prospective student-athletes are girls who have started the ninth grade and boys who have started the seventh grade and not yet enrolled in a four-year institution. Two year college athletes are considered prospective student-athletes. If NCAA student-athletes will be participating in addition to prospects, the currently enrolled NCAA student-athletes are not required to attend the educational session.

The NCAA has produced a Rules Education Tool Kit available on [www.ncaa.org/basketballcertification](http://www.ncaa.org/basketballcertification). The tool kit includes a sample presentation, supplemental information about the mandatory topics (i.e., NCAA initial-eligibility standards, gambling, agents and drug use), [Guide for the College Bound Student-Athlete](#), NCAA Transfer Guide, request form to order the optional NCAA educational video and other helpful downloads appropriate to present during the educational session available with this link: [Educational Tool Kit](#)

Prior to the event, you will need to determine how you will accomplish this task.

1. You can hire staff or get a volunteer who can effectively present the information. Some events reach out to NCAA schools in their area to see if someone from the athletics office is willing to give the presentation.
2. The NCAA has produced an educational video that covers all of the required topics. This video is streaming online in the [Educational Tool Kit](#) or can be downloaded from there and burned to DVD. If you intend to utilize the video, you will need to make arrangements for equipment (TVs, computers, DVD players, etc.)

Operators are not required to utilize the NCAA video and are somewhat discouraged from using the NCAA video. Although all of the information is covered in the video, participants clearly are more engaged by an in-person presentation of the materials. Additionally, as the evaluation period continues and the athletes are watching the same video repetitively, they become disinterested, disruptive and it becomes difficult to get them to attend the required educational session. It is the operator's responsibility to make sure that all prospective student-athletes participating in their event attend the educational session; so it may be to your benefit to not utilize the video. That said, showing the video will meet the educational requirements if an operator is unable to present the information in another format.

As part of the application process, operators are required to identify the date(s), time(s) and location(s) of the educational session(s) in the [Basketball Certification Online System](#) (BBCS).

In addition to the schedule, the application includes a question about the operator's means of enforcing the educational session requirement. Operators will need to describe what punitive measures will be taken for participants who fail to attend the mandatory session.