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Proposal 2006-65-A ELIGIBILITY -- FRESHMAN ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS -- CORE-CURRICULUM TIME LIMITATION

The following adopted proposal goes into effect on August 1, 2007 for all prospective student-athletes first entering college on or after August 1, 2007.

Intent: To specify that a prospective student-athlete must complete his or her core-curriculum requirements not later than the high school graduation date of the prospect's class [as determined by the first year of enrollment in high school (ninth grade) or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility]; however, if the prospect graduates from high school within the described time-frame, he or she may use one core course completed in the year after graduation (summer or academic year), but not later than the end of the academic year immediately after the high school graduation date of the prospect's class.

Rationale: The current legislation allows, and in some cases, encourages a prospective student-athlete to purposefully delay high school graduation to meet NCAA initial-eligibility requirements. This is not a sound academic practice. This proposal promotes timely high school graduation by requiring that core courses be completed within the normal high school timeframe (e.g., in a student's first eight semesters or 12 quarters). The proposal also encourages timely high school graduation by permitting students to earn one core course in the summer or academic year immediately after timely graduation. If a prospective student-athlete uses this limited exception to the core-curriculum time limitation, he or she would be immediately eligible on certification that all initial-eligibility requirements are met. A student-athlete who uses the exception to the core-curriculum time limitation will be able to complete the additional core course at any high

school that is recognized by the NCAA (not limited to the high school from which he or she graduated). There will continue to be legitimate instances in which a student does not or cannot graduate from high school within the normal timeframe. The initial-eligibility waiver process will provide a mechanism to review such cases and waive this requirement when circumstances warrant an exception. Here are some commonly asked questions:

Question: What if a prospective student-athlete repeats a grade during his or her high school career?

Answer: This legislation is designed to encourage prospective student-athletes to take academic courses each year of high school to ensure timely graduation, and to discourage prospective student-athletes from intentionally delaying high school graduation solely to meet NCAA eligibility require-

NCAA Bylaw Interpretation: Use of Service or Software that Converts Electronic Mail into a Text Message.

Interpretation: It is not permissible for institutional staff members to use a service or software that converts electronic mail (e.g., e-mail) sent by an institutional staff member into a text message when received by the prospect. [References: NCAA Bylaw 13.4.1.2 and NCAA Proposal No. 2006-40]

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Recruiting Calendar

Men's Basketball

Aug. 1- Aug. 31 ~ Quiet Period

Women's Basketball

Aug. 1-Aug. 31 ~ Quiet Period

Baseball

Aug. 1- Aug. 31 ~
Contact/Evaluation Period

NEW FOR 2007!

Cross Country

Aug. 1-Aug.11~ Quiet Period

Aug. 12-Aug. 31~

Contact/Evaluation Period

Softball

Aug. 1-Aug. 31 ~
Contact/Evaluation Period

Women's Volleyball

Aug. 1 -Aug. 31 ~
Contact/Evaluation Period

Men's Lacrosse

Aug. 1-Aug. 17~
Contact/Evaluation Period

Aug. 18-Aug. 31~Quiet Period

Women's Lacrosse

Aug. 1- Aug. 31 ~ Contact Period only
for seven days selected at the discretion
of the institution and designated in
writing in the office of the director of
athletics. (No Evaluations)

Football, Championship

Aug. 1-Aug. 31 ~ Quiet Period

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ments while not preparing for the academic rigors of college. Thus, if a prospective student-athlete repeats a grade during his or her high school career, the application of this legislation will impact his or her ability to use core courses. In other words, the prospective student-athlete will still be required to complete core-curriculum requirements prior to the graduation date of their class at the time they entered ninth grade. The NCAA recognizes there will be legitimate instances where student-athletes repeat a grade or do not graduate in a four-year period. The initial-eligibility waiver process will continue to address these situations.

Question: What if the high school's graduation date is June 1, but the

prospective student-athlete does not graduate until July 1? May a summer school course be used?

Answer: No. A prospective student-athlete must graduate on time with his or her class in order for the additional core course to be considered in the initial-eligibility certification process.

Question: What if a prospective student-athlete meets requirements for graduation, but proof of graduation does not appear on the high school transcript?

Answer: The prospective student-athlete must graduate on time with his or her class and have proof of graduation on the high school transcript in order for the additional core

course to be considered in the initial-eligibility certification process.

Question: May a prospective student-athlete who graduates and meets the core curriculum requirement after eight semesters of high school use the additional core course to improve his or her core-course grade-point average?

Answer: Yes. A prospective student-athlete who completes the core-curriculum requirements within the specified timeframe may use the additional core course to improve his or her core-course grade-point average for consideration in the initial-eligibility process.

NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse Reminders

For prospects enrolling on or after August 1, 2007:

- Prospects must register with the Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse and be placed on the institutional request list (IRL) PRIOR to making an official visit. (Bylaw 13.6.3)
- An institution shall not provide a high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete a written offer of athletically related financial aid until he or she has registered with the Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse and the institution places the prospective student-athlete on the institutional request list (IRL) with the Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse. (Bylaw 13.9.1)
- The minimum SAT or ACT score(s) used for initial-eligibility purposes must be provided to the Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse by the appropriate testing agency through an official test-score report. (Ref. Bylaw 14.3.4.3.4, Proposal 2006-12)
- An institution may pay a fee required by the appropriate testing agency to obtain a prospective student-athlete's official ACT or SAT scores. (Ref. Bylaw 13.15.2.1)
- Prospects must complete the Amateurism portion of the Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse.

Recruiting Periods Defined

Just a reminder about the various recruiting periods as defined in Bylaw 13.02.4:

Contact Period- A contact period is that period of time when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff members to make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations.

Evaluation Period- An evaluation period is that period of time

when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff members to be involved in off-campus activities designed to assess the academic qualifications and playing ability of prospects. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts shall be made with the prospect during an evaluation period.

Quiet Period- A quiet period is that period of time when it is permissible to make in-person

recruiting contacts only on campus. No in-person, off campus recruiting contacts or evaluations may be made during the quiet period.

Dead Period- A dead period is that period of time when it is not permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts or evaluations on or off campus or to permit official or unofficial visits by prospects to the institution's campus.

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