TO: STUDENT-ATHLETE.

This summary of NCAA regulations contains information about your eligibility to compete in intercollegiate athletics.

This summary has two parts:

1. Part I is for **all** student-athletes.

2. Part II is for **new** student-athletes only (those signing the Student-Athlete Statement for the first time).

If you have questions, ask your director of athletics (or his or her official designee) or refer to the 2016-17 NCAA Division II Manual. The references in brackets after each summarized regulation show you where to find the regulation in the Division II Manual.

**Part I: For All Student-Athletes.**

This part of the summary discusses ethical conduct, amateurism, financial aid, academic standards and other regulations concerning your eligibility for intercollegiate competition.

1. **Ethical Conduct – All Sports.**

   a. You must act with honesty and sportsmanship at all times so that you represent the honor and dignity of fair play and the generally recognized high standards associated with wholesome competitive sports. [NCAA Bylaw 10.01.1]

   b. You have engaged in unethical conduct if you refuse to furnish information relevant to an investigation of a possible violation of an NCAA regulation when requested to do so by the NCAA or your institution. [Bylaw 10.1-(a)]
c. You are not eligible to compete if you knowingly provide information to individuals involved in organized gambling activities concerning intercollegiate athletics competition; solicit a bet on any intercollegiate team; accept a bet on any team representing the institution or solicit or accept a bet on any intercollegiate competition for any item (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) that has tangible value. [Bylaw 10.3]

d. You are not eligible to compete if you knowingly participate in any gambling activity that involves intercollegiate or professional athletics through a bookmaker, a parlay card or any other method employed by organized gambling. [Bylaw 10.3]

e. You are not eligible to compete if you have shown dishonesty in evading or violating NCAA regulations. [Bylaws 10.1 and 14.01.3.3]

2. Amateurism – All Sports.

a. You are not eligible for participation in a sport if after initial full-time collegiate enrollment you have ever:

(1) Taken pay, or the promise of pay, for competing in that sport [Bylaws 12.1.4-(a) and 12.1.4-(b)];

(2) Agreed (orally or in writing) to compete in professional athletics in that sport [Bylaw 12.1.4-(e)];

(3) Played on any professional athletics team as defined by the NCAA in that sport [Bylaws 12.1.4-(g) and 12.2.3.2]; or

(4) Used your athletics skill for pay in any form in that sport. [Bylaw 12.1.4]

b. You are not eligible in a sport if you ever have accepted money, transportation or other benefits from an agent, or agreed to have an agent market your athletics ability or reputation in that sport. [Bylaw 12.3]

c. You are not eligible in any sport if, after you become a student-athlete, you accept any pay for promoting a commercial product or service, or allowed your name or picture to be used for promoting a commercial product or service. [Bylaw 12.5.2]

d. You are not eligible in any sport if, because of your athletics ability, you were paid for work you did not perform, were paid at a rate higher than the going rate, or were paid for the value an employer placed on your reputation, fame or personal following. [Bylaw 12.4]

3. Seasons of Competition – All Sports.

The following rules are applicable to all Division II student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2010:
If you did not enroll in a collegiate institution as a full-time student in the regular academic term that begins immediately after a one-year time period (the next opportunity to enroll after the one calendar-year period has elapsed) following high school graduation, you have used one season of intercollegiate competition for each consecutive 12-month period after the one-year time period and before initial full-time collegiate enrollment in which you participated in organized competition. [Bylaws 14.2.4.2 and 14.2.4.2.1.2]

a. Activities constituting use of a season:
   (1) Any competition that is scheduled in advance;
   (2) Any competition in which official score is kept;
   (3) Any competition in which individual or team standings or statistics are maintained;
   (4) Any competition in which an official timer or game officials are used;
   (5) Any competition in which admission is charged;
   (6) Any competition in which teams are regularly formed or team rosters are predetermined;
   (7) Any competition in which team uniforms are used;
   (8) Any competition in which an individual or team is privately or commercially sponsored; or
   (9) Any competition that is either directly or indirectly sponsored, promoted or administered by an individual, an organization or any other agency. [Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2]

b. If you discontinued high school enrollment before graduation and participated in any of the activities constituting use of a season, you have used one season of intercollegiate competition for each consecutive 12-month period after a one-year time period (the next opportunity to enroll after one calendar year has elapsed) following the discontinued enrollment and before initial full-time collegiate enrollment. [Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.3]

c. If you have used a season(s) of competition according to the regulations above, you must fulfill an academic year in residence at any member institution prior to being eligible to represent your institution in that specific sport in intercollegiate competition. [Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.3]


a. You are not eligible if you receive financial aid other than the financial aid that your institution distributes. However, it is permissible to receive:
(1) Money from anyone on whom you are naturally or legally dependent;

(2) Financial aid that has been awarded to you on a basis other than athletics ability;

(3) Financial aid from an entity outside your institution that meets the requirements specified in the Division II Manual; [Bylaw 15.01.3] or

(4) On- or off-campus employment earnings, provided the compensation does not include remuneration for value that the student-athlete may have for the employer because of publicity, reputation, fame or personal following; the student-athlete is compensated only for work actually performed; and the student-athlete is compensated at a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar services. [Bylaw 15.2.3]

b. You must report to your institution any financial aid that you receive from a source other than your institution. However, you do not need to report financial aid received from anyone on whom you are naturally or legally dependent.

5. Academic Standards – All sports.

a. Eligibility for Competition.

(1) To be eligible to compete, you must:

   (a) Have been admitted as a regularly enrolled, degree-seeking student according to the published entrance requirements of your institution;

   (b) Be in good academic standing according to the standards of your institution; and

   (c) Be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time baccalaureate degree program (not less than 12 semester or quarter hours) and maintain satisfactory progress toward that degree, be enrolled in a full-time graduate or professional degree program (as defined by the institution for all graduate students in that program) or be enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate degree at your institution. [Bylaws 14.01.2, 14.1.7 and 14.1.8]

(2) If you are enrolled in less than a full-time program, you are eligible to compete only if you are enrolled in the last term of your degree program and are carrying credits necessary to finish your degree. [Bylaw 14.1.7.1.7.3]

(3) You are eligible to compete during the official vacation period immediately before initial enrollment, provided you have been accepted by your institution for enrollment in a regular, full-time program of studies at the time of your initial participation, you are no longer enrolled in your previous educational institution
and you are eligible under all institutional and NCAA requirements. [Bylaw 14.1.7.1.7.1]

(4) You are **eligible to compete** between terms if you are continuing enrollment, provided you have been registered for the required minimum full-time load at the conclusion of the term immediately preceding the date of competition, or if you are either continuing enrollment or beginning enrollment, provided you have been accepted for enrollment as a regular full-time student for the regular term immediately following the date of competition. [Bylaw 14.1.7.1.7.2]

b. Eligibility for Practice.

(1) You are **eligible to practice** if you are enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree as defined by the regulations of the certifying institution, which shall not be less than 12 semester or quarter hours, regardless of the institution’s definition of a minimum full-time program of studies. [Bylaw 14.1.7.1]

(2) You are **eligible to practice** during the official vacation period immediately preceding initial enrollment provided you have been accepted by your institution for enrollment in a regular, full-time program of studies at the time of your initial participation, you no longer are enrolled in your previous educational institution, and you are eligible under all institutional and NCAA requirements. [Bylaw 14.1.7.1.7.1]

(3) You also are **eligible to practice** if you are enrolled in the final semester or quarter of a baccalaureate program while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies and your institution certifies that you are carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements, as determined by the faculty of the institution. [Bylaw 14.1.7.1.7.3]

c. Continuing Eligibility – All Sports.

(1) In order to be eligible for competition at the end of each academic term, a student-athlete must successfully complete nine semester or eight-quarter hours of academic credit the preceding regular academic term in which the student-athlete has been enrolled full time at any collegiate institution. [Bylaw 14.4.3.2]

(2) If you have transferred to your current institution midyear, or you have completed one academic year in residence at your current institution or used one season of eligibility in a sport at your current institution, your eligibility shall be determined by your academic record in existence at the beginning of the fall term or at the beginning of any other regular term of that academic year and you must satisfy the following requirements for academic progress to be eligible to compete.
(a) You must earn 24-semester or 36-quarter hours of academic credit during any year in which you are enrolled full time in at least one academic term. You may satisfy this requirement based on earning:

i. 24-semester or 36-quarter hours since the beginning of the previous fall term;

ii. 24-semester or 36-quarter hours since the beginning of the certifying institution’s preceding regular two semesters or three quarters; or

iii. 48-semester or 72-quarter hours during the first two years of collegiate enrollment (the certifying institution’s first four semesters or six quarters following your initial full-time enrollment in a collegiate institution). [Bylaw 14.4.3.4]

(b) You must have completed 18-semester or 27-quarter hours since the beginning of the previous fall term or since the beginning of the certifying institution’s preceding regular two semesters or three quarters. Credit hours earned in the period after the regular academic year at the institution (e.g., hours earned in summer school) shall not be used to satisfy the academic credit-hour requirements of this regulation. [Bylaw 14.4.3.34]

(c) You must achieve a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.000 prior to the beginning of each fall term. [Bylaw 14.4.3.5]

(d) You must meet the minimum grade-point average at the certifying institution based on the method of calculation used by the institution for calculating grade-point averages for all students, and the calculation shall only include coursework normally counted by the institution in calculating the grade-point average for graduation. [Bylaw 14.4.3.5.3]

(e) You must choose a major that leads to a specific baccalaureate degree by the beginning of your third year of enrollment. (This includes transfer students who have not completed an academic year in residence yet or used one season of eligibility in a sport at their current institution.) [Bylaw 14.4.3.6]

d. Freshmen.

(1) You are referred to as a qualifier and are eligible to practice and compete in your sport and to receive financial aid (institutional and athletically related) during your first academic year under Bylaw 14.02.10, if you:

(a) Graduate from high school;
(b) Attain a minimum high school grade-point average of 2.000 in 16 core-curriculum courses as specified in Bylaw 14.3.1.1; and

(c) Achieve the required sum ACT (68) or SAT (820) score as specified in Bylaw 14.3.1.1.

(2) You are referred to as a partial qualifier and are eligible to receive institutional and athletically related financial aid if you fail to meet the criteria for a qualifier, but at the time of graduation from high school you attain a minimum high school grade-point average of 2.000 in 16 core-curriculum courses as specified in Bylaw 14.3.1.1 or achieve the required sum ACT (68) or SAT (820) score. You may not compete in your sport during your first academic year in residence; however, you may practice on campus or at your institution’s regular practice facility. [Bylaws 14.02.10, 14.3.1.1 and 14.3.2.1]

(3) You are referred to as a nonqualifier if you fail to meet the criteria above for qualifiers or partial qualifiers. Although a nonqualifier is ineligible for practice and competition during the first academic year in residence, a nonqualifier may receive nonathletics institutional aid. [Bylaws 14.02.10.3 and 14.3.2.2.1]

(4) If you are a nonqualifier or partial qualifier, you will have four seasons of eligibility after your first academic year in residence. However, student-athletes who have exhausted three seasons of competition in Division I are not eligible for further seasons of competition in Division II. [Bylaw 14.3.3]

6. Other Regulations Concerning Eligibility – All Sports.

a. You are not eligible to participate in more than four seasons of intercollegiate competition in any one sport. [Bylaw 14.2]

b. You are not eligible after the first 10 semesters or 15 quarters in which you were enrolled at a collegiate institution in at least a minimum full-time program of studies as determined by the institution, except for extensions that have been approved in accordance with NCAA legislation. [Bylaws 14.2.2 and 14.2.2.3]

c. You are eligible for championships that occur within 60 days of the date you complete the requirements for your degree. [Bylaws 14.1.7.1.7.3.1 and 14.1.8.3]

7. All Sports Other Than Basketball.

- You are not eligible in your sport for the rest of your season if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which you were a member of an intercollegiate team, you competed as a member of any outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition in the sport during the playing season. Competing in the Olympic Games tryouts and competition, and other specified national and international competition is permitted. [Bylaws 14.7.1, 14.7.3 and 14.7.5]
8. **Basketball Only.**

   a. You are **not eligible** if, after you become a student-athlete, you participate in any organized basketball competition except while representing the institution in intercollegiate competition. Competing in the Olympic Games tryouts and competition, and other specified national and international competition is permitted. [Bylaws 14.7.2, 14.7.4 and 14.7.5]

   b. There are no restrictions on the participation of Division II student-athletes in outside basketball competition during the summer. [Bylaw 14.7.5.2-(a)]

9. **Transfer Students Only.**

   a. You are a transfer student if:

      (1) The registrar or admissions officer from your former institution certified that you officially were registered and enrolled at that institution in any term in a minimum full-time load and you attended a class or classes while enrolled as a full-time student; **or**

      (2) The director of athletics from your former institution certified that you reported for the regular squad practice that any staff member of the athletics department of your former institution announced before the beginning of any term. [Bylaw 14.5.2]

   b. If you are a transfer student from a four-year institution, you are **not eligible** during your first academic year in residence unless you meet the provisions of one of the exceptions specified in Bylaw 14.5.5.3 or one of the waivers specified in Bylaw 14.8.1.

   c. If you are a transfer student from a two-year institution, you are **not eligible** during your first academic year in residence at your new institution unless you meet the academic and residence requirements specified in Bylaw 14.5.4 or the exceptions specified in Bylaw 14.5.4.6.

   d. If you transferred from a four-year college to a two-year college and then to your new institution, you are **not eligible** during your first academic year in residence at your new institution unless you meet the requirements specified in Bylaw 14.5.4.1 or 14.5.4.3 or the exceptions specified in Bylaw 14.5.4.6.

10. **Drugs – All Sports.**

    a. A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, tests positive for use of a substance in a banned drug class, as set forth in Bylaw 31.2.3.1, shall be declared ineligible for further participation in postseason and regular-season competition in accordance with the ineligibility provisions of Bylaw 18.4.5.
b. A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, tests positive for use of a substance in a banned drug class other than "street drugs" (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the NCAA Board of Governors), shall be charged with the loss of one season of competition in all sports, in addition to the use of a season, pursuant to Bylaw 14.2.4.1, if he or she has participated in intercollegiate competition during the same academic year. The student-athlete shall remain ineligible for all regular-season and postseason competition during the time period ending one calendar year (i.e., 365 days) after the collection of the student-athlete's positive drug test specimen and until he or she tests negative (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors). [Bylaw 18.4.1.5.1]

c. A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, tests positive for use of a substance in the banned drug class "street drugs" (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors) shall be charged with the loss of competition during 50 percent of a season of competition in all sports (i.e., 50 percent of all contests or dates of competition in the season following the positive test). The student-athlete shall remain ineligible until the prescribed penalty is fulfilled and he or she tests negative (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors). [Bylaw 18.4.1.5.2]

d. A policy adopted by the Board of Governors establishes that the penalty for missing a scheduled drug test is the same as the penalty for testing positive for the use of a banned drug other than a "street drug. You will remain ineligible until you retest negative. [Bylaws 18.4.1.5.3 and 18.4.1.5.3.1]


a. If you test positive by a sport’s governing body that has adopted the WADA code, you must notify your director of athletics regarding the positive drug test. You also must permit the NCAA to test you for the banned drugs listed in Bylaw 31.2.3.1.

b. If the result of the NCAA drug test is positive, you will lose all remaining eligibility during the season in which you tested positive and an additional season of competition.

c. The director of athletics must notify the NCAA chief medical officer in writing regarding a student-athlete’s disclosure of a previous positive drug test administered by any other athletics organization.

d. If the student-athlete transfers to a non-NCAA institution while ineligible and competes in intercollegiate competition during the prescribed period of ineligibility at a non-NCAA institution, the student-athlete will be ineligible for all NCAA regular-season and postseason competition until the student-athlete does not compete in collegiate competition for the entirety of the prescribed penalty. Furthermore, the student-athlete must retest negative (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors). [Bylaw 18.4.1.5.4]
e. The list is subject to change and the institution and student-athlete shall be held accountable for all banned drug classes on the current list. The list is located on the NCAA website (www.ncaa.org) or may be obtained from the NCAA Sport Science Institute staff.

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**Part II: For New Student-Athletes Only.**

This part of the summary contains information about your recruitment, which is governed by Bylaw 13 of the Division II Manual.

- **Recruitment.**
  
  a. **Offers – All Sports.**

     (1) You are **not eligible** if, before you enrolled at your institution, any staff member of your institution or any other representative of your institution’s athletics interests provided or offered to you, your relatives or your friends any financial aid or other benefits that NCAA legislation does not permit. [Bylaw 13.2.1]

     (2) An institution’s staff member or any representative of its athletics interests shall not be involved, directly or indirectly, in making arrangements for or giving or offering to give any financial aid or other benefits to the prospect or the prospect’s relatives or friends, other than expressly permitted by NCAA regulations. Receipt of a benefit by prospective student-athletes or their relatives or friends is not a violation of NCAA legislation if it is demonstrated that the same benefit is generally available to the institution's prospective students or their relatives or friends or to a particular segment of the student body (e.g., international students, minority students) determined on a basis unrelated to athletics ability. For violations of this bylaw in which the value of the offer or inducement is $100 or less, the eligibility of the individual (i.e., prospective or enrolled student-athlete) shall not be affected conditioned on the individual repaying the value of the benefit to a charity of his or her choice. The individual, however, shall remain ineligible from the time the institution has knowledge of the receipt of the impermissible benefit until the individual repays the benefit. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per NCAA Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the individual’s repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement staff. [Bylaw 13.2.1]

  b. **Publicity – All Sports.**

     (1) You are **not eligible** if, before you enrolled at your institution, your institution publicized any visit that you made to its campus. [Bylaw 13.10.4]
(2) You are not eligible if, before you enrolled at your institution, you appeared on a radio or television program that involved a coach or another member of the staff of the athletics department at your institution. [Bylaw 13.10.3]

c. Source of Funds – All Sports.

- You are not eligible if any organization or group of people outside your institution spent money recruiting you to attend your institution, including entertaining, giving gifts or services and providing transportation to you or your relatives or friends unless the coach is serving in his or her capacity as a local sports club coach. [Bylaw 13.14.4]

d. Sports Camps.

- You are not eligible if, before you enrolled at your institution, the institution, members of its staff or a representative of its athletics interests employed, or gave you free or reduced admission privileges to attend its camp or clinic after you started classes for the ninth grade. [Bylaw 13.12.1.5.1]

e. Visits, Transportation and Entertainment – All Sports.

(1) You are not eligible under Bylaws 13.5, 13.6 or 13.7 if, before you enrolled at your institution, any of the following happened to you:

(a) Your institution paid more than the actual round-trip cost by direct route between your home and the campus when you made your one expense-paid visit; or

(b) Your institution entertained you, your parents (or legal guardians) or your spouse excessively during your expense-paid visit or entertained your friends or other relatives at any site.¹

(2) A prospect may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than June 15 immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. Violations of this bylaw shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete’s eligibility. [Bylaw 13.6.1.2]

(3) A member institution may not provide an expense-paid visit to a high school or preparatory school prospect until he or she: (a) presents the institution with a current high school or college-preparatory school transcript (official or unofficial); (b) registers with the NCAA Eligibility Center; and (c) is placed on the institution’s Institutional Request List with the Eligibility Center. [Bylaw 13.6.2]

¹ Unless the value of the benefit was $100 or less.
(4) You are not eligible if, at any time that you were visiting your institution’s campus at your own expense, your institution paid for anything more than the following:

(a) During an unofficial visit, the institution may not pay any expenses or provide any entertainment except a maximum of five complimentary admissions to a campus athletics event in which the institution’s intercollegiate team practices or competes. Such complimentary admissions are for the exclusive use of the prospect and those persons accompanying the prospect on the visit and must be issued on an individual-game basis. Providing seating during the conduct of the event (including intermission) for the prospect or those persons accompanying the prospect in the facility’s press box, special seating box(es) or bench area is specifically prohibited. For violations of this bylaw in which the individual receives an excessive number of complimentary admissions, and the value of the excessive admissions is $100 or less, the eligibility of the individual (i.e., prospective or enrolled student-athlete) shall not be affected conditioned on the individual repaying the value of the benefit to a charity of his or her choice. The individual, however, shall remain ineligible from the time the institution has knowledge of the receipt of the impermissible benefit until the individual repays the benefit. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the individual’s repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement staff. [Bylaw 13.7.2.1]

(b) During any unofficial recruiting visit, the institution may provide the prospect with transportation to view practice and competition sites in the prospect’s sport and other institutional facilities and to attend an institution’s home athletics contest (on or off-campus). An institutional staff member must accompany the prospect during such a trip. For violations of Bylaw 13.5.3 in which the value of the transportation is $100 or less, the eligibility of the individual (i.e., prospective or enrolled student-athlete) shall not be affected conditioned on the individual repaying the value of the benefit to a charity of his or her choice. The individual, however, shall remain ineligible from the time the institution has knowledge of the receipt of the impermissible benefit until the individual repays the benefit. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the individual’s repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement staff with the institution’s self-report of the violation. [Bylaw 13.5.3]

(c) A meal on or off campus in the locale of the institution. [Bylaw 13.7.2.1.1]
(d) An institution shall not permit its athletics department staff members or representatives of its athletics interests to pay, provide or arrange for the payment of transportation costs incurred by relatives, friends or legal guardian(s) of a prospect to visit the campus or elsewhere. [Bylaw 13.5.2.8]

(5) You are not eligible if, when you were being recruited, your institution gave you complimentary admissions to more than one regular-season home game scheduled outside your institution’s community or gave you more than three complimentary admissions to that one regular-season home game scheduled outside your institution’s community. [Bylaws 13.7.2.1 and 13.7.2.2]

(6) You are not eligible if, when you were being recruited, a staff member of your institution’s athletics department spent money other than what was necessary for the staff member’s (or representative’s) personal expenses during an off-campus visit with you outside the locale of the institution. [Bylaw 13.14.2]

f. Precollege or Postgraduate Expense – All Sports.

- An institution or a representative of its athletics interests shall not offer, provide or arrange financial assistance, directly or indirectly, to pay (in whole or in part) the costs of the prospect’s educational or other expenses for any period before his or her enrollment or so the prospect can obtain a postgraduate education. For violations of Bylaw 13.15 in which the value of the benefit received directly by the prospective student-athlete is $100 or less, the eligibility of the prospective student-athlete shall not be affected conditioned on the prospective student-athlete repaying the value of the benefit to a charity of his or her choice. However, the prospective student-athlete shall remain ineligible from the time the institution has knowledge of receipt of the direct impermissible benefit until the prospective student-athlete repays the benefit. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1, and documentation of the prospective student-athlete’s repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement staff. [Bylaw 13.15.1]