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User’s Guide

I. FENCING MANUAL

This abridged NCAA Division I Manual contains key provisions of Division I legislation that are applicable to fencing—provisions that are likely to be accessed by coaches and administrators on a regular basis. It does not contain all the Division I legislation that may be applicable to fencing and it does not contain legislation that is only applicable to other sports. For more information on the format and organization of the Division I Manual, please refer to the User’s Guide in the full NCAA Division I Manual (available for download at NCAAPublications.com) or the printed version of the NCAA Division I Manual (Operating Manual). Please note that as changes occur to Division I legislation throughout the year, updates are made to the legislation on the Legislative Services Database for the Internet (LSDBi) on the NCAA website (NCAA.org).

II. DE MINIMIS AND RESTITUTION VIOLATIONS

De Minimis – Violations of articles designated by a capital letter D in brackets and bold font “[D]” at the end of the legislative language shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8; however, the involved prospective student-athlete’s or student-athlete’s eligibility shall not be affected.

Restitution – For violations of articles designated by a capital letter R in brackets and bold font “[R]” at the end of the legislative language, if the value of the benefit provided to the individual (prospective or enrolled student-athlete) is $100 or less, the eligibility of the individual shall not be affected conditioned upon 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. A violation of such a provision remains an institutional violation 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.

III. FIGURES

Figures are included as supplements to the text at the end of applicable bylaws to help present the content of certain regulations in a clear and concise manner.

IV. LEGISLATION THAT IS SHADED/SCREENED

Legislation, incorporations of interpretations, editorial revisions and modifications of wording approved or adopted after August 1, 2014, are set off by a gray background and include an adoption or revision date.

V. NOTATION OF LEGISLATION WITH DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE

Legislation with a delayed effective date is enclosed in a box and set off by a gray background.
Bylaw, Article 10

Ethical Conduct

10.01 General Principle.

10.01.1 Honesty and Sportsmanship. Individuals employed by (or associated with) a member institution to administer, conduct or coach intercollegiate athletics and all participating student-athletes shall act with honesty and sportsmanship at all times so that intercollegiate athletics as a whole, their institutions and they, as individuals, shall represent the honor and dignity of fair play and the generally recognized high standards associated with wholesome competitive sports.

10.02 Definitions and Applications.

10.02.1 Sports Wagering. Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager (on a staff member's or student-athlete's own behalf or on the behalf of others) of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or contest. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to, the use of a bookmaker or parlay card; Internet sports wagering; auctions in which bids are placed on teams, individuals or contests; and pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize. (Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)

10.02.2 Wager. A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value. (Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)

10.1 Unethical Conduct.

Unethical conduct by a prospective or enrolled student-athlete or a current or former institutional staff member, which includes any individual who performs work for the institution or the athletics department even if he or she does not receive compensation for such work, may include, but is not limited to, the following: (Revised: 1/10/90, 1/9/96, 2/22/01, 8/4/05, 4/27/06, 1/8/07, 5/9/07, 10/23/07, 5/6/08, 1/16/10, 10/5/10)

(a) Refusal to furnish information relevant to an investigation of a possible violation of an NCAA regulation when requested to do so by the NCAA or the individual's institution;

(b) Knowing involvement in arranging for fraudulent academic credit or false transcripts for a prospective or an enrolled student-athlete;

(c) Knowing involvement in offering or providing a prospective or an enrolled student-athlete an improper inducement or extra benefit or improper financial aid;

(d) Knowingly furnishing or knowingly influencing others to furnish the NCAA or the individual's institution false or misleading information concerning an individual's involvement in or knowledge of matters relevant to a possible violation of an NCAA regulation;

(e) Receipt of benefits by an institutional staff member for facilitating or arranging a meeting between a student-athlete and an agent, financial advisor or a representative of an agent or advisor (e.g., “runner”);

(f) Knowing involvement in providing a banned substance or impermissible supplement to student-athletes, or knowingly providing medications to student-athletes contrary to medical licensure, commonly accepted standards of care in sports medicine practice, or state and federal law. This provision shall not apply to banned substances for which the student-athlete has received a medical exception per Bylaw 31.2.3.2; however, the substance must be provided in accordance with medical licensure, commonly accepted standards of care and state or federal law;

(g) Failure to provide complete and accurate information to the NCAA, the NCAA Eligibility Center or an institution's admissions office regarding an individual's academic record (e.g., schools attended, completion of coursework, grades and test scores);

(h) Fraudulence or misconduct in connection with entrance or placement examinations;

(i) Engaging in any athletics competition under an assumed name or with intent to otherwise deceive; or

(j) Failure to provide complete and accurate information to the NCAA, the NCAA Eligibility Center or the institution's athletics department regarding an individual's amateur status.

10.2 Knowledge of Use of Banned Drugs.

A member institution's athletics department staff members or others employed by the intercollegiate athletics program who have knowledge of a student-athlete's use at any time of a substance within the banned-drug classes, as set forth in Bylaw 31.2.3.1, shall follow institutional procedures dealing with drug abuse or shall be subject to disciplinary or corrective action as set forth in Bylaw 19.9.
10.3 Sports Wagering Activities. [#]
The following individuals shall not knowingly participate in sports wagering activities or provide information to
individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur
or professional athletics competition:  (Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)

(a) Staff members of an institution's athletics department;
(b) Nonathletics department staff members who have responsibilities within or over the athletics department
(e.g., chancellor or president, faculty athletics representative, individual to whom athletics reports);
(c) Staff members of a conference office; and
(d) Student-athletes.

10.3.1 Scope of Application. [#] The prohibition against sports wagering applies to any institutional prac-
tice or any competition (intercollegiate, amateur or professional) in a sport in which the Association conducts
championship competition, in bowl subdivision football and in emerging sports for women.  (Adopted: 4/26/07
effective 8/1/07)

10.3.1.1 Exception. [#] The provisions of Bylaw 10.3 are not applicable to traditional wagers between in-
stitutions (e.g., traditional rivalry) or in conjunction with particular contests (e.g., bowl games). Items wagered
must be representative of the involved institutions or the states in which they are located. (Adopted: 4/26/07
effective 8/1/07)

10.3.2 Sanctions. [#] The following sanctions for violations of Bylaw 10.3 shall apply:  (Adopted: 4/27/00
effective 8/1/00, Revised: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)

(a) A student-athlete who engages in activities designed to influence the outcome of an intercollegiate contest or
in an effort to affect win-loss margins (“point shaving”) or who participates in any sports wagering activity
involving the student-athlete's institution shall permanently lose all remaining regular-season and postseason
eligibility in all sports.

(b) A student-athlete who participates in any sports wagering activity through the Internet, a bookmaker or a
parlay card shall be ineligible for all regular-season and postseason competition for a minimum period of one
year from the date of the institution’s determination that a violation occurred and shall be charged with the
loss of a minimum of one season of eligibility. If the student-athlete is determined to have been involved in a
later violation of any portion of Bylaw 10.3, the student-athlete shall permanently lose all remaining regular-
season and postseason eligibility in all sports.

10.4 Disciplinary Action. [#]
Prospective or enrolled student-athletes found in violation of the provisions of this regulation shall be ineligible
for further intercollegiate competition, subject to appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for
restoration of eligibility. (See Bylaw 10.3.2 for sanctions of student-athletes involved in violations of Bylaw 10.3.)
Institutional staff members found in violation of the provisions of this regulation shall be subject to disciplinary
or corrective action as set forth in Bylaw 19.9, whether such violations occurred at the certifying institution or
during the individual’s previous employment at another member institution. (Revised: 1/10/90, 4/27/00 effective
8/1/00, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, 7/31/14)
BYLAW, ARTICLE 11

Conduct and Employment of Athletics Personnel

11.01 Definitions and Applications.

11.01.1 Bonus. A bonus is a direct cash payment over and above an athletics department staff member’s institutional salary in recognition of a specific and extraordinary achievement (see Bylaw 11.3.2.3).

11.01.2 Coach, Head or Assistant. [A] A head or assistant coach is any coach who is designated by the institution’s athletics department to perform coaching duties and who serves in that capacity on a volunteer or paid basis. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 8/7/14)

11.01.5 Coach, Undergraduate Student Assistant. [A] An undergraduate student assistant coach is any coach who is a student-athlete who has exhausted his or her eligibility in the sport or has become injured to the point that he or she is unable to practice or compete ever again, and who meets the following additional criteria: (Revised: 1/9/96, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 3/10/04, 5/26/06, 8/11/09, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 8/7/14)

(a) Is enrolled at the institution at which he or she most recently participated in intercollegiate athletics;

(b) Is enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student in his or her first baccalaureate degree program (see Bylaw 14.2.2), except that during his or her final semester or quarter of the baccalaureate degree program, he or she may be enrolled in less than a full-time degree program of studies, provided he or she is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements;

(c) Is receiving no compensation or remuneration for coaching duties from the institution other than the financial aid that could be received as a student-athlete and expenses incurred on road trips that are received by individual team members; and

(d) Is not involved in contacting and evaluating prospective student-athletes off campus or scouting opponents off campus and does not perform recruiting coordination functions (see Bylaw 11.7.2).

11.01.6 Coach, Volunteer. [A] In sports other than football and basketball, a volunteer coach is any coach who does not receive compensation or remuneration from the institution’s athletics department or any organization funded in whole or in part by the athletics department or that is involved primarily in the promotion of the institution’s athletics program (e.g., booster club, athletics foundation association). The following provisions shall apply: (Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05, 5/26/06, 8/7/14)

(a) The individual is prohibited from contacting and evaluating prospective student-athletes off campus or from scouting opponents off campus and may not perform recruiting coordination functions (see Bylaw 11.7.2).

(b) The individual may receive a maximum of two complimentary tickets to home athletics contests in the coach’s sport.

(c) The individual may receive complimentary meals incidental to organized team activities (e.g., pre- or post-game meals, occasional meals, but not training table meals) or meals provided during a prospective student-athlete’s official visit, provided the individual dines with the prospective student-athlete.

11.01.7 Manager. [A] A manager is an individual who performs traditional managerial duties (e.g., equipment, laundry, hydration) and meets the following additional criteria: (Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 8/7/14)

(a) The individual shall be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student (see Bylaws 14.2.2 and 14.2.2.1.4), except that during his or her final semester or quarter of a degree program, he or she may be enrolled in less than a full-time program of studies, provided he or she is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements;

(b) The individual may participate in limited on-court or on-field activities during practice (e.g., assist with drills, throw batting practice) or competition (e.g., assist with warm-up activities) involving student-athletes on a regular basis;

(c) The individual shall not provide instruction to student-athletes;

(d) The individual shall not participate in countable athletically related activities (e.g., practice player) except as permitted in Bylaw 11.01.7-(b); and

(e) In baseball, the individual shall forfeit any remaining eligibility in the sport at the institution at which the individual serves as a manager.
11.1 Conduct of Athletics Personnel.

11.1.1 Responsibility for Violations of NCAA Regulations. Institutional staff members found in violation of NCAA regulations shall be subject to disciplinary or corrective action as set forth in Bylaw 19.9, whether such violations occurred at the certifying institution or during the individual’s previous employment at another member institution. (Revised: 7/31/14)

11.1.1.1 Responsibility of Head Coach. An institution’s head coach is presumed to be responsible for the actions of all institutional staff members who report, directly or indirectly, to the head coach. An institution’s head coach shall promote an atmosphere of compliance within his or her program and shall monitor the activities of all institutional staff members involved with the program who report, directly or indirectly, to the coach. (Adopted: 4/28/05, Revised: 10/30/12, 7/16/14)

11.1.2 Use of Association Name or Affiliation. Staff members of member institutions and others serving on the Association’s committees or acting as consultants shall not use, directly or by implication, the Association’s name or their affiliation with the Association in the endorsement of products or services.

11.1.3 Representing Individuals in Marketing Athletics Ability/Reputation. Staff members of the athletics department of a member institution shall not represent, directly or indirectly, any individual in the marketing of athletics ability or reputation to an agent, a professional sports team or a professional sports organization, including receiving compensation for arranging commercial endorsements or personal appearances for former student-athletes, except as specified in Bylaw 11.1.3.1, and shall not receive compensation or gratuities of any kind, directly or indirectly, for such services. (Revised: 1/10/92, 1/11/94)

11.1.3.1 Exception—Professional Sports Counseling Panel and Head Coach. An institution’s professional sports counseling panel or a head coach in a sport may contact agents, professional sports teams or professional sports organizations on behalf of a student-athlete, provided no compensation is received for such services. The head coach shall consult with and report his or her activities on behalf of the student-athlete to the institution’s professional sports counseling panel. If the institution has no such panel, the head coach shall consult with and report his or her activities to the president or chancellor [or an individual or group (e.g., athletics advisory board) designated by the president or chancellor]. (Revised: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 3/8/06)

11.1.4 Use of Tobacco Products. The use of tobacco products is prohibited by all game personnel (e.g., coaches, trainers, managers and game officials) in all sports during practice and competition. Uniform penalties (as determined by the applicable rules-making committees and sports committees with rules-making responsibilities) shall be established for such use. (Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/10/95, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)

11.1.5 Strength and Conditioning Coach Certification. A strength and conditioning coach shall be certified and maintain current certification through a nationally accredited strength and conditioning certification program. (Adopted: 4/15/14 effective 8/1/15)

11.2 Contractual Agreements.

11.2.1 Stipulation That NCAA Enforcement Provisions Apply. Contractual agreements or appointments between a coach and an institution shall include the stipulation that a coach who is found in violation of NCAA regulations shall be subject to disciplinary or corrective action as set forth in the provisions of the NCAA infractions process, including suspension without pay or termination of employment for significant or repetitive violations. (Revised: 3/10/04, 7/31/14)

11.2.2 Athletically Related Income. Contractual agreements, including letters of appointment, between a full-time or part-time athletics department staff member (excluding secretarial or clerical personnel) and an institution shall include the stipulation that the staff member is required to provide a written detailed account annually to the president or chancellor for all athletically related income and benefits from sources outside the institution. In addition, the approval of all athletically related income and benefits shall be consistent with the institution’s policy related to outside income and benefits applicable to all full-time or part-time employees. Sources of such income shall include, but are not limited to, the following: (Revised: 1/10/92, 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 3/8/06)

(a) Income from annuities;
(b) Sports camps;
(c) Housing benefits (including preferential housing arrangements);
(d) Country club memberships;
(e) Complimentary ticket sales;
(f) Television and radio programs; and
(g) Endorsement or consultation contracts with athletics shoe, apparel or equipment manufacturers.
11.3 Compensation and Remuneration.

11.3.1 Control of Employment and Salaries. The institution, as opposed to any outside source, shall remain in control of determining who is to be its employee and the amount of salary the employee is to receive within the restrictions specified by NCAA legislation.

11.3.2 Income in Addition to Institutional Salary.

11.3.2.1 Bona Fide Outside Employment. A staff member may earn income in addition to the institutional salary by performing services for outside groups. (Revised: 1/10/92, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01)

11.3.2.2 Supplemental Pay. An outside source is prohibited from paying or regularly supplementing an athletics department staff member's annual salary and from arranging to supplement that salary for an unspecified achievement. This includes the donation of cash from outside sources to the institution earmarked for the staff member's salary or supplemental income. It would be permissible for an outside source to donate funds to the institution to be used as determined by the institution, and it would be permissible for the institution, at its sole discretion, to use such funds to pay or supplement a staff member's salary.

11.3.2.3 Bonuses for Specific and Extraordinary Achievement. An institution may permit an outside individual, group or agency to supplement an athletics department staff member's salary with a direct cash payment in recognition of a specific and extraordinary achievement (e.g., contribution during career to the athletics department of the institution, winning a conference or national championship, number of games or meets won during career/season), provided such a cash supplement is in recognition of a specific achievement and is in conformance with institutional policy.

11.3.2.4 Noninstitutional Publications That Report on Athletics Program. Athletics department staff members shall not endorse (either orally or in writing) any noninstitutional publication dedicated primarily to reporting on an institution's athletics activities, except as provided in this section, and shall not write for such publications. (Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01)

11.3.2.4.1 Educational Articles. Athletics department staff members may write educational articles related to NCAA rules and crowd control for noninstitutional publications dedicated primarily to reporting on an institution's athletics activities. (Adopted: 1/11/94)

11.3.2.5 Recruiting Service Consultants. Institutional athletics department staff members may not endorse, serve as consultants or participate on advisory panels for any recruiting or scouting service involving prospective student-athletes. (Adopted: 1/16/93)

11.3.2.6 Quotations and Pictures Used to Promote a Camp. An institution's coaching staff member may not promote a noninstitutional camp or clinic by permitting the use of his or her quotations and/or pictures in the camp or clinic brochure, unless that coaching staff member is employed by the camp. (Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)

11.3.2.7 Consultant for or Endorsement of Noninstitutional Athletics Events Involving Prospective Student-Athletes. An athletics department staff member may not serve as a consultant for a noninstitutional athletics event that primarily involves prospective student-athletes and may not endorse or promote such an event. (Adopted: 1/15/11)

11.3.2.8 Promotion or Endorsement of a Prospective Student-Athlete's Team, Coach or Athletics Facility. An athletics department staff member shall not promote or endorse a prospective student-athlete's team or coach, or an athletics facility that is primarily used by prospective student-athletes. (Adopted: 1/15/11)

11.4 Employment of High School, Preparatory School or Two-Year College Coaches, or Other Individuals Associated With Prospective Student-Athletes.

11.4.1 High School, Preparatory School or Two-Year College Coach. An institution may not employ a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach who remains a coach in the same sport at the high school, preparatory school or two-year college. This provision does not preclude employment of a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach in a different sport. Men's and women's teams in the same sport are considered different sports for purposes of this legislation. Men's and women's teams in the same sport are considered different sports even if an athlete from the opposite gender is playing on a high school, preparatory school or two-year college men's or women's team, provided the team is classified as a separate team (as opposed to a “mixed” team) by the appropriate institution or the state high school, preparatory school or two-year college governing body. (See Bylaw 13.12.2.2 for regulations relating to the employment of high school, preparatory school or two-year college coaches in institutional camps or clinics.) (Revised: 1/10/91, 3/16/07, 1/16/10)

11.4.1.1 Contract for Future Employment. An institution is permitted to enter into a contractual agreement with a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach for an employment opportunity that begins with the next academic year, provided the employment contract with the member institution is not contingent upon the enrollment of a prospective student-athlete and the coach does not begin any coaching duties (e.g., recruiting, selection of coaching staff) for the member institution while remaining associated with the high school, preparatory school or two-year college.
11.5 Certification to Recruit Off Campus.

11.5.1 Annual Certification Requirement. Only those coaches who have been certified may contact or evaluate any prospective student-athletes off campus. Certification must occur on an annual basis. (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92)

11.5.1.1 Certification Administration. Such certification procedures shall be established and administered for its member institutions by the member conferences of the Association or, in the case of an independent institution, by the NCAA national office or the conference office that administers the National Letter of Intent for that institution. Such certification procedures shall include a requirement that the coaches shall have passed a standardized national test developed by the NCAA national office covering NCAA recruiting legislation, including Bylaw 13 and other bylaws [e.g., Bylaws 15.3 (institutional financial aid award) and 14.3 (freshman academic requirements)] that relate to the recruitment of prospective student-athletes as a condition for being permitted to engage in off-campus recruiting. Member conferences shall establish the procedures for administering and correcting the test within each conference. (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 1/16/93, 4/24/03)

11.6 Scouting of Opponents.

11.6.1 Off-Campus, In-Person Scouting Prohibition. Off-campus, in-person scouting of future opponents (in the same season) is prohibited, except as provided in Bylaws 11.6.1.1 and 11.6.1.2. (Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 1/15/14)

11.6.1.1 Exception—Same Event at the Same Site. An institution’s coaching staff may scout future opponents also participating in the same event at the same site. (Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 10/28/97 effective 8/1/98, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 9/19/13)

11.6.1.2 Exception—Conference or NCAA Championships. An institution’s coaching staff may attend a contest in the institution’s conference championship or an NCAA championship contest in which a future opponent participates (e.g., an opponent on the institution’s spring nonchampionship-segment schedule participates in a fall conference or NCAA championship). (Adopted: 1/15/14)

11.7 Limitations on the Number and Duties of Coaches and Noncoaching Staff Members.

11.7.1 Designation of Coaching Category. [A] An individual who coaches and either is uncompensated or receives compensation or remuneration of any sort from the institution, even if such compensation or remuneration is not designated for coaching, shall be designated as a head coach, assistant coach, volunteer coach, graduate assistant coach or student assistant coach by certification of the institution. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 8/7/14)

11.7.1.1 Countable Coach. An institutional staff member or any other individual outside the institution (e.g., consultant, professional instructor) with whom the institution has made arrangements must count against coaching limits in the applicable sport as soon as the individual participates (in any manner) in any of the following: (Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)

(a) Provides technical or tactical instruction related to the sport to a student-athlete at any time;
(b) Makes or assists in making tactical decisions related to the sport during on-court or on-field practice or competition; or
(c) Engages in any off-campus recruiting activities.

11.7.1.1.1 Replacement Due to Extenuating Circumstances. [A] An institution may replace temporarily or on a limited basis one of its countable coaches if the coach is unable to perform any or all of his or her duties because of extenuating circumstances (e.g., suspension, prolonged serious illness, pregnancy). The replacement coach may perform only those coaching, administrative or recruiting duties, including the telephoning of prospective student-athletes, that the replaced coach is unable to perform. (Revised: 1/11/94, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 8/7/14)

11.7.1.1.2 Replacement for National or Olympic Team Coaches. [A] An institution may replace a coach temporarily or on a limited basis when that coach takes a leave of absence to participate on or to coach a national team or Olympic team, provided the replacement is limited to a one-year period and the coach who is replaced performs no recruiting or other duties on behalf of the institution. (Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/14/08, 8/7/14)

11.7.1.2 Placement Within Categories. [A] If an institution has not reached its limit on the number of coaches in any category, any type of coach may be counted in that category. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 8/7/14)
11.7.2 Recruiting Coordination Functions. [A] The following recruiting coordination functions (except related routine clerical tasks) must be performed by the head coach or one or more of the assistant coaches who count toward the numerical limitations in Bylaw 11.7.6: (Revised: 1/12/06, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 4/24/08 effective 8/1/08, 4/26/12, 8/7/14)

(a) Activities involving athletics evaluations and/or selection of prospective student-athletes; and
(b) Making telephone calls to prospective student-athletes (or prospective student-athletes’ parents, legal guardians or coaches).

11.7.2.3 Exceptions—Noncoaching Staff Members and Noncountable Coaches. [A]

(a) After National Letter of Intent Signing or Other Written Commitment. A noncoaching staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.6 may perform the functions set forth in Bylaw 11.7.2-(b) after the prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent or the institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid. (Adopted: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 8/8/08, 4/13/10, 11/5/11 effective 8/1/11, 11/7/13)

(b) After Receipt of Financial Deposit. A noncoaching institutional staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.6 may perform the functions set forth in Bylaw 11.7.2-(b) after the institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution’s offer of admission. (Adopted: 4/13/10, Revised: 11/5/11 effective 8/1/11, 11/7/13)

(c) Telephone Calls in Conjunction With Official Visit. A noncoaching staff member or coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.6 may initiate telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete or those individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete during the prospective student-athlete’s official visit transportation and during his or her official visit. (Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 4/26/12)

(d) Telephone Calls Regarding Institutional Camp or Clinic Logistical Issues. A noncoaching staff member or coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.6 may initiate telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or his or her parents, legal guardians, relatives or coach) that relate solely to institutional camp or clinic logistical issues (e.g., missing registration information), provided no recruiting conversation or solicitation of particular individuals to attend a camp or clinic occurs during such calls. (Adopted: 9/24/09, Revised: 4/26/12)

11.7.3 Noncoaching Staff Member with Sport-Specific Responsibilities. [A] A noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities (e.g., director of operations, administrative assistant) is prohibited from participating in on-court or on-field activities (e.g., pick-up games). (Adopted: 9/24/09)

11.7.6 Limitations on Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters. There shall be a limit on the number of coaches (other than graduate assistant coaches per Bylaws 11.01.3 and 11.01.4, undergraduate assistant coaches per Bylaw 11.01.5 and volunteer coaches per Bylaw 11.01.6) who may be employed by an institution and who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus in each sport as follows: (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/14/97, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/28/05, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 2/3/06, 12/15/06, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 4/28/11 effective 8/1/12, 8/11/11, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 7/31/15)

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11.7.6.1 Combined Sports Program. [A] A member institution that conducts a combined program in a sport (one in which all coaching staff members in the same sport are involved in practice activities or competition with both the men’s and women’s teams on a daily basis) may employ the total number of coaches specified separately for men and for women in that sport. (Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 8/7/14)

11.7.6.2 Exceptions to Number Limits. [A] No individual other than coaches designated to fill the coaching limits set forth in Bylaw 11.7.6 may participate in any manner in the coaching of the intercollegiate team of a member institution during any game, practice or other organized activity, with the following exceptions: (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 8/7/14)

11.7.6.2.1 Weight or Strength Coach. [A] A weight (strength and conditioning) coach may conduct flexibility, warm-up and physical conditioning activities prior to any game and prior to or during any practice or other organized activities without being included in the limitations on number of coaches. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 8/7/14)

11.7.6.2.2 Undergraduate Student Assistant Coach. [A] An institution may employ undergraduate student assistant coaches (see Bylaw 11.01.4). The limit on the number of undergraduate student assistant
coaches in each sport shall be the same as the limit on the number of coaches in the sport per Bylaw 11.7.6. 
(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 8/23/05, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 8/7/14)

11.7.6.2.3 Volunteer Coach. [A] In sports other than football, basketball, women's equestrian, women's rowing and women's triathlon, a member institution may use the services of one volunteer coach (per Bylaw 11.01.5). Indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, and cross country are separate sports for purposes of this provision. In sports in which the NCAA conducts separate men's and women's championships, a combined men's and women's program may use two volunteer coaches. (Adopted: 1/19/92 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 8/7/14)

11.7.6.2.4 Special Attrition Provision. [A] The institution is permitted to meet these limitations through normal attrition only if the institution had in effect prior to September 15, 1990, a written obligation to the assistant coach through academic tenure, an enforceable contract or formal security-of-employment commitment. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 8/7/14)

11.7.6.2.5 Additional Coaches—National Service Academies. [A] National service academies may employ two additional coaches in basketball. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 8/7/14)
### FIGURE 11-1
Coaches’ Compensation and Benefits

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<td>A. In excess of full grant-in-aid based on nonresident status</td>
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<td>B. Not more than full grant-in-aid based on actual resident status</td>
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<td>C. Compensation or remuneration from athletics department prohibited</td>
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<td>D. May receive camp compensation from athletics department</td>
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<td>F. Employment outside athletics department arranged by institution</td>
<td>X</td>
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<td>G. May receive compensation from institution for duties actually performed outside athletics department, from source outside athletics department</td>
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<td>A. Complimentary-ticket limit</td>
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<td>2 (home contests only in coach’s sport)</td>
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<td>Regular Season: 4* Postseason: 6*</td>
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<td>B. Training table (over and above I-A, B and C compensation)</td>
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<td>C. Use of car (over and above I-A, B and C compensation)</td>
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<td>D. Country club/health club membership or similar complimentary services (over and above I-A, B or C compensation)</td>
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<td>E. Benefits available to all institutional employees (life insurance, health insurance, disability insurance, tuition waiver)</td>
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<td>F. Reduction in teaching load without reduction in non-athletics department compensation in recognition of coaching duties (in addition to I-A, B or C compensation)</td>
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<td>G. Complimentary meals incidental to organized team activities, other than training table meals, or in conjunction with official visits</td>
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<td>H. Actual and necessary expenses for spouse and children to attend a postseason football game or an NCAA championship in football or, in women’s rowing, a season-ending tournament</td>
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<td>I. Incidental expenses during travel and practice for NCAA championship or bowl game</td>
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* Admissions, not hard tickets.
FIGURE 11-2
Coaches’ Reimbursable Expenses

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<th>Expenses—Reimbursable (Room, Board and Transportation)</th>
<th>Head Coach (Bylaw 11.01.2)</th>
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<td>A. Away games</td>
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<td>B. Off-campus recruiting contacts</td>
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<td>C. Evaluate prospective student-athletes</td>
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<td>D. Parking expenses associated with practice and competition</td>
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12.01 General Principles.
12.01.1 Eligibility for Intercollegiate Athletics. Only an amateur student-athlete is eligible for intercollegiate athletics participation in a particular sport.
12.01.2 Clear Line of Demarcation. Member institutions’ athletics programs are designed to be an integral part of the educational program. The student-athlete is considered an integral part of the student body, thus maintaining a clear line of demarcation between college athletics and professional sports.
12.01.3 “Individual” vs. “Student-Athlete.” NCAA amateur status may be lost as a result of activities prior to enrollment in college. If NCAA rules specify that an “individual” may or may not participate in certain activities, this term refers to a person prior to and after enrollment in a member institution. If NCAA rules specify a “student-athlete,” the legislation applies only to that person’s activities after enrollment.
12.01.4 Permissible Grant-in-Aid. A grant-in-aid administered by an educational institution is not considered to be pay or the promise of pay for athletics skill, provided it does not exceed the financial aid limitations set by the Association’s membership.

12.02 Definitions and Applications.
12.02.1 Agent. [A] An agent is any individual who, directly or indirectly: (Adopted: 1/14/12, Revised: 8/7/14)
(a) Represents or attempts to represent an individual for the purpose of marketing his or her athletics ability or reputation for financial gain; or
(b) Seeks to obtain any type of financial gain or benefit from securing a prospective student-athlete’s enrollment at an educational institution or from a student-athlete’s potential earnings as a professional athlete.
12.02.1.1 Application. [A] An agent may include, but is not limited to, a certified contract advisor, financial advisor, marketing representative, brand manager or anyone who is employed or associated with such persons. (Adopted: 1/14/12, Revised: 8/7/14)

12.02.2 Actual and Necessary Expenses. Actual and necessary expenses are limited to: (Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)
(a) Meals;
(b) Lodging;
(c) Apparel, equipment and supplies;
(d) Coaching and instruction;
(e) Health/medical insurance;
(f) Transportation (expenses to and from practice and competition, cost of transportation from home to training/practice site at the beginning of the season/preparation for an event and from training/practice/event site to home at the end of season/event);
(g) Medical treatment and physical therapy;
(h) Facility usage;
(i) Entry fees; and
(j) Other reasonable expenses.
12.02.2.1 Application. Unless otherwise permitted by the NCAA constitution or bylaws, actual and necessary expenses may be provided only if such expenses are for competition on a team or in a specific event or for practice that is directly related to such competition. The value of such expenses must be commensurate with the fair market value of similar goods and services in the locality in which the expenses are provided and must not be excessive in nature. Actual and necessary expenses shall not include the expenses or fees of anyone other than the individual who participates as a member of the team or in a specific event. (Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

12.02.3 Calculation of Actual and Necessary Expenses—Individual Sports. In individual sports, the calculation of an individual’s actual and necessary expenses shall be based on expenses incurred during each calendar year (January-December), rather than on an event-by-event basis. (Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

12.02.4 Individual. An individual, for purposes of this bylaw, is any person of any age without reference to enrollment in an educational institution or status as a student-athlete.

12.02.5 Intercollegiate Competition. Intercollegiate competition is considered to have occurred when a student-athlete in either a two-year or a four-year collegiate institution does any of the following: (Revised: 1/10/91, 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 1/9/06)
(a) Represents the institution in any contest against outside competition, regardless of how the competition is
classified (e.g., scrimmage, exhibition or joint practice session with another institution's team) or whether the
student is enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies;
(b) Competes in the uniform of the institution, or, during the academic year, uses any apparel (excluding apparel
no longer used by the institution) received from the institution that includes institutional identification; or
(c) Competes and receives expenses (e.g., transportation, meals, room or entry fees) from the institution for the
competition.

12.02.5.1 Exempted Events. Participation in events listed in Bylaw 16.8.1.2 is exempted from the applica-
tion of this legislation. (Revised: 1/10/92)

12.02.5.2 Participation on an Institution’s Club Team. Participation on a collegiate institution’s club
team is exempted from the application of this legislation, provided the institution did not sponsor the sport on
the varsity intercollegiate level at the time of participation. (Adopted: 6/24/09)

12.02.6 Limited Benefit—Prior to Initial Full-Time Enrollment at an NCAA Institution—Exp-
enses from a Permissible Source. Prior to initial full-time enrollment at an NCAA institution, if an
individual receives expenses from a permissible source (e.g., event sponsor, club team) that exceed his or her actual
and necessary expenses by $300 or less, the eligibility of the individual shall not be affected. (Adopted: 1/19/13
effective 8/1/13)

12.02.7 Limited Benefit—Enrolled Student-Athlete—Expenses from a Permissible Source. If
a student-athlete engages in permissible outside competition and receives expenses from a permissible source (e.g.,
event sponsor, club team) that exceed his or her actual and necessary expenses by $300 or less, the eligibility of the
student-athlete shall not be affected and the institution is not required to submit a self-report of the infraction.
(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

12.02.8 Organized Competition. Athletics competition shall be considered organized if any of the follow-
ing conditions exists: (Revised: 4/29/10, 7/31/14)
(a) Competition is scheduled and publicized in advance;
(b) Official score is kept;
(c) Individual or team standings are maintained;
(d) Official timer or game officials are used;
(e) Admission is charged;
(f) Teams are regularly formed or team rosters are predetermined;
(g) Team uniforms are used;
(h) A team is privately or commercially sponsored; or
(i) The competition is either directly or indirectly sponsored, promoted or administered by an individual, an
organization or any other agency.

12.02.9 Pay. Pay is the receipt of funds, awards or benefits not permitted by the governing legislation of the
Association for participation in athletics.

12.02.10 Professional Athlete. A professional athlete is one who receives any kind of payment, directly or
indirectly, for athletics participation except as permitted by the governing legislation of the Association.

12.02.11 Professional Athletics Team. A professional team is any organized team that: (Revised: 4/25/02
effective 8/1/02, 8/8/02, 4/24/03, 10/28/04)
(a) Provides any of its players more than actual and necessary expenses for participation on the team, except as
otherwise permitted by NCAA legislation. Actual and necessary expenses are limited to the items listed in
Bylaw 12.02.2, provided the value of the items is commensurate with the fair market value in the locality of
the player(s) and is not excessive in nature; or
(b) Declares itself to be professional (see Bylaw 12.2.3.2.4).

12.02.12 Religious Mission, Official. An official religious mission is one that is established by the reli-
gious organization of which the individual is a member and that results in the individual being unable to attend a
collegiate institution during the period of the mission. (Revised: 1/9/06, 4/2/10, 7/31/14)

12.02.13 Student-Athlete. A student-athlete is a student whose enrollment was solicited by a member of
the athletics staff or other representative of athletics interests with a view toward the student’s ultimate participa-
tion in the intercollegiate athletics program. Any other student becomes a student-athlete only when the student
reports for an intercollegiate squad that is under the jurisdiction of the athletics department, as specified in
Constitution 3.2.4.5. A student is not deemed a student-athlete solely on the basis of prior high school athletics
participation.
12.1 General Regulations.
An individual must comply with the following to retain amateur status. (See Bylaw 12.12 regarding the eligibility restoration process.)

12.1.1 Validity of Amateur Status. As a condition and obligation of membership, it is the responsibility of an institution to determine the validity of the information on which the amateur status of a prospective student-athlete (including two-year and four-year college transfers initially enrolling at an NCAA Division I institution) and student-athlete is based. (See Bylaw 14.01.3.) (Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, for all final certifications for student-athletes initially enrolling at a Division I or Division II institution on or after 8/1/07, Revised: 1/8/07, 4/30/07)

12.1.1.1 Amatuerism Certification Process. An institution shall use an initial eligibility center approved by the Board of Governors to determine the validity of the information on which the amateur status of a student-athlete is based. (Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, for final certifications for student-athletes initially enrolling at a Division I or Division II institution on or after 8/1/07, Revised: 4/30/07, 10/30/14)

12.1.1.1.1 Scope. The certification of amateur status issued by the NCAA Eligibility Center is limited to activities that occur prior to a prospective student-athlete's request for final amateurism certification or his or her initial full-time enrollment at an NCAA Division I or II institution, whichever occurs earlier. (Adopted: 4/30/07)

12.1.1.1.2 Institutional Responsibilities.

12.1.1.1.2.1 Amateur Status After Certification. An institution is responsible for certifying the amateur status of a prospective student-athlete (including two-year and four-year college transfers initially enrolling at an NCAA Division I institution) from the time he or she requests that a final certification be issued by the NCAA Eligibility Center or from the time he or she initially enrolls as a full-time student at an NCAA Division I or II institution (whichever occurs earlier). (Adopted: 4/30/07)

12.1.1.1.2.2 Sharing Information and Reporting Discrepancies. If an institution receives additional information or otherwise has cause to believe that a prospective student-athlete's amateur status has been jeopardized, the institution is responsible for promptly notifying the NCAA Eligibility Center of such information. Further, an institution is responsible for promptly reporting to the NCAA Eligibility Center all discrepancies in information related to a student-athlete's amateurism certification. (Adopted: 4/30/07)

12.1.1.1.3 Eligibility for Practice or Competition. Prior to engaging in practice or competition, a student-athlete shall receive a final certification of amateur status based on activities that occur prior to his or her request for final certification or initial full-time enrollment at an NCAA Division I or II institution (whichever occurs earlier). (Adopted: 4/30/07)

12.1.1.1.3.1 Temporary Certification. If a prospective student-athlete reports for athletics participation before the student's amateur status has been certified, the student may practice, but not compete, for a maximum period of 45 days. After this period, the student shall have his or her amateur status certified to continue to practice or to compete. (Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, for all final certifications for student-athletes initially enrolling at a Division I or Division II institution on or after 8/1/07, Revised: 11/29/09)

12.1.1.1.4 Eligibility for Practice After a Final Not-Certified Certification. After a final not-certified certification is rendered, a student-athlete may continue to engage in practice activities, provided the institution has submitted a notice of appeal. At the point in which all appeal opportunities have been exhausted and no eligibility has been granted, the student-athlete may no longer participate in practice activities. (Adopted: 3/21/07)

12.1.2 Amateur Status. An individual loses amateur status and thus shall not be eligible for intercollegiate competition in a particular sport if the individual: (Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)

(a) Uses his or her athletics skill (directly or indirectly) for pay in any form in that sport;
(b) Accepts a promise of pay even if such pay is to be received following completion of intercollegiate athletics participation;
(c) Signs a contract or commitment of any kind to play professional athletics, regardless of its legal enforceability or any consideration received, except as permitted in Bylaw 12.2.5.1;
(d) Receives, directly or indirectly, a salary, reimbursement of expenses or any other form of financial assistance from a professional sports organization based on athletics skill or participation, except as permitted by NCAA rules and regulations;
(e) Competes on any professional athletics team per Bylaw 12.02.11, even if no pay or remuneration for expenses was received, except as permitted in Bylaw 12.2.3.2.1;
(f) After initial full-time collegiate enrollment, enters into a professional draft (see Bylaw 12.2.4); or
(g) Enters into an agreement with an agent.
12.1.2.1 Prohibited Forms of Pay. “Pay,” as used in Bylaw 12.1.2 above, includes, but is not limited to, the following:

12.1.2.1.1 Salary, Gratuity or Compensation. Any direct or indirect salary, gratuity or comparable compensation.

12.1.2.1.2 Division or Split of Surplus. Any division or split of surplus (bonuses, game receipts, etc.).

12.1.2.1.3 Educational Expenses. Educational expenses not permitted by the governing legislation of this Association (see Bylaw 15 regarding permissible financial aid to enrolled student-athletes).

12.1.2.1.3.1 Educational Expenses or Services—Prior to Collegiate Enrollment. A prospective student-athlete may receive educational expenses or services (e.g., tuition, fees, room and board, books, tutoring, standardized test preparatory classes) prior to collegiate enrollment from any individual or entity other than an agent, professional sports team/organization, member institution or a representative of an institution’s athletics interests, provided the payment for such expenses or services is disbursed directly to the individual, organization or educational institution (e.g., high school, preparatory school) providing the educational expense or service. (Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/14/08)

12.1.2.1.3.2 Educational Expenses From Outside Sports Team or Organization—After Collegiate Enrollment. Educational expenses provided to an individual after initial collegiate enrollment by an outside sports team or organization that are based on any degree on the recipient’s athletics ability [except for financial aid that is received from a team or organization that conducts a competitive sports program by an individual who is not a member of that team or organization (see Bylaw 15.2.6.3)], even if the funds are given to the institution to administer to the recipient. (Revised: 1/10/95, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 8/18/11)

12.1.2.1.4.1 Exception—Prospective Student-Athlete’s Educational Institution. A financial award may be provided to a prospective student-athlete’s educational institution in conjunction with the prospective student-athlete being recognized as part of an awards program in which athletics participation, interests or ability is a criterion, but not the sole criterion, in the selection process. Such an award must also include nonathletics criteria, such as the prospective student-athlete’s academic record and nonathletics extracurricular activities and may not be based on the prospective student-athlete’s place finish or performance in a particular athletics event. In addition, it is permissible for an outside organization (other than a professional sports organization) to provide actual and necessary expenses for the prospective student-athlete (and the prospective student-athlete’s parents or other relatives) to travel to a recognition event designed to recognize the prospective student-athlete’s accomplishments in conjunction with his or her selection as the recipient of a regional, national or international award. (Adopted: 10/28/99)

12.1.2.1.4.2 Operation Gold Grant. An individual (prospective student-athlete or student-athlete) may accept funds that are administered by the U.S. Olympic Committee pursuant to its Operation Gold program. (Adopted: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01)

12.1.2.1.4.3 Incentive Programs for International Athletes. An international prospective student-athlete or international student-athlete may accept funds from his or her country’s national Olympic governing body (equivalent to the U.S. Olympic Committee) based on place finish in one event per year that is designated as the highest level of international competition for the year by the governing body. (Adopted: 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)
12.1.2.1.4.2 Expenses/Awards Prohibited by Rules Governing Event. Expenses incurred or awards received by an individual that are prohibited by the rules governing an amateur, noncollegiate event in which the individual participates.

12.1.2.1.4.3 Expenses from an Outside Sponsor. An individual who participates in a sport as a member of a team may receive actual and necessary expenses for competition and practice held in preparation for such competition (directly related to the competition and conducted during a continuous time period preceding the competition) from an outside sponsor (e.g., team, neighbor, business) other than an agent or a representative of an institution's athletics interests (and, after initial full-time collegiate enrollment, other than a professional sports organization). An individual who participates in a sport as an individual (not a member of a team) may receive actual and necessary expenses associated with an athletics event and practice immediately preceding the event, from an outside sponsor (e.g., neighbor, business) other than an agent or a representative of an institution's athletics interests (and, after initial full-time collegiate enrollment, other than a professional sports organization). (Revised: 8/26/10, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 11/7/13)

12.1.2.1.4.3.1 Expenses Prior to Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment—Professional Sports Organization. Prior to full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may accept up to actual and necessary expenses for competition and practice held in preparation for such competition from a professional sports organization that sponsors the event. (Adopted: 10/16/12)

12.1.2.1.4.3.2 Expenses/Benefits Related to Olympic Games. Members of an Olympic team may receive all nonmonetary benefits and awards provided to members of an Olympic team beyond actual and necessary expenses and any other item or service for which it can be demonstrated that the same benefit is available to all members of that nation's Olympic team or the specific sport Olympic team. (Adopted: 11/1/00, Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

12.1.2.1.4.4 Expenses for Parents/Legal Guardians of Participants in Athletics Competition. Expenses received by the parents or legal guardians of a participant in athletics competition from a nonprofessional organization sponsoring the competition in excess of actual and necessary travel, room and board expenses, or any entertainment expenses, unless such expenses are made available to the parents or legal guardians of all participants in the competition. (Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/97)

12.1.2.1.5 Payment Based on Performance. Any payment conditioned on the individual's or team's place finish or performance or given on an incentive basis that exceeds actual and necessary expenses, or receipt of expenses in excess of the same reasonable amount for permissible expenses given to all individuals or team members involved in the competition. (Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

12.1.2.1.5.1 Operation Gold Grant. An individual (prospective student-athlete or student-athlete) may accept funds that are administered by the U.S. Olympic Committee pursuant to its Operation Gold program. (Adopted: 4/26/01)

12.1.2.1.5.2 Incentive Programs for International Athletes. An international prospective student-athlete or international student-athlete may accept funds from his or her country's national Olympic governing body (equivalent to the U.S. Olympic Committee) based on place finish in one event per year that is designated as the highest level of international competition for the year by the governing body. (Adopted: 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)

12.1.2.1.5.3 Awards Based on Performance in Outside Competition. An individual may receive an award (e.g., trophy, medal, saddle) based on place finish or performance in outside competition, subject to the applicable awards limits (see Bylaw 16.1). (Adopted: 8/26/10)

12.1.2.1.6 Preferential Treatment, Benefits or Services. Preferential treatment, benefits or services because of the individual's athletics reputation or skill or pay-back potential as a professional athlete, unless such treatment, benefits or services are specifically permitted under NCAA legislation. [R] (Revised: 1/11/94, 11/14/08)

12.1.2.1.7 Prize for Participation in Institution's Promotional Activity. Receipt of a prize for participation (involving the use of athletics ability) in a member institution's promotional activity that is inconsistent with the provisions of Bylaw 12.5 or approved official interpretations. (Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)

12.1.2.2 Use of Overall Athletics Skill—Effect on Eligibility. Participation for pay in competition that involves the use of overall athletics skill (e.g., “superstars” competition) constitutes a violation of the Association's amateur-status regulations; therefore, an individual participating for pay in such competition is ineligible for intercollegiate competition in all sports. (See Bylaw 12.5.2.3.3 for exception related to promotional contests.) (Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)

12.1.2.3 Road Racing. “Road racing” is essentially the same as cross country or track and field competition and cannot be separated effectively from those sports for purposes of Bylaws 12.1, 12.2 and 12.8.3.2. Therefore, a student-athlete who accepts pay in any form for participation in such a race is ineligible for intercollegiate cross country or track and field competition. (Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)
12.1.2.4 Exceptions to Amateurism Rule.

12.1.2.4.1 Exception for Prize Money Based on Performance—Sports Other Than Tennis. In sports other than tennis, an individual may accept prize money based on his or her place finish or performance in an athletics event. Such prize money may not exceed actual and necessary expenses and may be provided only by the sponsor of the event. The calculation of actual and necessary expenses shall not include the expenses or fees of anyone other than the individual (e.g., coach's fees or expenses, parent's expenses). (Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 12/12/06 applicable to any expenses received by a prospective student-athlete on or after 8/23/06, 4/26/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

12.1.2.4.2 Exception for Payment Based on Team Performance. An individual may accept payment from his or her amateur team or the sponsor of the event based on his or her team's place finish or performance, or given on an incentive basis (e.g., bonus), provided the combination of such payments and expenses provided to the individual does not exceed his or her actual and necessary expenses to participate on the team. The calculation of actual and necessary expenses shall not include the expenses or fees of anyone other than the individual (e.g., coach's fees or expenses, parent's expenses). (Adopted: 10/28/10, Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

12.1.2.4.3 Exception for Insurance Against Disabling Injury or Illness, or Loss of Value. An individual may borrow against his or her future earnings potential from an established, accredited commercial lending institution exclusively for the purpose of purchasing insurance (with no cash surrender value) against a disabling injury or illness that would prevent the individual from pursuing a chosen career or for the purpose of purchasing loss-of-value insurance, provided a third party (including a representative of an institution's athletics interests) is not involved in arrangements for securing the loan. However, an institution's president or chancellor (or his or her designated representative outside of the department of athletics) may designate an institutional staff member (or staff members) (e.g., professional sports counseling panel) to assist a student-athlete with arrangements for securing the loan and insurance. The institution shall retain copies of all documents related to loan transactions and insurance policies, regardless of whether the institution is involved in the arrangements. (Revised: 5/11/05)

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12.1.2.4.5 Exception for Institutional Fundraising Activities Involving the Athletics Ability of Student-Athletes. Institutional, charitable or educational promotions or fundraising activities that involve the use of athletics ability by student-athletes to obtain funds (e.g., “swim-a-thons”) are permitted only if: (Revised: 5/11/05)

(a) All money derived from the activity or project go directly to the member institution, member conference or the charitable, educational or nonprofit agency;

(b) The student-athletes receive no compensation or prizes for their participation; and

(c) The provisions of Bylaw 12.5.1 are satisfied.

12.1.2.4.6 Exception for USOC Elite Athlete Health Insurance Program. An individual may receive the comprehensive benefits of the USOC Elite Athlete Health Insurance Program. (Adopted: 1/10/90)

12.1.2.4.7 Exception for Training Expenses. An individual (prospective or enrolled student-athlete) may receive actual and necessary expenses [including grants, but not prize money, whereby the recipient has qualified for the grant based on his or her performance in a specific event(s)] to cover development training, coaching, facility usage, equipment, apparel, supplies, comprehensive health insurance, travel, room and board without jeopardizing the individual's eligibility for intercollegiate athletics, provided such expenses are approved and provided directly by the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC), the appropriate national governing body in the sport (or, for international student-athletes, the equivalent organization of that nation) or a governmental entity. (Adopted: 1/10/91, Revised: 4/27/00, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

12.1.2.4.8 Exception for Benefits to Family Members—National Team Competition. A commercial company (other than a professional sports organization) or members of the local community may provide actual and necessary expenses for an individual’s family members to attend national team competition in which the individual will participate. In addition, an individual's family members may receive nonmonetary benefits provided to the family members of all national team members in conjunction with participation in national team competition. (See Bylaw 16.02.A.) (Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

12.1.2.4.9 Exception for Payment of NCAA Eligibility Center Fee. A high school booster club (as opposed to specific individuals) may pay the necessary fee for prospective student-athletes at that high school to be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center, provided no particular prospective student-athlete(s) is singled out because of his or her athletics ability or reputation. (Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 5/9/07)

12.1.2.4.10 Exception for Camp or Academy Sponsored by a Professional Sports Organization. An individual may receive actual and necessary expenses from a professional sports organization to attend an academy, camp or clinic, provided: (Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02)

(a) No NCAA institution or conference owns or operates the academy, camp or clinic;
(b) No camp participant is above the age of 15;
(c) The professional sports organization provides to the participants nothing more than actual and necessary expenses to attend the camp or clinic and equipment/apparel necessary for participation;
(d) Athletics ability or achievements may not be the sole criterion for selecting participants; and
(e) Academy participants must be provided with academic services (e.g., tutoring).

12.1.2.4.11 Exception for Receipt of Free Equipment and Apparel Items by a Prospective Student-Athlete. It is permissible for prospective student-athletes (as opposed to student-athletes) to receive free equipment and apparel items for personal use from apparel or equipment manufacturers or distributors under the following circumstances: *(Adopted: 1/11/97)*

(a) The apparel or equipment items are related to the prospective student-athlete's sport and are received directly from an apparel or equipment manufacturer or distributor;

(b) The prospective student-athlete does not enter into an arrangement (e.g., open account) with an apparel or equipment manufacturer or distributor that permits the prospective student-athlete to select apparel and equipment items from a commercial establishment of the manufacturer or distributor; and

(c) A member institution's coach is not involved in any manner in identifying or assisting an apparel or equipment manufacturer or distributor in determining whether a prospective student-athlete is to receive any apparel or equipment items.

12.1.2.4.12 Expenses for Participation in Olympic Exhibitions. An individual may receive actual and necessary expenses from the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC), national governing body or the non-professional organizations sponsoring the event to participate in Olympic tours or exhibitions involving Olympic team members and/or members of the national team, provided that if the individual is a student-athlete, he or she misses no class time, and the exhibition does not conflict with dates of institutional competition. *(Adopted: 10/28/97 effective 8/1/98)*

12.1.2.4.13 Commemorative Items for Student-Athletes Participating in Olympic Games, World University Games, World University Championships, Pan American Games, World Championships and World Cup Events. It is permissible for student-athletes to receive commemorative items incidental to participation in the Olympic Games, World University Games, World University Championships, Pan American Games, World Championships and World Cup events through the applicable national governing body. These benefits may include any and all apparel, leisure wear, footwear and other items that are provided to all athletes participating in the applicable event. *(Adopted: 11/1/00 effective 8/1/01, Revised: 1/14/12)*

12.1.2.4.14 Exception—NCAA First-Team Program. A prospective student-athlete who is a participant in the NCAA First-Team Mentoring Program may receive actual and necessary expenses to attend the First-Team Program's annual educational conference and training seminar. *(Adopted: 8/7/03)*

12.1.3 Amateur Status if Professional in Another Sport. A professional athlete in one sport may represent a member institution in a different sport and may receive institutional financial assistance in the second sport. *(Revised: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06)*

12.2 Involvement With Professional Teams.

12.2.1 Tryouts.

12.2.1.2 Tryout Before Enrollment—Sports Other Than Men's Ice Hockey and Skiing. In sports other than men's ice hockey and skiing, prior to initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may participate in a tryout with a professional team or league, provided he or she does not receive more than actual and necessary expenses to participate. *(Adopted: 4/13/10 effective 8/1/10; applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/10)*

12.2.1.3 Tryout After Enrollment. After initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual who has eligibility remaining may try out with a professional athletics team (or participate in a combine including that team) at any time, provided the individual does not miss class. The individual may receive actual and necessary expenses in conjunction with one 48-hour tryout per professional team (or a combine including that team). The 48-hour tryout period shall begin at the time the individual arrives at the tryout location. At the completion of the 48-hour period, the individual must depart the location of the tryout immediately in order to receive return transportation expenses. A tryout may extend beyond 48 hours if the individual self-finances additional expenses, including return transportation. A self-financed tryout may be for any length of time, provided the individual does not miss class. *(Revised: 1/10/92, 4/24/03, 5/26/06, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)*

12.2.1.3.3 Outside Competition Prohibited. During a tryout, an individual may not take part in any outside competition (games or scrimmages) as a representative of a professional team.
12.2.2 Practice Without Competition.

12.2.2.2 Practice Without Competition—Sports Other Than Men’s Ice Hockey and Skiing.

12.2.2.2.1 Before Enrollment. In sports other than men’s ice hockey and skiing, prior to initial full-time enrollment in a collegiate institution, an individual may participate in practice sessions conducted by a professional team, provided he or she does not receive more than actual and necessary expenses to participate. *(Adopted: 4/13/10 effective 8/1/10; applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/10)*

12.2.2.2.2 After Enrollment. In sports other than men’s ice hockey and skiing, after initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may participate in practice sessions conducted by a professional team, provided such participation meets the requirements of Bylaw 12.2.1.3 and the individual does not:

(a) Receive any compensation for participation in the practice sessions;
(b) Enter into any contract or agreement with a professional team or sports organization; or
(c) Take part in any outside competition (games or scrimmages) as a representative of a professional team.

12.2.2.3 Prohibited Involvement of Institution’s Coach. An institution’s coaching staff member may not arrange for or direct student-athletes’ participation in football or basketball practice sessions conducted by a professional team.

12.2.3 Competition.

12.2.3.1 Competition Against Professionals. An individual may participate singly or as a member of an amateur team against professional athletes or professional teams. *(Revised: 8/24/07)*

12.2.3.2 Competition With Professionals. An individual shall not be eligible for intercollegiate athletics in a sport if the individual ever competed on a professional team (per Bylaw 12.02.11) in that sport. However, an individual may compete on a tennis, golf, two-person beach volleyball or two-person synchronized diving team with persons who are competing for cash or a comparable prize, provided the individual does not receive payment or prize money that exceeds his or her actual and necessary expenses, which may only be provided by the sponsor of the event. *(Revised: 8/1/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/14/97, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 4/28/14, 7/31/15)*

12.2.3.2.1 Exception—Competition Before Initial Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment—Sports Other Than Men’s Ice Hockey and Skiing. In sports other than men’s ice hockey and skiing, before initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may compete on a professional team (per Bylaw 12.02.11), provided he or she does not receive more than actual and necessary expenses to participate on the team. *(Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10; applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/10)*

12.2.3.2.2 Professional Player as Team Member. An individual may participate with a professional on a team, provided the professional is not being paid by a professional team or league to play as a member of that team (e.g., summer basketball leagues with teams composed of both professional and amateur athletes).

12.2.3.2.3 Professional Coach or Referee. Participation on a team that includes a professional coach or referee does not cause the team to be classified as a professional team.

12.2.3.2.5 Exception—Olympic/National Teams. It is permissible for an individual (prospective student-athlete or student-athletes) to participate on Olympic or national teams that are competing for prize money or are being compensated by the governing body to participate in a specific event, provided the student-athlete does not accept prize money or any other compensation (other than actual and necessary expenses). *(Adopted: 8/8/02)*

12.2.3.3 Competition in Professional All-Star Contest. A student-athlete who agrees to participate in a professional (players to be paid) all-star game becomes ineligible to compete in any intercollegiate contest that occurs after that agreement. Thus, a senior entering into such an agreement immediately following the last regular-season intercollegiate contest would not be eligible to compete in a bowl game, an NCAA championship or any other postseason intercollegiate contest.

12.2.4 Draft and Inquiry.

12.2.4.1 Inquiry. An individual may inquire of a professional sports organization about eligibility for a professional-league player draft or request information about the individual’s market value without affecting his or her amateur status.

12.2.4.2 Draft List. After initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual loses amateur status in a particular sport when the individual asks to be placed on the draft list or supplemental draft list of a professional league in that sport, even though: *(Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02)*

(a) The individual asks that his or her name be withdrawn from the draft list prior to the actual draft;
(b) The individual’s name remains on the list but he or she is not drafted; or
(c) The individual is drafted but does not sign an agreement with any professional athletics team.
12.2.4.2.4 Exception—Sports Other Than Basketball and Football. An enrolled student-athlete in a sport other than basketball or football may enter a professional league's draft one time during his or her collegiate career without jeopardizing his or her eligibility in the applicable sport, provided the student-athlete is not drafted and within 72 hours following the draft he or she declares his or her intention to resume participation in intercollegiate athletics. The student-athlete's declaration of intent shall be in writing to the institution's director of athletics. (Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)

12.2.4.3 Negotiations. An individual may request information about professional market value without affecting his or her amateur status. Further, the individual, his or her legal guardians or the institution's professional sports counseling panel may enter into negotiations with a professional sports organization without the loss of the individual's amateur status. An individual who retains an agent shall lose amateur status. (Adopted: 1/10/92)

12.2.5 Contracts and Compensation. An individual shall be ineligible for participation in an intercollegiate sport if he or she has entered into any kind of agreement to compete in professional athletics, either orally or in writing, regardless of the legal enforceability of that agreement. (Revised: 8/7/14)

12.2.5.1 Exception—Before Initial Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment—Sports Other Than Men's Ice Hockey and Skiing. In sports other than men's ice hockey and skiing, before initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may enter into an agreement to compete on a professional team (per Bylaw 12.02.11), provided the agreement does not guarantee or promise payment (at any time) in excess of actual and necessary expenses to participate on the team. (Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10; applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/10)

12.2.5.2 Nonbinding Agreement. An individual who signs a contract or commitment that does not become binding until the professional organization's representative or agent also signs the document is ineligible, even if the contract remains unsigned by the other parties until after the student-athlete's eligibility is exhausted.

12.3 Use of Agents. [A]

12.3.1 General Rule. [A] An individual shall be ineligible for participation in an intercollegiate sport if he or she ever has agreed (orally or in writing) to be represented by an agent for the purpose of marketing his or her athletics ability or reputation in that sport. Further, an agency contract not specifically limited in writing to a sport or particular sports shall be deemed applicable to all sports, and the individual shall be ineligible to participate in any sport. (Revised: 8/7/14)

12.3.1.1 Representation for Future Negotiations. [A] An individual shall be ineligible per Bylaw 12.3.1 if he or she enters into a verbal or written agreement with an agent for representation in future professional sports negotiations that are to take place after the individual has completed his or her eligibility in that sport. (Revised: 8/7/14)

12.3.1.2 Benefits from Prospective Agents. [A] An individual shall be ineligible per Bylaw 12.3.1 if he or she (or his or her relatives or friends) accepts transportation or other benefits from:

(a) Any person who represents any individual in the marketing of his or her athletics ability. The receipt of such expenses constitutes compensation based on athletics skill and is an extra benefit not available to the student body in general; or

(b) An agent, even if the agent has indicated that he or she has no interest in representing the student-athlete in the marketing of his or her athletics ability or reputation and does not represent individuals in the student-athlete's sport.

12.3.1.3 Exception—Career Counseling and Internship/Job Placement Services. [A] A student-athlete may use career counseling and internship/job placement services available exclusively to student-athletes, provided the student-athlete is not placed in a position in which the student-athlete uses his or her athletics ability. (Adopted: 4/28/11, Revised: 8/7/14)

12.3.2 Legal Counsel. [A] Securing advice from a lawyer concerning a proposed professional sports contract shall not be considered contracting for representation by an agent under this rule, unless the lawyer also represents the individual in negotiations for such a contract. (Revised: 8/7/14)

12.3.2.1 Presence of a Lawyer at Negotiations. [A] A lawyer may not be present during discussions of a contract offer with a professional organization or have any direct contact (in person, by telephone or by mail) with a professional sports organization on behalf of the individual. A lawyer's presence during such discussions is considered representation by an agent. (Revised: 8/7/14)

12.3.3 Athletics Scholarship Agent. [A] Any individual, agency or organization that represents a prospective student-athlete for compensation in placing the prospective student-athlete in a collegiate institution as a recipient of institutional financial aid shall be considered an agent or organization marketing the individual's athletics ability or reputation. (Revised: 8/7/14)

12.3.3.1 Talent Evaluation Services and Agents. [A] A prospective student-athlete may allow a scouting service or agent to distribute personal information (e.g., high school academic and athletics records, physical statistics) to member institutions without jeopardizing his or her eligibility, provided the fee paid to such an agent
is not based on placing the prospective student-athlete in a collegiate institution as a recipient of institutional financial aid. *(Revised: 8/7/14)*

**12.3.4 Professional Sports Counseling Panel.** *(A)* It is permissible for an authorized institutional professional sports counseling panel to: *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94, 1/16/10, 8/7/14, 1/17/15)*

(a) Advise a student-athlete about a future professional career;

(b) Assist a student-athlete with arrangements for securing a loan for the purpose of purchasing insurance against a disabling injury or illness, or for purchasing loss-of-value insurance and with arrangements for purchasing such insurance;

(c) Review a proposed professional sports contract;

(d) Meet with the student-athlete and representatives of professional teams;

(e) Communicate directly (e.g., in person, by mail or telephone) with representatives of a professional athletics team to assist in securing a tryout with that team for a student-athlete;

(f) Assist the student-athlete in the selection of an agent by participating with the student-athlete in interviews of agents, by reviewing written information player agents send to the student-athlete and by having direct communication with those individuals who can comment about the abilities of an agent (e.g., other agents, a professional league’s players association); and

(g) Visit with player agents or representatives of professional athletics teams to assist the student-athlete in determining his or her market value (e.g., potential salary, draft status).

**12.3.4.1 Appointment by President or Chancellor.** *(A)* This panel shall consist of at least three persons appointed by the institution’s president or chancellor (or his or her designated representative from outside the athletics department). *(Revised: 3/8/06, 8/7/14)*

**12.3.4.2 Composition.** *(A)* The majority of panel members shall be full-time employees outside the institution’s athletics department. Not more than one panel member may be an athletics department staff member. No sports agent or any person employed by a sports agent or agency may be a member of the panel. All panel members shall be identified to the NCAA national office. *(Revised: 1/11/94, 1/10/05, 8/7/14)*

**12.4 Employment.**

**12.4.1 Criteria Governing Compensation to Student-Athletes.** Compensation may be paid to a student-athlete: *(Revised: 11/22/04)*

(a) Only for work actually performed; and

(b) At a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar services.

**12.4.1.1 Athletics Reputation.** Such compensation may not include any remuneration for value or utility that the student-athlete may have for the employer because of the publicity, reputation, fame or personal following that he or she has obtained because of athletics ability.

**12.4.2 Specific Athletically Related Employment Activities.**

**12.4.2.1 Fee-for-Lesson Instruction.** A student-athlete may receive compensation for teaching or coaching sport skills or techniques in his or her sport on a fee-for-lesson basis, provided: *(R)* *(Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 4/2/03 effective 8/1/03)*

(a) Institutional facilities are not used;

(b) Playing lessons shall not be permitted;

(c) The institution obtains and keeps on file documentation of the recipient of the lesson(s) and the fee for the lesson(s) provided during any time of the year;

(d) The compensation is paid by the lesson recipient (or the recipient’s family) and not another individual or entity;

(e) Instruction to each individual is comparable to the instruction that would be provided during a private lesson when the instruction involves more than one individual at a time; and

(f) The student-athlete does not use his or her name, picture or appearance to promote or advertise the availability of fee-for-lesson sessions.

**12.4.2.2 National Team Practice and Competition.** A student-athlete may receive actual and necessary expenses and reasonable benefits associated with national team practice and competition (e.g., health insurance, broken-time payments). *(R)* *(Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

**12.4.2.3 Athletics Equipment Sales.** A student-athlete may not be employed to sell equipment related to the student-athlete’s sport if his or her name, picture or athletics reputation is used to advertise or promote the product, the job or the employer. If the student-athlete’s name, picture or athletics reputation is not used for advertising or promotion, the student-athlete may be employed in a legitimate sales position, provided he or she is reimbursed at an hourly rate or set salary in the same manner as any nonathlete salesperson. *(R)*
12.4.2.4 Goodwill Tour Commissions. A student-athlete representing the institution in a goodwill tour during summer months, in conjunction with the tour, may sell such items as jackets, blazers or similar institutional promotional items to booster groups or other friends of the institution on a salary, but not a commission, basis. [R]

12.4.3 Camp/Clinic Employment, General Rule. A student-athlete may be employed by his or her institution, by another institution, or by a private organization to work in a camp or clinic as a counselor, unless otherwise restricted by NCAA legislation (see Bylaw 13.12 for regulations relating to camps and clinics). Out-of-season playing and practice limitations may restrict the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may be employed in that institution's camp (see the specific sport in Bylaw 17 for these employment restrictions and Bylaw 13.12).

12.4.4 Self-Employment. [A] A student-athlete may establish his or her own business, provided the student-athlete's name, photograph, appearance or athletics reputation are not used to promote the business. (Adopted: 12/12/06, Revised: 8/7/14)

12.5 Promotional Activities.

12.5.1 Permissible.

12.5.1.1 Institutional, Charitable, Education or Nonprofit Promotions. A member institution or recognized entity thereof (e.g., fraternity, sorority or student government organization), a member conference or a noninstitutional charitable, educational or nonprofit agency may use a student-athlete's name, picture or appearance to support its charitable or educational activities or to support activities considered incidental to the student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics, provided the following conditions are met: (Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/91, 1/10/92, 1/16/93, 1/9/96, 11/12/97, 4/26/01, 4/28/05, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 5/6/08)

(a) The student-athlete receives written approval to participate from the director of athletics (or his or her designee who may not be a coaching staff member), subject to the limitations on participants in such activities as set forth in Bylaw 17;

(b) The specific activity or project in which the student-athlete participates does not involve co-sponsorship, advertisement or promotion by a commercial agency other than through the reproduction of the sponsoring company's officially registered regular trademark or logo on printed materials such as pictures, posters or calendars. The company's emblem, name, address, telephone number and website address may be included with the trademark or logo. Personal names, messages and slogans (other than an officially registered trademark) are prohibited;

(c) The name or picture of a student-athlete with remaining eligibility may not appear on an institution's printed promotional item (e.g., poster, calendar) that includes a reproduction of a product with which a commercial entity is associated if the commercial entity's officially registered regular trademark or logo also appears on the item;

(d) The student-athlete does not miss class;

(e) All moneys derived from the activity or project go directly to the member institution, member conference or the charitable, educational or nonprofit agency;

(f) The student-athlete may accept actual and necessary expenses from the member institution, member conference or the charitable, educational or nonprofit agency related to participation in such activity;

(g) The student-athlete's name, picture or appearance is not used to promote the commercial ventures of any nonprofit agency;

(h) Any commercial items with names, likenesses or pictures of multiple student-athletes (other than highlight films or media guides per Bylaw 12.5.1.7) may be sold only at the member institution at which the student-athletes are enrolled, the institution's conference, institutionally controlled (owned and operated) outlets or outlets controlled by the charitable, educational or nonprofit organization (e.g., location of the charitable or educational organization, site of charitable event during the event). Items that include an individual student-athlete's name, picture or likeness (e.g., name on jersey, name or likeness on a bobble-head doll), other than informational items (e.g., media guide, schedule cards, institutional publications), may not be sold; and

(i) The student-athlete and an authorized representative of the charitable, educational or nonprofit agency sign a release statement ensuring that the student-athlete's name, image or appearance is used in a manner consistent with the requirements of this section.

12.5.1.1.1 Promotions Involving NCAA Championships, Events, Activities or Programs. The NCAA [or a third party acting on behalf of the NCAA (e.g., host institution, conference, local organizing committee)] may use the name or picture of an enrolled student-athlete to generally promote NCAA championships or other NCAA events, activities or programs. (Adopted: 8/7/03)

12.5.1.1.2 Promotions Involving Commercial Locations/Sponsors. A member institution, a member conference or a charitable, educational or nonprofit organization may use the appearance, name or picture of an enrolled student-athlete to promote generally its fundraising activities at the location of a
commercial establishment, provided the commercial establishment is not a co-sponsor of the event and the student-athlete does not promote the sale of a commercial product in conjunction with the fundraising activity. A commercial establishment would become a co-sponsor if the commercial establishment either advertises the presence of the student-athlete at the commercial location or is involved directly or indirectly in promoting the activity. (Adopted: 1/10/92)

12.5.1.1.3 Distribution of Institutional Items through Commercial Outlets. A member institution may distribute noncommercial items that include names or pictures of student-athletes (items not for sale) at commercial establishments, provided the institution generally distributes such items to other commercial establishments in the community and the distribution of the items does not require the recipient to make a purchase at the commercial establishment. (Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 5/21/08)

12.5.1.1.4 Player/Trading Cards. A member institution or recognized entity thereof (e.g., fraternity, sorority or student government organization), a member conference or a noninstitutional charitable, educational or nonprofit agency may distribute but may not sell player/trading cards that bear a student-athlete's name or picture. (Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)

12.5.1.1.4.1 Exception—Olympic/National Team. A national governing body may sell player/trading cards that bear the name or picture of a student-athlete who is a member of the Olympic/national team in that sport, provided all of the funds generated through the sale of such cards are deposited directly with the applicable Olympic/national team. (Adopted: 1/6/96)

12.5.1.1.5 Schedule Cards. An advertisement on an institution's wallet-size playing schedule that includes the name or picture of a student-athlete may include language other than the commercial product's name, trademark or logo, provided the commercial language does not appear on the same page as the picture of the student-athlete. (Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/14/08, 5/21/08)

12.5.1.1.6 Effect of Violations. The following violations of Bylaw 12.5.1.1 shall be considered institutional violations; however, the student-athlete's eligibility shall not be affected: (Adopted: 1/14/97, Revised: 4/26/07, 10/29/09)

(a) An institution, without the student-athlete's knowledge or consent, uses or permits the use of the student-athlete's name or picture in a manner contrary to Bylaw 12.5.1.1;

(b) A violation in which the only condition of the legislation not satisfied is the requirement to obtain written approval from the director of athletics (or his or her designee who may not be a coaching staff member), provided the approval would have been granted if requested; or

(c) A violation in which the only condition of the legislation not satisfied is the requirement that the student-athlete and an authorized representative of the charitable, educational or nonprofit agency sign a release statement, provided the release statement would have been signed if such a request had been made.

12.5.1.2 U.S. Olympic Committee/National Governing Body Advertisement Prior to Collegiate Enrollment. Prior to initial, full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may receive payment for the display of athletics skill in a commercial advertisement, provided: (Adopted: 1/11/94)

(a) The individual receives prior approval to appear in the advertisement from the U.S. Olympic Committee or the applicable national governing body;

(b) The U.S. Olympic Committee or national governing body approves of the content and the production of the advertisement;

(c) The individual forwards the payment to the U.S. Olympic Committee or national governing body for the general use of the organization(s); and

(d) The funds are not earmarked for the individual.

12.5.1.3 Continuation of Modeling and Other Nonathletically Related Promotional Activities After Enrollment. [A] If an individual accepts remuneration for or permits the use of his or her name or picture to advertise or promote the sale or use of a commercial product or service prior to enrollment in a member institution, continued remuneration for the use of the individual's name or picture (under the same or similar circumstances) after enrollment is permitted without jeopardizing his or her eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics only if all of the following conditions apply: (Revised: 1/14/97, 3/10/04, 8/7/14)

(a) The individual's involvement in this type of activity was initiated prior to his or her enrollment in a member institution;

(b) The individual became involved in such activities for reasons independent of athletics ability;

(c) No reference is made in these activities to the individual's name or involvement in intercollegiate athletics;

(d) The individual does not endorse the commercial product; and

(e) The individual's remuneration under such circumstances is at a rate commensurate with the individual's skills and experience as a model or performer and is not based in any way upon the individual's athletics ability or reputation.
12.5.1.4 Congratulatory Advertisement. It is permissible for a student-athlete’s name or picture, or the group picture of an institution's athletics squad, to appear in an advertisement of a particular business, commercial product or service, provided: (Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 5/21/08)

(a) The primary purpose of the advertisement is to publicize the sponsor's congratulations to the student-athlete or team;

(b) The advertisement does not include a reproduction of the product with which the business is associated or any other item or description identifying the business or service other than its name or trademark;

(c) There is no indication in the makeup or wording of the advertisement that the squad members, individually or collectively, or the institution endorses the product or service of the advertiser;

(d) The student-athlete has not signed a consent or release granting permission to use the student-athlete’s name or picture in a manner inconsistent with the requirements of this section; and

(e) If the student-athlete has received a prize from a commercial sponsor in conjunction with participation in a promotional contest and the advertisement involves the announcement of receipt of the prize, the receipt of the prize is consistent with the provisions of Bylaw 12.5.2.3.3 and official interpretations.

12.5.1.5 Educational Products Related to Sport-Skill Instruction. It is permissible for a student-athlete’s name or picture to appear in books, articles and other publications, films, videotapes, and other types of electronic reproduction related to sport-skill demonstration, analysis or instruction, provided: (Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)

(a) Such print and electronic media productions are for educational purposes;

(b) There is no indication that the student-athlete expressly or implicitly endorses a commercial product or service;

(c) The student-athlete does not receive, under any circumstances, any remuneration for such participation; however, the student-athlete may receive actual and necessary expenses related to his or her participation; and

(d) The student-athlete has signed a release statement ensuring that the student-athlete’s name or image is used in a manner consistent with the requirements of this section and has filed a copy of the statement with the student-athlete’s member institution.

12.5.1.6 Camps. An institutional or privately owned camp may use a student-athlete's name, picture and institutional affiliation only in the camp counselor section in its camp brochure to identify the student-athlete as a staff member. A student-athlete's name or picture may not be used in any other way to directly advertise or promote the camp. [D] (Revised: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 4/17/02, 7/12/04, 1/9/06)

12.5.1.7 Promotion by Third Party of Highlight Film, Video or Media Guide. Any party other than the institution or a student-athlete (e.g., a distribution company) may sell and distribute an institutional highlight film or video or an institutional or conference media guide that contains the names and pictures of enrolled student-athletes only if: (Revised: 1/16/93)

(a) The institution specifically designates any agency that is authorized to receive orders for the film, video or media guide;

(b) Sales and distribution activities have the written approval of the institution's athletics director;

(c) The distribution company or a retail store is precluded from using the name or picture of an enrolled student-athlete in any poster or other advertisement to promote the sale or distribution of the film or media guide; and

(d) There is no indication in the makeup or wording of the advertisement that the squad members, individually or collectively, or the institution endorses the product or services of the advertiser.

12.5.1.8 Promotion of NCAA and Conference Championships. The NCAA [or a third party acting on behalf of the NCAA (e.g., host institution, conference, local organizing committee)] may use the name or picture of a student-athlete to generally promote NCAA championships. A student-athlete's name or picture may appear in a poster that promotes a conference championship, provided the poster is produced by a member that hosts a portion of the championship or by the conference. (Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 8/7/03)

12.5.1.9 Olympic, Pan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games and World University Championships. A student-athlete’s name or picture may be used to promote Olympic, Pan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games or World University Championships as specified in this section. (Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/14/12)

12.5.1.9.1 Sale and Distribution of Promotional Items. Promotional items (e.g., posters, postcards, film, videotapes) bearing the name or picture of a student-athlete and related to these events may be sold or distributed by the national or international sports governing body sponsoring these events or its designated third-party distributors. It is not permissible for such organizations to sell player/trading cards that bear a student-athlete's name or picture, except as noted in Bylaw 12.5.1.4.1. Promotional items may include a corporate sponsor's trademark or logo but not a reproduction of the product with which the business is as-
12.5.2 Nonpermissible.

12.5.2.1 Advertisements and Promotions After Becoming a Student-Athlete. After becoming a student-athlete, an individual shall not be eligible for participation in intercollegiate athletics if the individual:
(a) accepts any remuneration for or permits the use of his or her name or picture to advertise, recommend or promote directly the sale or use of a commercial product or service of any kind; or
(b) receives remuneration for endorsing a commercial product or service through the individual’s use of such product or service.

12.5.2.1 Exceptions. The individual’s eligibility will not be affected, provided the individual participated in such activities prior to enrollment and the individual:
(a) meets the conditions set forth in Bylaw 12.5.1.3 that would permit continuation of such activities; or
(b) takes appropriate steps upon becoming a student-athlete to retract permission for the use of his or her name or picture and ceases receipt of any remuneration for such an arrangement.

12.5.2.2 Use of a Student-Athlete’s Name or Picture Without Knowledge or Permission. If a student-athlete’s name or picture appears on commercial items (e.g., T-shirts, sweatshirts, serving trays, playing cards, posters) or is used to promote a commercial product sold by an individual or agency without the student-athlete’s knowledge or permission, the student-athlete (or the institution acting on behalf of the student-athlete) is required to take steps to stop such an activity in order to retain his or her eligibility for intercollegiate athletics. Such steps are not required in cases in which a student-athlete’s photograph is sold by an individual or agency (e.g., private photographer, news agency) for private use. (Revised: 1/11/97, 5/12/05)

12.5.2.3 Specifically Restricted Activities. A student-athlete’s involvement in promotional activities specified in this section is prohibited.

12.5.2.3.1 Name-the-Player Contest. A student-athlete may not permit use of his or her name or picture in a “name-the-player” contest conducted by a commercial business for the purpose of promoting that business.

12.5.2.3.2 Athletics Equipment Advertisement. A student-athlete’s name or picture may not be used by an athletics equipment company or manufacturer to publicize the fact that the institution’s team uses its equipment.

12.5.2.3.3 Promotional Contests. Receipt of a prize for winning an institutional or noninstitutional promotional activity (e.g., making a half-court basketball shot, being involved in a money scramble) by a prospective or enrolled student-athlete (or a member of his or her family) does not affect his or her eligibility, provided the prize is won through a random drawing in which all members of the general public or the student body are eligible to participate. (Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 3/25/05, 6/12/07)

12.5.2.4 Other Promotional Activities. A student-athlete may not participate in any promotional activity that is not permitted under Bylaw 12.5.1. (Adopted: 1/1/01)

12.5.3 Media Activities. [A]

(a) During the Playing Season. During the playing season, a student-athlete may appear on radio and television programs (e.g., coaches’ shows) or engage in writing projects when the student-athlete’s appearance or participation is related in any way to athletics ability or prestige, provided the student-athlete does not receive any remuneration for the appearance or participation in the activity. The student-athlete shall not make any endorsement, expressed or implied, of any commercial product or service. The student-athlete may, however, receive actual and necessary expenses directly related to the appearance or participation in the activity. A student-athlete participating in media activities during the playing season may not miss class, except for class time missed in conjunction with away-from-home competition or to participate in a conference-sponsored media day. (Revised: 1/16/93, 1/14/97, 1/19/06, 4/27/06, 8/7/14)

(b) Outside the Playing Season. Outside the playing season, a student-athlete may participate in media activities (e.g., appearance on radio, television, in films or stage productions or participation in writing projects) when such appearance or participation is related in any way to athletics ability or prestige, provided the student-athlete is eligible academically to represent the institution and does not receive any remuneration for such appearance or participation. The student-athlete may not make any endorsement, expressed or implied,
12.5.4 Use of Commercial Trademarks or Logos on Equipment, Uniforms and Apparel. A student-athlete may use athletics equipment or wear athletics apparel that bears the trademark or logo of an athletics equipment or apparel manufacturer or distributor in athletics competition and pre- and postgame activities (e.g., celebrations on the court, pre- or postgame press conferences), provided the following criteria are met. [D] (Revised: 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 2/16/00, 5/27/11)

(a) Athletics equipment (e.g., shoes, helmets, baseball bats and gloves, batting or golf gloves, hockey and lacrosse sticks, goggles and skis) shall bear only the manufacturer's normal label or trademark, as it is used on all such items for sale to the general public; and

(b) The student-athlete's institution's official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warm-ups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, head bands, T-shirts, wrist bands, visors or hats, swim caps and towels) shall bear only a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark), not to exceed 2-1/4 square inches in area (rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel shall not bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's trademark/logo that is in addition to another trademark/logo that is contrary to the size restriction.

12.5.4.1 Laundry Label. If an institution's uniform or any item of apparel worn by a student-athlete in competition contains washing instructions on the outside of the apparel on a patch that also includes the manufacturer's or distributor's logo or trademark, the entire patch must be contained within a four-sided geometrical figure (rectangle, square, parallelogram) that does not exceed 2-1/4 square inches. [D] (Adopted: 1/10/95)

12.5.4.2 Pre- or Postgame Activities. The restriction on the size of a manufacturer's or distributor's logo is applicable to all apparel worn by student-athletes during the conduct of the institution's competition, which includes any pre- or postgame activities (e.g., postgame celebrations on the court, pre- or postgame press conferences) involving student-athletes. [D] (Adopted: 1/10/95)

12.5.4.3 Outside Team Uniforms and Apparel. The provisions of Bylaw 12.5.4-(b) do not apply to the official uniforms and apparel worn by outside teams.

12.5.4.4 Title-Sponsor Recognition. Racing bibs and similar competition identification materials (e.g., bowl-game patches) worn by participants may include the name of the corporate sponsor of the competition, provided the involved commercial company is the sole title sponsor of the competition. [D]

12.6 Financial Donations From Outside Organizations.

12.6.1 Professional Sports Organizations.

12.6.1.1 To Intercollegiate Event. A professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of an intercollegiate competition event, provided the organization is not publicly identified as such. A professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of an activity or promotion that is ancillary to the competition event and may be publicly identified as such. [D] (Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 8/5/04, 1/14/12)

12.6.1.2 Developmental Funds to NCAA. A professional sports organization may provide funds for intercollegiate athletics developmental purposes in a particular sport (e.g., officiating expenses, research and educational projects, the conduct of summer leagues, purchase of equipment). However, such funds shall be provided in an unrestricted manner and administered through the Association's national office.

12.6.1.3 To Institution, Permissible. A member institution may receive funds from a professional sports organization, provided: (Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/14/12, 4/17/12)

(a) The money is placed in the institution's general fund and used for purposes other than athletics;
(b) The money is placed in the institution's general scholarship fund and commingled with funds for the assistance of all students generally;
(c) The money is received by the institution as a result of the professional sports organization's financial sponsorship of a specific intercollegiate competition event and is placed in the institution's budget for the specific event, including ancillary activities and promotions; or
(d) The money is received by the institution as a result of a reciprocal contractual marketing relationship and is placed in the athletics department's budget for the specific purpose of marketing and promoting any institutionally sponsored sport other than football and men's basketball.

12.6.1.4 To Conference, Permissible. A member conference may receive funds from a professional sports organization, provided the money is received by the conference as a result of the professional sports organization's financial sponsorship of a specific intercollegiate competition event and is placed in the conference's budget for the specific event, including ancillary activities and promotions. (Adopted: 1/14/12)

12.6.1.5 To Institution, Nonpermissible. A member institution shall not accept funds from a professional sports organization if:
12.7 General Eligibility Requirements.
12.7.1 Postseason and Regular-Season Competition. To be eligible for regular-season competition, NCAA championships, and for postseason football bowl games, the student-athlete shall meet all general eligibility requirements. (Revised: 7/31/14)

12.7.2 Student-Athlete Statement. The institution shall promptly notify in writing the NCAA vice president for student-athlete affairs regarding a student-athlete's disclosure of a previous positive test for banned substances administered by any other athletics organization. (Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 7/31/14)
12.7.3 Drug-Testing Consent Form.

12.7.3.1 Content and Purpose. Each academic year, a student-athlete shall sign a form maintained by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports and approved by the Council in which the student consents to be tested for the use of drugs prohibited by NCAA legislation. Failure to complete and sign the consent form prior to practice or competition, or before the Monday of the fourth week of classes (whichever occurs first) shall result in the student-athlete's ineligibility for participation (practice and competition) in all intercollegiate athletics. (Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 1/11/95, 1/14/97, 4/24/03, 8/5/04, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 7/30/10, 7/31/14, 8/7/14)

12.7.3.2 Administration. The following procedures shall be used in administering the form (see Constitution 3.2.4.7): (Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 4/27/00, 7/30/10, 7/31/14)

(a) The consent form shall be administered individually to each student-athlete by the athletics director or the athletics director's designee each academic year;

(b) The athletics director or the athletics director's designee shall disseminate the list of banned drug classes to all student-athletes and educate them about products that might contain banned drugs. All student-athletes are to be notified that the list may change during the academic year, that updates may be found on the NCAA website (www.ncaa.org) and informed of the appropriate athletics department procedures for disseminating updates to the list; and

(c) The consent form shall be kept on file by the athletics director and shall be available for examination upon request by an authorized representative of the NCAA.

12.7.3.3 Exception—14-Day Grace Period. A student-athlete who is “trying out” for a team is not required to complete the form until 14 days from the first date the student-athlete engages in countable athletically related activities or before the student-athlete participates in a competition, whichever occurs earlier. (Adopted: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 7/31/14)

12.7.3.4 Effect of Violation. A violation of Bylaw 12.7.3 or its subsections shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, a violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility, provided the student-athlete signs the consent form. (Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 7/30/10, 7/31/14)

12.7.4 Student-Athlete Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Authorization/Buckley Amendment Consent Form—Disclosure of Protected Health Information.

12.7.4.1 Content and Purpose. Each academic year, a student-athlete may voluntarily sign a statement in a form maintained by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports and approved by the Council in which the student-athlete authorizes/consents to the institution's physicians, athletics directors and health care personnel to disclose the student-athlete's injury/illness and participation information associated with the student-athlete's training and participation in intercollegiate athletics to the NCAA and to its Injury Surveillance Program (ISP), agents and employees for the purpose of conducting research into the reduction of athletics injuries. The authorization/consent by the student-athlete is voluntary and is not required for the student-athlete to be eligible to participate. (Adopted: 4/24/03, Revised: 8/7/03 effective 8/1/04, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 7/31/14, 8/7/14)

12.7.4.2 Administration. The following procedures shall be used in administering the form: (Adopted: 4/24/03, Revised: 8/7/03 effective 8/1/04, 7/30/10, 7/31/14)

(a) The authorization/consent form shall be administered individually to each student-athlete by the athletics director or the athletics director's designee before the student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics each academic year.

(b) Signing the authorization/consent shall be voluntary and is not required by the student-athlete's institution for medical treatment, payment for treatment, enrollment in a health plan or for any benefits (if applicable) and is not required for the student-athlete to be eligible to participate.

(c) Any signed authorization/consent forms shall be kept on file by the athletics director.

12.7.5 Eligibility Requirements for Male Students to Practice With Women's Teams. Male students may engage in practice sessions with women's teams under the following conditions: (Revised: 5/12/05, 5/29/08, 7/31/14)

(a) Male students who practice with an institution's women's team on an occasional basis must be certified as eligible for practice in accordance with Bylaw 14.2.1 and must have eligibility remaining under the five-year rule (see Bylaw 12.8.1);

(b) Male students who practice with an institution's women's teams on a regular basis must be certified as eligible for practice in accordance with all applicable NCAA eligibility regulations (e.g., must be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies, must sign a drug-testing consent form, must be included on the institution's squad list);

(c) It is not permissible for an institution to provide male students financial assistance (room and board, tuition and fees, and books) in return for practicing with a women's team. A male student who is receiving financial aid or any compensation for serving in any position in the athletics department may not practice with a
women's team. A male student-athlete who is a counter in a men's sport may not engage in practice sessions with an institution's women's team in any sport;

d) It is not permissible for an institution to provide male students room and board to remain on campus during a vacation period to participate in practice sessions with a women's team;

(e) It is not permissible for a male student-athlete who is serving an academic year of residence as a nonqualifier to participate in practice sessions with a women's team; and

(f) It is permissible for an institution to provide practice apparel to male students for the purpose of practicing with a women's team.

12.8 Seasons of Competition: Five-Year Rule.
A student-athlete shall not engage in more than four seasons of intercollegiate competition in any one sport (see Bylaws 17.02.8 and 14.3.3). An institution shall not permit a student-athlete to represent it in intercollegiate competition unless the individual completes all of his or her seasons of participation in all sports within the time periods specified below: (Revised: 7/31/14)

12.8.1 Five-Year Rule. A student-athlete shall complete his or her seasons of participation within five calendar years from the beginning of the semester or quarter in which the student-athlete first registered for a minimum full-time program of studies in a collegiate institution, with time spent in the armed services, on official religious missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government being excepted. For international students, service in the armed forces or on an official religious mission of the student's home country is considered equivalent to such service in the United States. (Revised: 4/2/10, 7/31/14)

12.8.1.1 Determining the Start of the Five-Year Period. For purposes of starting the count of time under the five-year rule, a student-athlete shall be considered registered at a collegiate institution (domestic or foreign; see Bylaw 14.02.4) when the student-athlete initially registers in a regular term (semester or quarter) of an academic year for a minimum full-time program of studies, as determined by the institution, and attends the student's first day of classes for that term (see Bylaw 12.8.2). (Revised: 7/31/14)

12.8.1.2 Service Exceptions to the Five-Year Rule. Time spent in the armed services, on official religious missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government is excepted from the application of the five-year rule. Among such services that qualify a student-athlete for an extension of the five-year rule are: (Revised: 4/2/10, 7/31/14)

(a) Military Sea Transport Service;

(b) Peace Corps; or

(c) Service as a conscientious objector ordered by the Selective Service Commission (or the equivalent authority in a foreign nation) in lieu of active military duty.

12.8.1.2.1 Elapsed Time/Service to Enrollment. If a student-athlete enrolls in a regular term of a collegiate institution at the first opportunity following completion of any one of the commitments described in the exceptions to this bylaw, the elapsed time (the exact number of calendar days) between completion of the commitment and the first opportunity for enrollment may be added to the exact number of days served on active duty in the armed services, with foreign aid services or on official religious missions and will not count toward the student-athlete's five years of eligibility. It is not permissible to extend the five-year period by any additional time beyond the first opportunity to enroll (the opening day of classes of the first regular term at the institution in which the student-athlete enrolls as a regular student immediately following the termination of the active-duty commitment). (Revised: 4/2/10, 7/31/14)

12.8.1.2.2 Collegiate Enrollment Concurrent With Service Assignment. Any time in which a student-athlete is enrolled for a minimum full-time load as a regular student in a collegiate institution while simultaneously on active duty in the U.S. military, on an official religious mission or with a recognized foreign aid service of the U.S. government shall count against the five calendar years in which the student-athlete's seasons of eligibility must be completed. (Revised: 4/2/10, 7/31/14)

12.8.1.3 Pregnancy Exception. A member institution may approve a one-year extension of the five-year period of eligibility for a female student-athlete for reasons of pregnancy. (Revised: 7/31/14)

12.8.1.4 Athletics Activities Waiver. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement, or a committee designated by it, shall have the authority to waive this provision by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting to permit student-athletes to participate in: (Revised: 1/10/91, 1/9/96, 1/14/12, 7/31/14)

(a) Official Pan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games, World University Championships and Olympic training, tryouts and competition;

(b) Officially recognized training and competition directly qualifying participants for final Olympic tryouts; or

(c) Official tryouts and competition involving national teams sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the
equivalent organization of that nation, or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic sport, the equivalent organization of that sport).

### 12.8.1.4.1 Athletics Activity Waiver Criteria.

Extensions of the five-year period of eligibility for student-athletes by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement, or its designated committee, shall be based on the following criteria: The member institution in which the student-athlete is enrolled must establish to the satisfaction of the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (by objective evidence) that the student-athlete was unable to participate in intercollegiate athletics as a result of participation in one of the activities listed in the above legislation for a specific period of time. Further, such an extension shall be limited to one time and for a period not to exceed one year per student-athlete, per sport. *(Revised: 8/11/98, 7/31/14)*

### 12.8.1.5 Five-Year Rule Waiver.

The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement, or its designated committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers of the five-year rule as it deems appropriate. *(Revised: 7/30/10, 7/31/14)*

#### 12.8.1.5.1 Waiver Criteria.

A waiver of the five-year period of eligibility is designed to provide a student-athlete with the opportunity to participate in four seasons of intercollegiate competition within a five-year period. This waiver may be granted, based upon objective evidence, for reasons that are beyond the control of the student-athlete or the institution, which deprive the student-athlete of the opportunity to participate for more than one season in his or her sport within the five-year period. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement reserves the right to review requests that do not meet the more-than-one-year criteria detailed in this bylaw for circumstances of extraordinary or extreme hardship. A student-athlete who has exhausted his or her five years of eligibility may continue to practice (but not compete) for a maximum of 30 consecutive calendar days, provided the student-athlete’s institution has submitted a waiver request. The student-athlete may not commence practice until the institution has filed such a request. Further, if such a request is denied prior to exhausting the 30-day practice period, the student-athlete must cease all practice activities upon the institution’s notification of the denial. *(Revised: 4/17/91, 1/11/94, 8/10/94, 10/12/95, 8/12/97, 4/27/00, 1/9/06, 7/30/10, 7/31/14)*

#### 12.8.1.5.1.1 Circumstances Beyond Control.

Circumstances considered to be beyond the control of the student-athlete or the institution and do not cause a participation opportunity to be used shall include, but are not limited to, the following: *(Adopted: 8/10/94, Revised: 10/12/95, 7/30/10, 7/31/14)*

(a) Situations clearly supported by contemporaneous medical documentation, which states that a student-athlete is unable to participate in intercollegiate competition as a result of incapacitating physical or mental circumstances;

(b) The student-athlete is unable to participate in intercollegiate athletics as a result of a life-threatening or incapacitating injury or illness suffered by a member of the student-athlete’s immediate family, which clearly is supported by contemporaneous medical documentation;

(c) Reliance by the student-athlete upon written, contemporaneous, clearly erroneous academic advice provided to the student-athlete from a specific academic authority from a collegiate institution regarding the academic status of the student-athlete or prospective student-athlete, which directly leads to that individual not being eligible to participate and, but for the clearly erroneous advice, the student-athlete would have established eligibility for intercollegiate competition;

(d) Natural disasters (e.g., earthquake, flood); and

(e) Extreme financial difficulties as a result of a specific event (e.g., layoff, death in the family) experienced by the student-athlete or by an individual upon whom the student-athlete is legally dependent, which prohibit the student-athlete from participating in intercollegiate athletics. These circumstances must be clearly supported by objective documentation (e.g., decree of bankruptcy, proof of termination) and must be beyond the control of the student-athlete or the individual upon whom the student-athlete is legally dependent.

#### 12.8.1.5.1.2 Circumstances Within Control.

Circumstances that are considered to be within the control of the student-athlete or the institution and cause a participation opportunity to be used include, but are not limited to, the following: *(Adopted: 8/10/94, Revised: 10/12/95, 10/9/96, 7/30/10, 7/31/14)*

(a) A student-athlete’s decision to attend an institution that does not sponsor his/her sport, or decides not to participate at an institution that does sponsor his/her sport;

(b) An inability to participate due to failure to meet institutional/conference or NCAA academic requirements, or disciplinary reasons or incarceration culminating in or resulting from a conviction;

(c) Reliance by a student-athlete upon misinformation from a coaching staff member;

(d) Redshirt year;
(e) An inability to participate as a result of a transfer year in residence or fulfilling a condition for restoration of eligibility; and

(f) A student-athlete's lack of understanding regarding the specific starting date of his or her five-year period of eligibility.

12.8.2 Additional Applications of the Five-Year Rule.

12.8.2.1 Athletics Competition. Even though a student is enrolled for less than a minimum full-time program of studies at a collegiate institution, the student's five-year period of eligibility begins if the individual represents the institution in intercollegiate athletics. (Revised: 7/31/14)

12.8.2.2 Nonrecognized College. Enrollment in a postsecondary, noncollegiate institution (e.g., technical school, seminary or business college) in the United States that is not accredited at the college level by an agency or association recognized by the secretary of the Department of Education and legally authorized to offer at least a one-year program of study creditable toward a degree, constitutes enrollment in the application of the five-year rule only if: (Revised: 1/10/90, 8/8/02, 7/31/14)

(a) The student is enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies at such an institution that conducts an intercollegiate athletics program; or

(b) The student, whether enrolled for a minimum full-time program of studies or not, represents the institution in intercollegiate athletics.

12.8.2.3 Joint College/High School Program. A student-athlete's eligibility under the five-year rule does not begin while a student is enrolled in a collegiate institution in a joint high school/college academic program for high school students in which the courses count as both high school graduation credit and college credit, provided the student has not officially graduated from high school and does not participate in intercollegiate athletics while enrolled in the joint program. (Revised: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 7/31/14)

12.8.2.4 Vocational Program. A student-athlete's eligibility under the five-year rule does not begin while the student is enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies as a part of a special vocational program that combines enrollment in regular college courses and participation in vocational training courses, provided the student is not considered to be regularly matriculated by the institution, does not go through the customary registration and testing procedures required of all regular entering students and is not eligible for the institution's extracurricular activities, including athletics. (Revised: 7/31/14)

12.8.2.5 Eligibility for Practice. A student-athlete receiving institutional financial aid after having engaged in four seasons of intercollegiate competition in a sport may continue to take part in organized, institutional practice sessions in that sport without being a counter (see Bylaw 15.02.3), provided the individual has eligibility remaining under the five-year rule. (Revised: 8/5/04, 7/31/14)

12.8.3 Criteria for Determining Season of Competition.

12.8.3.1 Minimum Amount of Competition. Any competition, regardless of time, during a season in an intercollegiate sport shall be counted as a season of competition in that sport, except as provided in Bylaws 12.8.3.1.1, 12.8.3.1.2, 12.8.3.1.3 and 12.8.3.1.4. This provision is applicable to intercollegiate athletics competition conducted by a two-year or four-year collegiate institution at the varsity or subvarsity level. (Revised: 1/11/94, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 5/9/06, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, 7/31/14)

12.8.3.1.1 Two-Year College Scrimmages. A two-year college prospective student-athlete may compete in a scrimmage as a member of a two-year college team without counting such competition as a season of competition, provided the competition meets all of the following conditions: (Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 5/9/06, 7/31/14)

(a) The scrimmage is approved by the two-year college;

(b) No official score is kept;

(c) No admission is charged;

(d) No official time is kept;

(e) The scrimmage is played prior to the two-year college's first regularly scheduled outside competition; and

(f) The prospective student-athlete participates in not more than two such scrimmages or dates of competition per academic year.

12.8.3.1.3 Preseason Exhibitions/Preseason Practice Scrimmages During Initial Year. During a student-athlete's initial year of enrollment at the certifying institution, he or she may compete in preseason exhibition contests and preseason practice scrimmages (as permitted in the particular sport per Bylaw 17) without counting such competition as a season of competition. (Revised: 5/9/06, 7/31/14)

12.8.3.1.4 Alumni Game, Fundraising Activity or Celebrity Sports Activity. A student-athlete may engage in outside competition in either one alumni game, one fundraising activity or one celebrity sports activity during a season without counting such competition as a season of competition, provided the event is exempted from the institution's maximum number of contests or dates of competition as permitted in the particular sport per Bylaw 17. (Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 7/31/14)
12.8.3.2 Delayed Enrollment—Seasons of Competition.

12.8.3.2.1 Sports Other Than Men’s Ice Hockey, Skiing and Tennis. In sports other than men’s ice hockey, skiing and tennis, a student-athlete who does not enroll in a collegiate institution as a full-time student in a regular academic term during a one-year time period after his or her high school graduation date or the graduation date of his or her class (as determined by the first year of high school enrollment or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility and based on the prescribed educational path in the student-athlete’s country), whichever occurs earlier, shall be subject to the following: (Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/20/09, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/11; applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/11, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/12; applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/12, 7/31/14)

(a) The student-athlete shall be charged with a season of intercollegiate eligibility for each calendar year after the one-year time period (the next opportunity to enroll after one calendar year has elapsed) and prior to full-time collegiate enrollment during which the student-athlete has participated in organized competition per Bylaw 12.02.8.

(b) After the one-year time period, if the student-athlete has engaged in competition per Bylaw 12.02.8, on matriculation at the certifying institution, the student-athlete must fulfill an academic year in residence before being eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition.

12.8.3.2.1.1 Exception—National/International Competition. For a maximum of one year after a prospective student-athlete’s first opportunity to enroll full time in a collegiate institution following the one-year time period after his or her high school graduation date or the graduation date of his or her class, whichever occurs earlier, participation in the following organized national/international competition is exempt from application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.1: (Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11; applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/11, Revised: 1/14/12, 7/31/14)

(a) Official Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games and World University Championships competition;

(b) Officially recognized competition from which participants may directly qualify for final tryouts for a national team that will participate in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games or World University Championships and final tryout competition from which participants are selected for such teams; or

(c) Official competition involving a national team sponsored by the appropriate national governing body of the U.S. Olympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation).

12.8.3.2.1.1.1 Junior Level Competition. The national/international competition exception does not apply to junior level national/international competition (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, Junior National Teams) that may be associated with the events specified in Bylaw 12.8.3.2.1.1. (Adopted: 8/11/11, Revised: 7/31/14)

12.8.3.4 Intercollegiate Competition. A student-athlete is considered to have engaged in a season of intercollegiate competition when he or she competes in an athletics event involving any one of the conditions characterizing intercollegiate competition (per Bylaw 17.02.8). (Revised: 7/31/14)

12.8.3.6 Foreign-Tour Competition. A student-athlete who did not compete during the institution’s season just completed and who represents the institution in a certified foreign tour after that intercollegiate season and prior to the start of the next academic year shall not be charged with a season of eligibility (see Bylaw 17.29.1.4). (Revised: 8/11/98, 7/31/14)

12.8.3.7 Participation on an Institution’s Club Team. An individual is charged with a season of competition in intercollegiate competition (see Bylaw 12.02.5) as a member of an institution’s club team if that institution sponsored the sport as a varsity intercollegiate sport and as a club sport at the time of participation. (Adopted: 6/2/09, Revised: 7/31/14)

12.8.4 Hardship Waiver. A student-athlete may be granted an additional year of competition by the conference or the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for reasons of “hardship.” Hardship is defined as an incapacity resulting from an injury or illness that has occurred under all of the following conditions: (Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 11/1/01, 4/3/02, 8/8/02, 3/10/04, 5/11/05, 8/4/05, 4/26/07, 9/18/07, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 4/24/08, 7/31/14)

(a) The incapacitating injury or illness occurs in one of the four seasons of intercollegiate competition at any two-year or four-year collegiate institutions or occurs after the first day of classes in the student-athlete’s senior year in high school;

(b) The injury or illness occurs prior to the first competition of the second half of the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship in that sport (see Bylaw 12.8.4.3.4) and results in incapacity to compete for the remainder of that playing season;
(c) In team sports, the injury or illness occurs when the student-athlete has not participated in more than three contests or dates of competition (whichever is applicable to that sport) or 30 percent (whichever number is greater) of the institution’s scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition in his or her sport. Only scheduled or completed competition against outside participants during the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship, or, if so designated, during the official NCAA championship playing season in that sport (e.g., spring baseball, fall soccer), shall be countable under this limitation in calculating both the number of contests or dates of competition in which the student-athlete has participated and the number of scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition during that season in the sport. Dates of competition that are exempted (e.g., alumni contests, foreign team in the United States) from the maximum permissible number of contests or dates of competition shall count toward the number of contests or dates in which the student-athlete has participated and the number of scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition in the season, except for scrimmages and exhibition contests that are specifically identified as such in the sport’s Bylaw 17 playing and practice season regulations. Scrimmages and exhibition contests that are not exempted from the maximum permissible number of contests or dates of competition may be excluded from the calculation only if they are identified as such in the sport’s Bylaw 17 playing and practice season regulations; and

(d) In individual sports, the injury or illness occurs when the student-athlete has not participated in more than three dates of competition or 30 percent (whichever number is greater) of the maximum permissible number of dates of competition as set forth in Bylaw 17 plus one date for a conference championship (e.g., gymnastics: 13+1=14, wrestling: 16+1=17), regardless of whether the team participates in the conference championship, provided the institution is a member of a conference and the conference holds a championship event in the applicable sport. Dates of competition that are exempted per Bylaw 17 (e.g., alumni contests, foreign team in the United States) from the maximum permissible number of dates of competition do not count toward the number of dates in which the student-athlete has participated.

12.8.4.1 Additional Criteria—Two-Year College Hardship. Institutions shall apply the following additional conditions if the injury or illness occurred at a two-year college: (Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 1/11/94, 7/31/14)

(a) The appropriate two-year college athletics association (e.g., National Junior College Athletic Association, Community College League of California) shall review and approve each hardship waiver request;

(b) After approval by the appropriate two-year college athletics association, the request shall be reviewed and approved by the appropriate NCAA member conference or, in the case of an independent member institution, by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement, to ensure compliance with the provisions of NCAA legislation;

(c) Waiver requests shall be submitted only from two-year college organizations that apply the same or more stringent rules related to the administration of hardship waivers (compliance with all of the regulations of Bylaw 12.8.4); and

(d) Each waiver request must be accompanied by a signed statement by the physician who treated the student-athlete, indicating the reason(s) why the injury or illness was incapacitating.

12.8.4.2 Administration of Hardship Waiver. The hardship waiver shall be administered by the member conferences of the Association or, in the case of an independent member institution, by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. (Revised: 10/28/04, 4/20/09, 7/31/14)

12.8.4.2.1 Review of Denied Waiver. A conference that denies an institution’s hardship waiver may submit the waiver to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. The committee shall have the authority to review and determine whether to approve the waiver based on circumstances that may warrant relief from the application of the legislated waiver criteria. (Adopted: 4/20/09, Revised: 7/31/14)

12.8.4.3 Criteria for Administration of Hardship Waiver.

12.8.4.3.1 Use of Scheduled or Completed Contests. An institution may use scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition, but it is not permissible to combine the two methods of calculation. (Adopted: 8/4/05, Revised: 7/31/14)

12.8.4.3.2 Nature of Injury/Illness. It is not necessary for the incapacitating injury or illness to be the direct result of the student’s participation in the institution’s organized practice or game competition. (Revised: 11/1/01, 7/31/14)

12.8.4.3.3 Medical Documentation. Contemporaneous or other appropriate medical documentation, from a physician (a medical doctor) who administered care at the time of the injury or illness, that establishes the student-athlete’s inability to compete as a result of that injury or illness shall be submitted with any hardship-waiver request. (Adopted: 4/20/99, Revised: 2/22/01, 7/31/14)

12.8.4.3.4 First-Half-of-Season Calculation.

12.8.4.3.4.2 Individual Sports. In individual sports, the first-half-of-the-season calculation is based on the number of days in the season that concludes with the NCAA championship, as declared by the institution, between the first date of competition used by any individual on the team and the last
date of competition used by any individual on the team at the end of the declared playing season, including a conference championship and any regular-season competition scheduled after the conference championship (e.g., “last chance” meet). Any break in the declared season shall not be counted (e.g., institutional vacation period in which no practice or competition occurs). The total number of days in the championship season shall be divided by two in order to determine the first half of the season. A fractional portion of a day shall be rounded up to the next whole number. (Adopted: 4/24/08, Revised: 7/31/14)

12.8.4.3.2.1 Championship Selection Based on Entire Season. In sports in which the playing season may be divided into two segments, but championship selection is based on competition throughout the season (e.g., golf, tennis), the first half of the season is based on the number of days in the entire season (e.g., nonchampionship and championship segments), as declared by the institution between the first date of competition used by any individual on the team and the last date of competition used by any individual on the team at the end of the declared playing season, including a conference championship and any regular-season competition scheduled after the conference championship (e.g., “last chance” meet). (Revised: 9/2/10, 7/31/14)

12.8.4.3.5 Reinjury in Second Half of Season. A student-athlete who suffers an injury in the first half of the season that concludes with the NCAA championship or who suffers an injury after the first day of classes in his or her senior year of high school, attempts to return to competition during the second half of that season and then is unable to participate further as a result of aggravating the original injury does not qualify for the hardship waiver. (Revised: 11/01/01, 8/8/02, 7/31/14)

12.8.4.3.6 Percent Calculation. The following requirements are to be met in determining the percent calculation under this waiver provision: (Note: The percent calculation requirements set forth in Bylaws 12.8.4 and 12.8.4.3.6 apply only to the waiver provisions of this section and do not apply to the maximum- and minimum-contests requirements in Bylaws 17 and 20.) (Revised: 7/31/14)

12.8.4.3.6.1 Denominator in Percent Computation.

12.8.4.3.6.1.1 Individual Sports. The denominator in the institution’s percent calculation shall be the maximum permissible number of dates of competition as set forth in Bylaw 17 plus one date for a conference championship (e.g., gymnastics: 13+1=14, wrestling: 16+1=17), regardless of whether the team participates in the conference championship, provided the institution is a member of a conference and the conference sponsors a championship in the applicable sport. For institutions that sponsor both indoor and outdoor track and field, the denominator for indoor track and field shall be nine, plus one date for a conference championship, if applicable, and the denominator for outdoor track and field shall be nine, plus one date for a conference championship, if applicable. (Adopted: 4/24/08, Revised: 7/31/14)

12.8.4.3.6.2 Fraction in Percent Computation. Any computation of the percent limitation that results in a fractional portion of a contest or date of competition shall be rounded to the next whole number (e.g., 30 percent of a 29-game basketball schedule—8.7 games—shall be considered nine games). (Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/26/07, 7/31/14)

12.8.4.3.7 Transfer Student-Athletes. The application of the hardship legislation for a transfer student-athlete may be based on the method that would be most beneficial to the student-athlete (the rule applicable to the division in which the injury or illness occurred or the Division I rule). The application of a particular division’s legislation must include all the applicable elements of that division’s legislation. It is not permissible to use selected elements of the legislation of more than one division. (Adopted: 11/12/97, Revised: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 9/17/09, 7/31/14)

12.8.4.3.8 Foreign-Tour Competition. A student-athlete who qualifies for a hardship for the previous academic year would not use a season of competition if the student-athlete represents the institution on a certified foreign tour during the summer-vacation period at the conclusion of that academic year. (Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 4/26/01, 7/31/14)

12.8.5 Season-of-Competition Waiver—Competition While Ineligible. In conjunction with a request for restoration of eligibility and any conditions imposed thereon per Bylaw 12.12, a student-athlete may be granted an additional season of competition by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement when the student-athlete participated in a limited amount of competition as a result of a good-faith, erroneous formal declaration of eligibility by the institution’s appropriate certifying authority; or the student-athlete’s good-faith, erroneous reliance on a coaching staff member’s decision to put the student-athlete into competition prior to the coaching staff member receiving a formal declaration of the student-athlete’s eligibility from the institution’s appropriate certifying authority. The competition must have occurred under all of the following conditions: (Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/20/99, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 8/4/05, 7/31/14)

(a) The competition occurred while the student-athlete was representing an NCAA member institution;
(b) The competition occurred within 60 days of the date the student-athlete first reported for athletics participation;
(c) The student-athlete did not participate in more than two events or 10 percent (whichever number is greater) of the institution’s scheduled or completed events in his or her sport. All competition (including a scrimmage) against outside participants shall be countable under this limitation in calculating both the number of events in which the student-athlete participated and the number of completed events during that season (both segments) in the sport;

(d) The student-athlete was involved innocently and inadvertently in the erroneous determination or declaration of eligibility, which permitted the student-athlete to compete while ineligible; and

(e) In the case of a coaching staff member’s erroneous decision, the student-athlete had reason to believe he or she would be eligible to participate, and the student-athlete did not contribute to the coaching staff member’s erroneous decision to allow the student-athlete to participate.

12.8.5.1 Administrative Criteria. The following criteria shall be employed in the administration of the season-of-competition waiver: (Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 7/31/14)

12.8.5.1.1 Application—Use of Scheduled or Completed Contests. An institution may use scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition, but it is not permissible to combine the two methods of calculation. (Adopted: 8/4/05, Revised: 7/31/14)

12.8.5.1.2 Ten-Percent Calculation. The requirements specified in Bylaw 12.8.4.3.6 shall apply to the 10-percent calculation specified in this waiver. (Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 7/31/14)

12.8.6 Season-of-Competition Waiver—Competition While Eligible. A student-athlete may be granted an additional season of competition by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement in a case in which the student-athlete participated in a limited amount of competition while eligible due to a coach’s documented misunderstanding of the legislation or other extenuating circumstances. In cases in which a student-athlete does not meet the criteria of this waiver, the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement shall have authority to review and grant a waiver based on additional documented extenuating circumstances. (Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 10/28/04, 7/31/14)

12.8.6.1 Application—Use of Scheduled or Completed Contests. An institution may use scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition, but it is not permissible to combine the two methods of calculation. (Adopted: 8/4/05, Revised: 7/31/14)

12.8.6.2 Coach’s Documented Misunderstanding. The student-athlete participated as a result of good faith, reliance on a coaching staff member’s decision to put the student-athlete in an alumni contest, exhibition contests, scrimmages, or nonchampionship segment contests based on the coach’s documented misunderstanding of NCAA legislation and the competition occurred under the following conditions: (Adopted: 10/28/04, Revised: 8/4/05, 7/31/14)

(a) The competition occurred while the student-athlete was representing an NCAA institution;

(b) The competition occurred prior to the completion of the first 20 percent of the championship segment of the institution’s declared playing and practice season; and

(c) The student-athlete did not compete in more than two events or 10 percent (whichever number is greater) of the institution’s scheduled or completed events in his or her sport. All competition (including a scrimmage) against outside participants shall be countable under this limitation in calculating both the number of events in which the student-athlete participated and the number of scheduled or completed events during that season (both segments) in the sport.

12.8.6.2.1 Penalty. A student-athlete who is granted a waiver pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.6.2 shall be withheld from two contests of intercollegiate competition for each contest in which he or she competed. (Adopted: 10/28/04, Revised: 7/31/14)

12.8.6.2.2 Percent Calculation. The requirements specified in Bylaw 12.8.4.3.6 shall apply to the percent calculation specified in this waiver. (Adopted: 10/28/04, Revised: 7/31/14)

12.8.6.3 Extenuating Circumstances. Extenuating circumstances include, but are not limited to, the following: (Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 10/28/04, 7/31/14)

(a) The student-athlete failed to complete the entire season of competition at the institution as a result of a life-threatening injury or illness suffered by a member of the student-athlete’s immediate family, that clearly is supported by contemporaneous medical documentation;

(b) The student-athlete failed to complete the entire season of competition at the institution as a result of extreme financial difficulties as a result of a specific event (e.g., layoff, death in family) experienced by the student-athlete or an individual upon whom the student-athlete is legally dependent and prohibited the student-athlete from participating in intercollegiate athletics. These circumstances must be clearly supported by objective documentation (e.g., decree of bankruptcy, proof of termination) and must be beyond the control of the student-athlete or the individual upon whom the student-athlete is legally dependent;

(c) The student-athlete’s institution dropped the sport (in which the student practiced or competed) from its intercollegiate program.
12.8.6.3.1 Conditions of Competition. The competition must have occurred under all of the following conditions: (Adopted: 10/28/04; Revised: 8/4/05, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/04, 7/31/14)

(a) The competition occurred prior to the completion of the first half of the championship segment of the institution's declared playing and practice season; and

(b) The student-athlete did not compete in more than three events or 30 percent (whichever number is greater) of the institution's scheduled or completed events in his or her sport. All competition (including a scrimmage) against outside participants shall be countable under this limitation in calculating both the number of events in which the student-athlete participated and the number of scheduled or completed events during that season (both segments) in the sport.

12.8.6.3.1.1 Percent Calculation. The requirements specified in Bylaw 12.8.4.3.6 shall apply to the percent calculation specified in this waiver. (Adopted: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02; Revised: 10/28/04, 1/14/08, 7/31/14)

12.9 U.S. Service Academy Exceptions, Special Eligibility Provisions.

12.9.1 Five-Year Rule. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers to the five-year rule (see Bylaw 12.8) for student-athletes of the national service academies who have exhausted eligibility in one sport but wish to compete in another sport or sports in which they have eligibility remaining. (Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 7/31/14)

12.9.2 Transfer Status. A student who has attended as a freshman (plebe) only in the official summer-enrollment program of one of the four national service academies is not considered a transfer in the application of the transfer regulations of Bylaw 14.5. (Revised: 7/31/14)

12.10 Certification of Eligibility.

12.10.1 Institutional Responsibility for Eligibility Certification. The president or chancellor is responsible for approving the procedures for certifying the eligibility of an institution's student-athletes under NCAA legislation. The president or chancellor may designate an individual on the institution's staff to administer proper certification of eligibility. Certification of eligibility must occur prior to allowing a student-athlete to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition (see Bylaw 14.01.1). A violation of this bylaw in which the institution fails to certify a student-athlete's eligibility prior to allowing him or her to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such a violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility, provided all the necessary information to certify the student-athlete's eligibility was available to the institution and the student-athlete otherwise would have been eligible for competition. (Revised: 3/8/06, 1/14/08, 7/31/14)

12.10.2 Squad-List Form. The institution's athletics director shall compile on a form approved by the Council a list of the squad members in each sport on the first day of competition and shall indicate thereon the status of each member in the designated categories. A student-athlete's name must be on the official institutional form in order for the student to be eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition. Violations of this bylaw do not affect a student-athlete's eligibility if the violation occurred due to an institutional administrative error or oversight and the student-athlete is subsequently added to the form; however, the violation shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1. (See Bylaw 15.5.11 for details about the administration of the squad list.) (Revised: 1/14/97, 1/11/07 effective 8/1/08, 7/31/14, 8/7/14)

12.11 Ineligibility.

12.11.1 Obligation of Member Institution to Withhold Student-Athlete From Competition. If a student-athlete is ineligible under the provisions of the constitution, bylaws or other regulations of the Association, the institution shall be obligated to apply immediately the applicable rule and to withhold the student-athlete from all intercollegiate competition. The institution may appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of the student-athlete's eligibility as provided in Bylaw 12.12 if it concludes that the circumstances warrant restoration. (Revised: 7/31/14)

12.11.2 Ineligibility Resulting From Recruiting Violation. An institution shall not enter a student-athlete (as an individual or as a member of a team) in any intercollegiate competition if it is acknowledged by the institution or established through the Association's infractions process that the institution or representative(s) of its athletics interests violated the Association's legislation in the recruiting of the student-athlete. The institution may appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of the student-athlete's eligibility as provided in Bylaw 12.12 if it concludes that circumstances warrant restoration. (Revised: 7/31/14)

12.11.2.1 Payment of Legal Fees During Appeal. A member institution may provide actual and necessary expenses for a prospective student-athlete to attend proceedings conducted by the institution, its athletics conference or the NCAA that relate to the prospective student-athlete's eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the prospective student-athlete either has signed a National Letter of Intent with the institu-
tion or (if the institution is not a subscribing member of the National Letter of Intent program) the prospective student-athlete has been accepted for enrollment by the institution and has provided written confirmation of his or her intent to enroll at the institution. The cost of legal representation in such proceedings also may be provided by the institution (or a representative of its athletics interests). (Revised: 7/31/14)

12.11.3 Application of Ineligibility Ruling Pending Appeal. Once an interpretation (per Constitution 5.4.1.2) applicable to a member institution has been issued and results in the ineligibility of a student-athlete, it is necessary for the institution to apply the rule to the eligibility of the student-athlete, even if review of the interpretation (per Constitution 5.4.1.2.1.1 or 5.4.1.2.2) at the request of the institution is pending. Failure to withhold such a student-athlete from competition is a violation of the conditions and obligations of membership. (Revised: 12/22/08, 7/31/14)

12.11.4 Ineligible Participation.

12.11.4.1 Loss of Eligibility. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate competition in a sport if he or she participates in intercollegiate competition in that sport while ineligible under this bylaw or other applicable NCAA legislation. The certifying institution may appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of the student-athlete’s eligibility if it concludes that the circumstances warrant restoration (see Bylaw 12.12). (Revised: 7/31/14)

12.11.4.2 Penalty for Ineligible Participation or Receipt of Improper Aid. A student-athlete who practices or competes in intercollegiate athletics and/or receives institutional financial assistance (based in some degree on athletics ability) while ineligible for such aid, practice or competition per Bylaw 14.3 shall be charged with the loss of one year of eligibility for practice and varsity competition for each year gained improperly. The student-athlete shall be declared ineligible at the time it is determined that eligibility was gained improperly. Prior to declaring the student-athlete ineligible, the institution may provide the student-athlete an opportunity for a hearing. The institution may appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for a reduction in the period of ineligibility. (Revised: 4/26/01, 7/31/14)

12.12 Restoration of Eligibility.

12.12.1 Basis for Appeal. When a student-athlete is determined to be ineligible under any applicable provision of the constitution, bylaws or other regulations of the Association, the member institution, having applied the applicable rule and having withheld the student-athlete from all intercollegiate competition, may appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of the student’s eligibility, provided the institution concludes that the circumstances warrant restoration of eligibility. (Revised: 7/31/14)

12.12.2 Participation in Appeal Hearing. Any appeal to restore a student-athlete’s eligibility shall be submitted in the name of the institution by the president or chancellor (or an individual designated by the president or chancellor), faculty athletics representative, senior woman administrator or athletics director (for the men’s or women’s program). At least one of those individuals must participate in any hearing of the appeal that involves direct participation by the student-athlete or other individuals representing the institution or the student. (Revised: 1/11/94, 3/8/06, 7/31/14)

12.12.3 Student Responsibility, Relationship to Restoration of Eligibility. A student-athlete is responsible for his or her involvement in a violation of NCAA regulations (as defined in Bylaw 19), and the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement may restore the eligibility of a student involved in any violation only when circumstances clearly warrant restoration. The eligibility of a student-athlete involved in a major violation shall not be restored other than through an exception authorized by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement in a unique case on the basis of specifically stated reasons. (Revised: 7/31/14)
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13.01 General Principles.
13.01.1 Eligibility Effects of Recruiting Violation. The recruitment of a student-athlete by a member institution or any representative of its athletics interests in violation of the Association's legislation, as acknowledged by the institution or established through the Association's infractions process, shall result in the student-athlete becoming ineligible to represent that institution in intercollegiate athletics. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement may restore the eligibility of a student involved in such a violation only when circumstances clearly warrant restoration. A student is responsible for his or her involvement in a violation of NCAA regulations during the student's recruitment, and involvement in a Level I or Level II violation (see Bylaws 19.1.1 and 19.1.2) may cause the student to become permanently ineligible for intercollegiate athletics competition at that institution. (Revised: 7/31/14)

13.01.2 Institutional Responsibility in Recruitment. A member of an institution’s athletics staff or a representative of its athletics interests shall not recruit a prospective student-athlete except as permitted by this Association, the institution and the member conference, if any.

13.01.3 Additional Recruiting Restrictions. The Committee on Academics shall have the authority to determine the circumstances that would require an institution or team that fails to satisfy the academic performance program to apply additional recruiting restrictions. The Committee on Academics shall establish and annually publish to the membership such circumstances under which the additional restrictions apply (see Bylaw 14.8). (Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 8/7/14)

13.02 Definitions and Applications.
13.02.1 Business Day. A business day is any weekday that is not recognized as a national holiday, including any weekday during which an institution is closed for other reasons (e.g., holiday break). (Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)

13.02.2 Camps.
13.02.2.1 Diversified Sports Camp. A diversified sports camp is a camp that offers a balanced camping experience, including participation in seasonal summer sports and recreational activities, without emphasis on instruction, practice or competition in any particular sport.
13.02.2.2 Specialized Sports Camp. A specialized sports camp is a camp that places special emphasis on a particular sport or sports and provides specialized instruction.

13.02.3 Competition Site. The “competition site” is the facility in which athletics competition is actually conducted, including any dressing room or meeting facility used in conjunction with the competition.

13.02.4 Contact. A contact is any face-to-face encounter between a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete’s parents, relatives or legal guardians and an institutional staff member or athletics representative during which any dialogue occurs in excess of an exchange of a greeting. Any such face-to-face encounter that is prearranged (e.g., staff member positions himself or herself in a location where contact is possible) or that takes place on the grounds of the prospective student-athlete’s educational institution or at the site of organized competition or practice involving the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete’s high school, preparatory school, two-year college or all-star team shall be considered a contact, regardless of whether any conversation occurs. However, an institutional staff member or athletics representative who is approached by a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete’s parents, relatives or legal guardians at any location shall not use a contact, provided the encounter was not prearranged and the staff member or athletics representative does not engage in any dialogue in excess of a greeting and takes appropriate steps to immediately terminate the encounter. (Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)

13.02.5 Periods of Recruiting Activities.
13.02.5.1 Contact Period. A contact period is a period of time when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff members to make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations.
13.02.5.2 Evaluation Period. An evaluation period is a 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 prospective student-athletes. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts shall be made with the prospective student-athlete during an evaluation period. (Revised: 10/30/14)
13.02.5.4 Quiet Period. A quiet period is a period of time when it is permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts only on the institution’s campus. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts or evaluations may be made during the quiet period. [D] (Revised: 10/30/14)

13.02.5.5 Dead Period. A dead period is a period of time when it is not permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts or evaluations on or off the institution’s campus or to permit official or unofficial visits by prospective student-athletes to the institution’s campus. It remains permissible, however, for an institutional staff member to write or telephone a prospective student-athlete during a dead period. [D] (Revised: 1/11/94, 12/6/13, 10/30/14)

13.02.5.5.2 Exception—After Commitment. A prospective student-athlete is no longer subject to the application of a dead period after one of the following events occurs: (Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 11/25/13)

(a) The prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent or the institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid; or

(b) The institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution’s offer of admission.

13.02.6 Enrolled Student-Athlete. An enrolled student-athlete is an individual whose enrollment was solicited by a member of the athletics staff or other representative of athletics interests with a view toward the student’s ultimate participation in the intercollegiate athletics program. Any other student becomes a student-athlete only when the student reports for an intercollegiate squad that is under the jurisdiction of the athletics department.

13.02.7 Evaluation. Evaluation is any off-campus activity designed to assess the academic qualifications or athletics ability of a prospective student-athlete, including any visit to a prospective student-athlete’s educational institution (during which no contact occurs) or the observation of a prospective student-athlete participating in any practice or competition at any site. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)

13.02.10 Home. In general, a prospective student-athlete’s “home” is the prospective student-athlete’s legal residence, or the community of the educational institution in which the prospective student-athlete is enrolled while residing there.

13.02.11 National Letter of Intent. The National Letter of Intent referred to in this bylaw is the official document administered by the Collegiate Commissioners Association and used by subscribing member institutions to establish the commitment of a prospective student-athlete to attend a particular institution.

13.02.12 Prospective Student-Athlete. A prospective student-athlete is a student who has started classes for the ninth grade. In addition, a student who has not started classes for the ninth grade becomes a prospective student-athlete if the institution provides such an individual (or the individual’s relatives or friends) any financial assistance or other benefits that the institution does not provide to prospective students generally. An individual remains a prospective student-athlete until one of the following occurs (whichever is earlier): (Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/90, 4/28/05, 1/17/09, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

(a) The individual officially registers and enrolls in a minimum full-time program of studies and attends classes in any term of a four-year collegiate institution’s regular academic year (excluding summer);

(b) The individual participates in a regular squad practice or competition at a four-year collegiate institution that occurs before the beginning of any term;

(c) The individual officially registers, enrolls and attends classes during the certifying institution’s summer term prior to his or her initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution; or

(d) The individual reports to an institutional orientation session that is open to all incoming students within 14 calendar days prior to the opening day of classes of a regular academic year term.

13.02.12.1 Exception—After Commitment. After an individual has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid or after the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission, the individual shall no longer be subject to the restrictions of Bylaw 13.1. The individual remains a prospective student-athlete for purposes of applying the remaining provisions of Bylaw 13 and other bylaws. (Adopted: 4/28/05, Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

13.02.13 Recruiting. Recruiting is any solicitation of a prospective student-athlete or a prospective student-athlete’s relatives (or legal guardians) by an institutional staff member or by a representative of the institution’s athletics interests for the purpose of securing the prospective student-athlete’s enrollment and ultimate participation in the institution’s intercollegiate athletics program.

13.02.13.1 Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete. Actions by staff members or athletics representatives that cause a prospective student-athlete to become a recruited prospective student-athlete at that institution are: (Revised: 1/10/90, 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 1/10/05 effective 8/01/05, 12/13/05)

(a) Providing the prospective student-athlete with an official visit;

(b) Having an arranged, in-person, off-campus encounter with the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete’s parents, relatives or legal guardians;
(c) Initiating or arranging a telephone contact with the prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete’s relatives or legal guardians on more than one occasion for the purpose of recruitment; or
(d) Issuing a National Letter of Intent or the institution’s written offer of athletically related financial aid to the prospective student-athlete. Issuing a written offer of athletically related financial aid to a prospective student-athlete to attend a summer session prior to full-time enrollment does not cause the prospective student-athlete to become recruited.

13.02.14 Representative of Athletics Interests. A “representative of the institution’s athletics interests” is an individual, independent agency, corporate entity (e.g., apparel or equipment manufacturer) or other organization who is known (or who should have been known) by a member of the institution’s executive or athletics administration to: (Revised: 2/16/00)
(a) Have participated in or to be a member of an agency or organization promoting the institution’s intercollegiate athletics program;
(b) Have made financial contributions to the athletics department or to an athletics booster organization of that institution;
(c) Be assisting or to have been requested (by the athletics department staff) to assist in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes;
(d) Be assisting or to have assisted in providing benefits to enrolled student-athletes or their families; or
(e) Have been involved otherwise in promoting the institution’s athletics program.

13.02.14.1 Duration of Status. Once an individual, independent agency, corporate entity or other organization is identified as such a representative, the person, independent agency, corporate entity or other organization retains that identity indefinitely. (Revised: 2/16/00)

13.02.15 Telephone Calls. All electronically transmitted human voice exchange (including videoconferencing and videophones) shall be considered telephone calls. (Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/14/97, 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, 9/6/00, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)

13.02.16 Visits by Prospective Student-Athletes.
13.02.16.1 Official Visit. An official visit to a member institution by a prospective student-athlete is a visit financed in whole or in part by the member institution.

13.02.16.2 Unofficial Visit. An unofficial visit to a member institution by a prospective student-athlete is a visit made at the prospective student-athlete’s own expense. The provision of any expenses or entertainment valued at more than $100 by the institution or representatives of its athletics interests shall require the visit to become an official visit, except as permitted in Bylaws 13.5 and 13.7. (Revised: 2/22/07, 5/9/08)

13.1 Contacts and Evaluations.
Recruiting contacts (per Bylaw 13.02.4) and telephone calls by institutional staff members or representatives of the institution’s athletics interests are subject to the provisions set forth in this bylaw. [D] (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 7/1/91, 6/13/08, 10/30/14)

13.1.1 Contactable Individuals.

13.1.1.1 Time Period for Off-Campus Contacts—General Rule. Off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) before July 1 following the completion of his or her junior year in high school (July 7 after the junior year in high school in women’s ice hockey and July 15 after the junior year in high school in women’s gymnastics), or the opening day of classes of his or her senior year in high school (as designated by the high school), whichever is earlier. U.S. service academy exceptions to this provision are set forth in Bylaw 13.16.1. [D] (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 7/1/91, 1/11/94 effective 3/15/94, 1/10/95, 1/14/97 effective 5/1/97, 10/28/97, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/28/05, 1/9/06, 2/26/07, 6/13/08, 4/30/09, 1/15/11, 10/30/14)

13.1.1.2 Two-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes. A prospective student-athlete who was not a qualifier as defined in Bylaw 14.02.10.1 and who is in his or her first year of full-time enrollment (first two semesters or three quarters) at a two-year college may not be contacted in person on or off an institution’s campus for recruiting purposes. [D] (Revised: 10/30/14, 4/16/15)

13.1.1.3 Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes. An athletics staff member or other representative of the institution’s athletics interests shall not make contact with the student-athlete of another NCAA or NAIA four-year collegiate institution, directly or indirectly, without first obtaining the written permission of the first institution’s athletics director (or an athletics administrator designated by the athletics director) to do so, regardless of who makes the initial contact. If permission is not granted, the second institution shall not encourage the transfer and the institution shall not provide athletically related financial assistance to the student-athlete until the student-athlete has attended the second institution for one academic year. If permission is granted to contact the student-athlete, all applicable NCAA recruiting rules apply. If an institution receives a written request from a student-athlete to permit another institution to contact the student-athlete about transferring, the institution shall grant or deny the request within seven business days (see Bylaw 13.02.1) of receipt of the
13.1.2 Permissible Recruiters.

Permission shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide written permission to the student-athlete. If the institution fails to respond to the student-athlete's written request within seven business days, permission to contact the student-athlete about transferring, the institution shall inform the student-athlete in writing that he or she, upon request, shall be provided a hearing conducted by an institutional entity or committee outside the athletics department (e.g., the office of student affairs; office of the dean of students; or a committee composed of the faculty athletics representative, student-athletes and non-athletics faculty/staff members). The institution shall conduct the hearing and provide written results of the hearing to the student-athlete within 15 business days (see Bylaw 13.02.1) of receipt of the student-athlete's written request for a hearing. The student-athlete shall be provided the opportunity to actively participate (e.g., in person, via telephone) in the hearing. If the institution fails to conduct the hearing or provide the written results to the student-athlete within 15 business days, permission to contact the student-athlete shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide written permission to the student-athlete. (Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 9/18/07, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)

13.1.2.1 Off-Campus Recruiters. An institutional staff member is not permitted to recruit off campus until he or she has been certified on an annual basis as to knowledge of applicable recruiting rules per Bylaw 11.5.1.1. (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 4/27/00)

13.1.2.2 General Exceptions. This regulation is not applicable to:

(a) Admissions Program. Off-campus recruiting contacts made by an institution's regular admissions program representative and directed at all prospective students including nonathletes.

(b) Coach Who Is Prospective Student-Athlete's Parent or Legal Guardian. Recruiting contact and evaluation limitations do not apply to a coaching staff member who is the parent (or legal guardian) of a
participant in any activity being observed (e.g., practices, contests or camps), provided the attendance by
the coaching staff member at such activity does not involve any personal contact with any other partici-
paring prospective student-athlete. (Revised: 1/10/95, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)

(c) **Spouse of Prospective Student-Athlete’s Coach.** Recruiting contact and evaluation limitations
do not apply to a coaching staff member observing a contest that involves prospective student-athletes
coached by his or her spouse, provided the attendance by the coaching staff member at such a contest
does not involve any personal contact with any prospective student-athlete participating in the contest.
(Adopted: 1/11/94

(d) **Established Family Friend/Neighbor.** Contacts made with a prospective student-athlete by an es-


tablished family friend or neighbor, it being understood that such contacts are not made for recruiting
purposes and are not initiated by a member of an institution’s coaching staff.

(e) **Spouse of Staff Member.**

(1) **On Campus.** A spouse of an institutional staff member on campus.

(2) **Off Campus during Official Visit.** A spouse of an athletics department staff member during a pro-


spective student-athlete’s official visit and within a 30-mile radius of the institution’s main campus
during the prospective student-athlete’s official visit.

(f) **Interpreter.** An interpreter present during an institution’s in-person, off-campus contact with a prospec-
tive student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete’s parents (or legal guardians), provided that if the
institution is involved in making the arrangements for the use of the interpreter, the interpreter must be
a faculty member or a professional interpreter. It is not permissible for the interpreter to be an enrolled
student-athlete, a family member of an enrolled student-athlete or a representative of the institution’s
athletics interests. (Adopted: 1/11/97)

(g) **Unavoidable Incidental Contact.** An unavoidable incidental contact made with a prospective student-


athlete by representatives of the institution’s athletics interests, provided the contact is not prearranged
by the representative or an athletics department staff member, does not take place on the grounds of the
prospective student-athlete’s educational institution or at the sites of organized competition and practice
involving the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete’s team (high school, prepara-
tory school, two-year college or all-star team), is not made for the purpose of recruitment of the prospec-
tive student-athlete, and involves only normal civility.

(h) **Relatives (or Legal Guardians) of Enrolled Student-Athletes.** On-campus contacts between a prospec-
tive student-athlete or his or her relatives (traditional or nontraditional) or legal guardians accompany-
ing the prospective student-athlete and the relatives (traditional and nontraditional) or legal guardians
of an enrolled student-athlete. (Adopted: 4/26/12)

13.1.2.3 **General Restrictions—Staff Members and Governing Board.** The following are additional
restrictions that apply to an institution’s staff members and governing board: [D] (Revised: 4/27/00, 7/31/13)

(a) **Noncoaching Staff Members with Sport-Specific Responsibilities.** A noncoaching staff member
with sport-specific responsibilities (except a staff member who only performs clerical duties) shall not
attend an on- or off-campus athletics event in the staff member’s sport that involves prospective student-
athletes (e.g., high school contest, noninstitutional sports camp) unless the staff member is an immediate
family member or legal guardian of a participant in the activity. A staff member who is an immediate
family member or legal guardian of a participant may attend such an event, subject to the following con-
ditions: (Adopted: 1/16/10, Revised: 4/13/10, 4/29/10)

(i) Attendance shall not be for evaluation purposes (the staff member shall not provide information re-
lated to the performance of a prospective student-athlete back to the institution’s coaching staff); and

(ii) The staff member shall not have direct contact with a prospective student-athlete or a prospective
student-athlete’s parent (or legal guardian) or coach (other than the immediate family member, if
applicable) participating in the activity.

(b) **Board of Governors/Regents.** Recruiting contacts on or off campus between a member of the institu-
tion’s board of governors (or regents) and a prospective student-athlete are not permissible.

13.1.2.4 **Other Restrictions, Athletics Representatives.** The following are additional restrictions that
apply to athletics representatives: [D] (Revised: 10/30/14)

(a) **Telephone Conversation.** An athletics representative of a member institution may speak to a prospec-
tive student-athlete via the telephone only if the prospective student-athlete initiates the telephone con-
versation and the call is not for recruiting purposes. Under such circumstances, the representative must
refer questions about the institution’s athletics program to the athletics department staff;

(b) **Observing Prospective Student-Athlete’s Contest.** An athletics representative may view a prospec-
tive student-athlete’s athletics contest on his or her own initiative, subject to the understanding that the
athletics representative may not contact the prospective student-athlete on such occasions;
13.1.3 Telephone Calls. An athletics representative may not contact a prospective student-athlete’s coach, principal or counselor in an attempt to evaluate the prospective student-athlete; and

(d) Visiting Prospective Student-Athlete’s Institution. An athletics representative may not visit a prospective student-athlete’s educational institution topick up video or transcripts pertaining to the evaluation of the prospective student-athlete’s academic eligibility or athletics ability.

13.1.2.5 Off-Campus Contacts or Evaluations. Only those coaches who are identified by the institution, in accordance with Bylaws 11.7.4.2, 11.7.5.2 and 11.7.6, may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus. Institutional staff members (e.g., faculty members) may contact prospective student-athletes for recruiting purposes in all sports, on campus, or within 30 miles of campus during the prospective student-athlete’s official visit. [D] (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 8/5/04, 5/26/06, 7/31/13)

13.1.2.5.1 Written Certification. A member institution shall certify in writing and have on file a list of those coaches who are permitted to contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus. [D] (Revised: 5/26/06)

13.1.2.5.2 Department-Wide Responsibilities. An athletics department staff member who has department-wide responsibilities (e.g., recruiting coordinator) may not contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus unless the staff member is counted as a countable coach in the applicable sport (see Bylaw 11.7.2 for restrictions related to recruiting coordination functions). [D] (Revised: 5/26/06)

13.1.2.7 Student-Athletes and Other Enrolled Students. The following conditions apply to recruiting activities involving enrolled student-athletes and other enrolled students: [D] (Revised: 8/5/04, 5/29/08, 4/26/12, 6/23/15)

(a) Off-Campus Contacts. Off-campus in-person contact between an enrolled student-athlete (or an enrolled student) and a prospective student-athlete is permissible, provided such contact does not occur at the direction of an institutional staff member.

(b) Transportation and Expenses. An institution may not provide an enrolled student-athlete (or enrolled student) with transportation or expenses to recruit a prospective student-athlete except for those expenses specified in Bylaw 13.6.7.5 when the student-athlete serves as a student host.

(c) Written Correspondence. It is permissible for an enrolled student-athlete (or enrolled student) to engage in written correspondence, provided it is not done at the direction or expense of the member institution.

13.1.2.8 Talent Scout. An institution may not pay any costs incurred by an athletics talent scout or a representative of its athletics interests in studying or recruiting prospective student-athletes. An institution may not provide any such person a fee or honorarium and thereby claim the person as a staff member entitled to expense money. [D] (Revised: 8/5/04)

13.1.2.8.1 Employment Prohibition. An institution may not employ an individual for the primary purpose of recruiting or evaluating prospective student-athletes and designate the individual as a coach if he or she does not reside in the institution’s general locale. Such an individual would be considered an athletics talent scout rather than a regular institutional staff member. [D] (Revised: 10/30/14)

13.1.2.8.2 Expense Prohibition. An institution may not pay expenses (other than meals provided in the institution’s home community) for representatives of its athletics interests to visit its campus for the purpose of becoming familiar with the institution’s academic and athletics programs and campus facilities in order to represent the institution better when recruiting prospective student-athletes. The provision of such expenses would be considered payment of costs incurred by athletics talent scouts. [D] (Revised: 10/30/14)

13.1.3 Telephone Calls.

13.1.3.1 Time Period for Telephone Calls—General Rule. Telephone calls to an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) may not be made before September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school (subject to the exceptions below). If an individual attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), telephone calls to the individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) may not be made before the opening day of classes of his or her junior year in high school thereupon, an institution may make telephone calls to the prospective student-athlete at its discretion. [D] (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 7/1/91, 1/16/93, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 4/22/98, 4/26/01, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/9/06, 6/13/08, 1/15/11, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 10/30/14)

13.1.3.1.8 Application of Telephone Call Limitations. Once an institution reaches the applicable limit on telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete’s relatives or legal guardians) for a particular time period (e.g., one per month, one per week, two per week), the institution may not initiate an additional telephone call during the same time period, even if no direct conversation occurs during the additional call (e.g., voicemail message). [D] (Adopted: 12/13/05, Revised: 10/30/14)

13.1.3.2 Additional Restrictions.

13.1.3.2.1 During Conduct of Athletics Contest. Telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete’s relatives or legal guardians) may not be made during the conduct of any of
13.1.3.3 Exceptions.

13.1.3.3.1 Official-Visit Exception. Institutional coaching staff members (see Bylaw 13.1.3.4.1) may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete during the five days immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete's official visit (per Bylaw 13.6) to that institution. (Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/16/93, 1/9/96, 1/8/09, 10/30/14)

13.1.3.3.1.1 Telephone Calls in Conjunction With Official Visit. Athletics department staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete or those individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete during the prospective student-athlete's official visit transportation and during his or her official visit. (See Bylaw 11.7.2.3.) (Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10)

13.1.3.3.2 Letter-of-Intent Signing-Date Exception. Institutional coaching staff members (see Bylaw 13.1.3.4.1) may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete on the initial date for the signing of the National Letter of Intent and during the two days immediately following the initial signing date. (Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 12/12/06)

13.1.3.3.3 Off-Campus Contact Exception. Institutional coaching staff members (see Bylaw 13.1.3.4.1) may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete on the day a permissible, in-person, off-campus contact occurs with the prospective student-athlete. (Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/16/93, 12/12/06)

13.1.3.4 Permissible Callers.

13.1.3.4.1 Institutional Coaching Staff Members—General Rule. All telephone calls made to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete’s parents, legal guardians or coaches) must be made by the head coach or one or more of the assistant coaches who count toward the numerical limitations in Bylaw 11.7.6 (see Bylaw 11.7.2). In bowl subdivision football and women’s rowing, such telephone calls also may be made by a graduate assistant coach, provided the coach has successfully completed the coaches' certification examination per Bylaw 11.5.1.1. [D] (Adopted: 1/10/95, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 5/26/06, 12/12/06, 12/15/06, 4/26/12, 10/30/14)

13.1.3.4.1.1 Exceptions—Before Commitment. Before a prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent or the institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid or before the institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution’s offer of admission, the following institutional staff members may make telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete’s parents or legal guardians) as specified: (Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 1/14/97, 6/8/99, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 3/8/06, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 4/24/08, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 4/26/12)

   (a) President or Chancellor/Faculty Athletics Representative/Director of Athletics/Senior Woman Administrator. It is permissible for an institution’s chancellor or president, faculty athletics representative, director of athletics and senior woman administrator to return (as opposed to initiate) telephone calls from a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete’s parents or legal guardians). Under such circumstances, there are no restrictions on the content of the conversation that may occur during the call; however, any return call is subject to any applicable limitations on the number of telephone calls that an institution may place to a prospective student-athlete.

   (b) Academic Advisors. It is permissible for academic advisors (including academic advisors within the athletics department) to make calls to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete’s parents or legal guardians) related to admissions or academic issues, subject to any applicable limitation on the number of telephone calls an institution may place to a prospective student-athlete.

   (c) Compliance Administrators. It is permissible for a compliance administrator to make telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete’s parents or legal guardians) without a limit on the timing or number of such telephone calls, provided the calls relate only to compliance issues.

   (d) Noncoaching Staff Members and Noncountable Coaches—Telephone Calls in Conjunction With Official Visit. A noncoaching staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.6 may initiate telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete or those individuals accompanying the prospect-
13.1.5 Contacts.

13.1.5.1 Sports Other Than Football, Basketball and Men’s Ice Hockey. In sports other than football, basketball and men's ice hockey, each institution is limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete (see Bylaw 13.1.5.6). During the senior year of high school, not more than three of the seven opportunities may be off-campus contacts at any site and shall include contacts with the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians, but shall not include contacts made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6. (Adopted: 9/12/03, Revised: 3/10/04, 1/9/06, 1/18/14, 10/30/14)

13.1.5.6 Counting Contacts and Evaluations. Evaluations that occur during the academic year count against the permissible number of recruiting opportunities, except for evaluations that occur on the same day as a permissible contact. Outside the academic year, evaluations do not count against the annual number of recruiting opportunities. Contacts that occur with a prospective student-athlete count against the permissible number of total recruiting opportunities regardless of the time period (e.g., academic year or outside the academic year). All contacts and evaluations are subject to recruiting calendar restrictions. (Revised: 10/30/12)

13.1.5.7 On Same Day. Any number of contacts made during the same day (defined as 12:01 a.m. to midnight) shall count as one contact. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)

13.1.5.8 Letter-of-Intent Signing. Any in-person, off-campus contact made with a prospective student-athlete for the purpose of signing a letter of intent or other commitment to attend the institution or attendance at activities related to the signing of a letter of intent or other commitment to attend the institution shall be prohibited. (Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 10/30/14)

13.1.5.8.1 Delivery of Letter of Intent. In-person, off-campus delivery of a letter of intent by an institutional staff member shall be prohibited. The letter may be delivered by express mail, courier service,
13.1.6 Contact Restrictions at Specified Sites.

13.1.6.1 Prospective Student-Athlete’s Educational Institution. Any staff member desiring to contact a prospective student-athlete at the prospective student-athlete’s high school, preparatory school or two-year college first shall obtain permission for such contact from that institution’s executive officer (or the executive officer’s authorized representative). Contact may be made only when such permission is granted and, in basketball, may not be made during the time of the day when classes are in session. Institutions also are bound by this provision when recruiting international prospective student-athletes. [D] (Revised: 8/5/04, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

13.1.6.2 Practice or Competition Site. Recruiting contact may not be made with a prospective student-athlete prior to any athletics competition (including a noninstitutional, private camp or clinic, but not an institutional camp or clinic) in which the prospective student-athlete is a participant during the day or days of competition, even if the prospective student-athlete is on an official or unofficial visit. Contact includes the passing of notes or verbally relaying information to a prospective student-athlete by a third party on behalf of an institutional staff member and telephone calls. Such contact shall be governed by the following: [D] (Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/91, 1/11/94, 1/9/96 effective 7/11/96, 4/3/02, 4/24/03, 3/23/06, 12/12/06, 9/18/07, 1/15/14)

(a) Contact shall not be made with the prospective student-athlete at any site prior to the contest on the day or days of competition;

(b) Contact shall not be made with the prospective student-athlete from the time he or she reports on call (at the direction of his or her coach or comparable authority) and becomes involved in competition-related activity (e.g., traveling to an away-from-home game) to the end of the competition even if such competition-related activities are initiated prior to the day or days of competition;

(c) Contact shall not be made after the competition until the prospective student-athlete is released by the appropriate institutional authority and departs the dressing and meeting facility;

(d) Contact shall not be made with the prospective student-athlete involved in competition that requires participation on consecutive days (e.g., a tournament) until after his or her final contest is completed and he or she is released by the appropriate institutional authority and leaves the dressing and meeting facility. Contact shall not be made with a prospective student-athlete involved in a tournament that is not conducted on consecutive days until after his or her final contest is completed on a day before a break in the days of the tournament and he or she is released by the appropriate institutional authority and leaves the dressing and meeting facility;

(e) Contact with a prospective student-athlete who is on an extended road trip (e.g., traveling with a team from one contest or event to another), is permitted at the conclusion of a competition and prior to the commencement of travel to the next competition, provided he or she has been released by the appropriate institutional authority and departs the dressing and meeting facility; and

(f) Coaching staff members may not send electronic correspondence to a prospective student-athlete while he or she is on call for competition at the competition site (e.g., arena, stadium). Coaching staff members may send general correspondence (including electronic correspondence) to a prospective student-athlete while he or she is on call and not at the competition site or while the prospective student-athlete is at any location once he or she has been released by the appropriate authority, provided the general correspondence is sent directly to a prospective student-athlete (e.g., the front desk of the hotel, the prospective student-athlete’s personal fax machine) and there is no additional party (e.g., camp employee, coach) involved in disseminating the correspondence (see Bylaw 13.4). For additional restrictions in basketball, see Bylaw 13.1.6.2.1.

13.1.6.2.2 Approved Events. It is permissible for athletics staff members who are responsible for conducting an approved athletics event (see Bylaw 13.11.3) involving prospective student-athletes to come in normal contact with participants; however, under no circumstances may recruitment take place.

13.1.6.2.5 Contact by Student-Athletes and Other Enrolled Students. Contact between an enrolled student-athlete (or an enrolled student) and a prospective student-athlete at the prospective student-athlete’s practice or competition site is not permissible if it occurs at the direction of an institutional staff member (see Bylaw 13.1.2.7). (Adopted: 6/23/15)
13.1.7 Evaluations.

13.1.7.1 Visit (Without Contact) to Prospective Student-Athlete’s Educational Institution. A visit (without contact) by a coaching staff member to a prospective student-athlete’s educational institution counts as an evaluation for all prospective student-athletes in that sport at that educational institution. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

13.1.7.1.1 Competition Not Involving Educational Institution Visited. A member institution does not use an evaluation for prospective student-athletes at an educational institution if the coach observes competition at that institution between prospective student-athletes who do not attend that institution. *(Adopted: 1/11/94)*

13.1.7.2 Evaluations Are Sport Specific. The limitations on the number of evaluations in Bylaw 13.1.7 are sport specific; therefore, a prospective student-athlete being earnestly recruited [see Bylaw 15.5.9.7.1-(d)] by an institution in more than one sport may be evaluated on the permissible number of occasions in each of those sports during the academic year. Evaluations are counted against the sport of the coach making the evaluation. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

13.1.7.3 Evaluations—Sports Other Than Football and Basketball. In sports other than football and basketball, during the academic year, each institution shall be limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete and not more than three of the seven opportunities may be contacts (see Bylaws 13.1.5.1 and 13.1.5.6). *[D] (Adopted: 9/12/03, Revised: 4/29/04, 1/9/06, 6/16/15)*

13.1.7.7 On Same Day. Any number of evaluations or observations made during the same calendar day (defined as 12:01 a.m. to midnight) shall count as one evaluation. *(Adopted: 1/16/93)*

13.1.7.12 Evaluations in Individual Sports. An institution’s coach who is attending a practice or event in which prospective student-athletes from multiple institutions participate in drills (e.g., combine) or competition in an individual sport on a specific day shall use an evaluation only for those participants whom the coach observes engaging in practice or competition. The evaluation is not counted for a particular prospective student-athlete if a contact is made with that prospective student-athlete during the same day (see Bylaw 13.1.5.6). *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 6/28/04, 5/4/05, 10/30/12)*

13.1.7.13 Tournament Evaluations. Evaluation during each day of a tournament held during the academic year shall count as a separate evaluation except as follows (see Bylaws 13.1.4.1 and 13.1.4.2.3.1): *(Revised: 1/14/97, 3/22/06)*

(a) Evaluation of multiple contests in a tournament that occurs on consecutive days (and normally at the same site) shall count as a single evaluation.

(b) Evaluation of multiple contests in a single tier of a tournament (e.g., sectional, district, regional) shall count as a single observation. If a particular tier of a tournament is divided into identifiable segments (e.g., conducted on different weekends), evaluation of contests in each identifiable segment counts as a single observation.

13.1.7.13.1 Other Multiple-Day Events. Evaluations at a multiple-day event (e.g., jamboree, round robin, showcase) constitute separate evaluations for each day of the event unless the event is conducted in a tournament format in which a winner of the event is determined. *(Adopted: 12/13/05)*

13.1.7.14 Open Events in Which College Teams Compete. An institution does not use an evaluation if the institution’s team competes in an open event (e.g., track and field meet) in which prospective student-athletes also compete. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

13.1.7.15 Coaches’ Attendance at Elite International Events. Coaching staff members may attend Olympic, Pan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games or World University Championships competition that occurs outside the permissible contact and evaluation periods. However, attendance at qualifying competition for such events, including tryouts, and attendance at junior-level competition (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, Junior World Championships, U19 World University Games) that may be associated with the specified elite international events, remains subject to the applicable recruiting calendars. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 8/11/11, 1/14/12)*

13.1.7.16 Evaluation of Individuals Before They Become Prospective Student-Athletes. In sports other than men’s basketball, a coaching staff member may observe an individual who has not entered the ninth grade participating in an athletically related activity, provided such observation occurs during a contact or evaluation period when it is permissible to evaluate prospective student-athletes. In men’s basketball, a coaching staff member may observe an individual who has not entered the seventh grade participating in an athletically related activity, provided such observation occurs during a period when it is permissible to evaluate prospective student-athletes. *[D] (Adopted: 12/12/06, Revised: 6/9/10, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12)*

13.1.7.17 Off-Campus Observation of Recruiting or Scouting Service Video. Off-campus observation of a prospective student-athlete via video made available by a recruiting or scouting service is considered an evaluation activity and is subject to applicable evaluation regulations. *(Adopted: 1/16/10)*

13.1.7.18 Coaches’ Involvement in Local Sports Clubs—No Requirement to Count Evaluations. A coaching staff member is not required to count evaluations for any observations of prospective student-athletes
that occur while he or she is participating in permissible activities and acting on behalf of a local sports club (e.g., coaching or instructional activities, scouting future opponents). (Adopted: 1/10/13)

13.1.8 Banquets, Meetings and NCAA Promotional Activities.

13.1.8.1 Banquets or Meetings at a Prospective Student-Athlete's Educational Institution. (Revised: 4/15/09)

(a) Sports Other Than Football or Basketball. In sports other than football and basketball, a coach may speak at a meeting or banquet (except for dead periods per Bylaw 13.02.5.5) at a prospective student-athlete’s educational institution outside a contact period or may speak at such a meeting or banquet during a contact period without using one of the institution’s permissible contacts or evaluations, provided:

(1) The meeting or banquet is initiated and conducted by the educational institution;
(2) The coach does not make a recruiting presentation in conjunction with the appearance;
(3) The coach does not have any direct contact with any prospective student-athlete (or a prospective student-athlete’s parents or legal guardians) in attendance; and
(4) The coach does not engage in any evaluation activities.

13.1.8.2 Banquets or Meetings at Locations Other Than a Prospective Student-Athlete’s Educational Institution. A coach may speak at a meeting or banquet at which prospective student-athletes are in attendance at a location other than a prospective student-athlete’s educational institution (except during a dead period per Bylaw 13.02.5.5) outside a contact period (recruiting period in men’s basketball) or may speak at such a meeting or banquet during a contact period (recruiting period in men’s basketball) without using one of the institution’s permissible contacts or evaluations, provided: (Revised: 4/15/09, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12)

(a) The meeting or banquet is initiated and conducted by an entity other than the coach’s institution;
(b) The coach does not make a recruiting presentation in conjunction with the appearance;
(c) The coach does not have any direct contact with any prospective student-athlete (or a prospective student-athlete’s parents or legal guardians) in attendance; and
(d) The coach does not engage in any evaluation activities.

13.1.8.3 Attendance Outside a Contact or Evaluation Period. In sports with recruiting calendars (see Bylaw 13.17), a coach is not permitted to attend a banquet or meeting that is designed to recognize prospective student-athletes and that occurs outside a contact or evaluation period (or in men’s basketball, a recruiting period), unless the coach will speak at the function. In all sports, during a dead period, a coaching staff member may not attend a meeting or banquet at which prospective student-athletes are in attendance, except as provided in Bylaw 13.1.8.4. [D] (Adopted: 6/8/99, Revised: 8/14/02, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 12/6/13, 10/30/14)

13.1.8.5 NCAA Promotional Activities Exception. An institution’s coach may participate in NCAA promotional activities (e.g., autograph sessions, fan festivals and opening ceremonies) at NCAA championship events, provided contacts with prospective student-athletes are not prearranged and recruiting activities do not occur. (Adopted: 4/28/05)

13.1.9 Funeral/Memorial Services. An institutional staff member may attend the funeral or memorial services of a student-athlete, a prospective student-athlete or a member of the student-athlete’s or a prospective student-athlete’s immediate family, at which prospective student-athletes also may be in attendance, provided no recruiting contact occurs. The involved prospective student-athlete must have signed a National Letter of Intent, or a written offer of admission and/or financial aid with the institution, or the institution must have received a financial deposit in response to the institution’s offer of admission. (Adopted: 4/28/05, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)

13.1.10 Conference-Sponsored Sportsmanship Initiatives. A conference office may coordinate sportsmanship initiatives that may involve prospective student-athletes and their educational institutions subject to the following conditions (see Bylaws 13.4.3.4, 13.10.2.3 and 13.15.1.8): [D] (Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 10/30/14)

(a) Any participating prospective student-athlete must attend a high school within a 30-mile radius of a conference member institution’s campus;
(b) Any initiative that requires the actual presence of a prospective student-athlete shall not take place on an institution’s campus; and
(c) An institution’s student-athletes may participate, subject to the conditions of Bylaw 12.5.1.1.

13.2 Offers and Inducements.

13.2.1 General Regulation. 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 a prospective student-athlete or his or her relatives or friends, other than expressly permitted by NCAA regulations. Receipt of a benefit by a prospective student-athlete or his or her relatives or friends is
not a violation of NCAA legislation if it is determined 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. [R] (Revised: 10/28/97, 11/1/00, 3/24/05)

13.2.1.1 Specific Prohibitions. Specifically prohibited financial aid, benefits and arrangements include, but are not limited to, the following: [R] (Revised: 10/28/97, 11/1/00, 4/23/08)
(a) An employment arrangement for a prospective student-athlete’s relatives;
(b) Gift of clothing or equipment;
(c) Co-signing of loans;
(d) Providing loans to a prospective student-athlete’s relatives or friends;
(e) Cash or like items;
(f) Any tangible items, including merchandise;
(g) Free or reduced-cost services, rentals or purchases of any type;
(h) Free or reduced-cost housing;
(i) Use of an institution’s athletics equipment (e.g., for a high school all-star game);
(j) Sponsorship of or arrangement for an awards banquet for high school, preparatory school or two-year-college athletes by an institution, representatives of its athletics interests or its alumni groups or booster clubs; and
(k) Expenses for academic services (e.g., tutoring, test preparation) to assist in the completion of initial-eligibility or transfer-eligibility requirements or improvement of the prospective student-athlete’s academic profile in conjunction with a waiver request.

13.2.2 Awards to Prospective Student-Athletes. A member institution is limited to providing the following awards to prospective student-athletes: (Adopted: 1/10/91)
(a) Awards to prospective student-athletes for outstanding athletics accomplishments are prohibited, except as provided in (c) below;
(b) Awards to high school, preparatory school or two-year-college athletics teams in the name of an NCAA member institution are prohibited, regardless of the institution’s involvement (or lack thereof) in the administration of the award; and
(c) Any award presented at regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year-college athletics contests or matches under the provisions of Bylaw 13.11.3.4 must be limited in value to $50 but may bear the institution’s name and logo.

13.2.3 Employment of Prospective Student-Athletes.
13.2.3.1 Prior to Completion of Senior Year—Nonathletics Award Winners. An institution’s athletics department may employ a prospective student-athlete who is not an athletics award winner and not recruited by the institution, provided the employment is arranged through normal institutional employment procedures (e.g., local newspaper, bulletin board listings). Any compensation received by the prospective student-athlete must be for work actually performed and commensurate with the going rate for such services in the locale. (See Bylaw 13.12.1.7.1.1.) (Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 6/10/04, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

13.2.3.2 Prior to Completion of Senior Year—Athletics Award Winners. An institution may employ a prospective student-athlete who is an athletics award winner in any department outside intercollegiate athletics, provided the employment is arranged through normal institutional employment procedures (e.g., local newspaper, bulletin board listings) and without the intervention of any member of the institution’s coaching staff. Any compensation received by the prospective student-athlete must be for work actually performed and commensurate with the going rate for such services in the locale. For purposes of this bylaw, institutional recreation programs, even if reporting to the athletics director, may be considered outside the intercollegiate athletics department. An institution may hire a prospective student-athlete, who is an athletics award winner, in its recreation programs, only if recreation and facility managers and no intercollegiate coaches are involved with the hiring and supervision of these employees. (See Bylaws 13.12.1.7.1 and 13.12.1.7.1.1.) (Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

13.2.3.3 After Completion of Senior Year. An institution may arrange for employment or employ any prospective student-athlete (regardless of athletics award winner status), provided the employment does not begin prior to the completion of the prospective student-athlete’s senior year in high school. (See Bylaws 13.12.1.7.1 and 13.12.1.7.1.1.) (Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

13.2.3.3.1 Two-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes. Once a prospective student-athlete has enrolled as a full-time student in a two-year college, the arrangement of employment by an institution for such a prospective student-athlete shall be permitted, provided the employment does not begin prior to the time period in which the prospective student-athlete has officially withdrawn from or has completed requirements for graduation at the two-year college. (See Bylaws 13.12.1.7.1 and 13.12.1.7.1.1.) (Adopted: 1/1/99, Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)
13.2.4 Loans to Prospective Student-Athletes. Arrangement of educational loans by an institution for a prospective student-athlete shall be permitted, provided the loan is not made prior to the completion of the prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school. Such loans must be from a regular lending agency and based on a regular repayment schedule.

13.2.5 Summer Housing for Prospective Student-Athletes. An institution may rent dormitory space to a prospective student-athlete during the summer months at the regular institutional rate, provided it is the institution's policy to make such dormitory space available on the same basis to all prospective students. (Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)

13.2.8 Life-Threatening Injury or Illness. An institution may provide a donation (up to $100) to a charity on behalf of a prospective student-athlete or may provide other reasonable tokens of support (e.g., flowers) in the event of the death of the prospective student-athlete or the death or life-threatening injury or illness of a member of the prospective student-athlete's immediate family, provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent, or a written offer of admission and/or financial aid with the institution, or the institution must have received a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission. (Adopted: 1/12/04, Revised: 4/28/05, 5/26/06, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)

13.2.9 Benefits for Prospective Student-Athlete's Family Members. An institutional staff member may provide a benefit to a member of a prospective student-athlete's family, provided: (Revised: 5/11/05)

(a) The family member has a pre-existing established relationship with the institutional staff member; and
(b) The benefit provided is consistent with the nature and level of benefits that the institutional staff member has provided to the family member prior to the prospective student-athlete starting classes for the ninth grade.

13.4 Recruiting Materials.

13.4.1 Recruiting Materials and Electronic Correspondence—General Rule. An institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, or send electronic correspondence to an individual (or his or her parents or legal guardians) until September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school. If an individual attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), an institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, or send electronic correspondence to the individual (or his or her parents or legal guardians) until the opening day of classes of his or her junior year in high school. [D] (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/19/96 effective 7/1/96, 1/11/01 effective 4/1/02, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/10/05, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 4/26/07, 4/15/08, 6/13/08, 3/29/10, 10/27/11 effective 6/15/12, 1/18/14, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)

13.4.1.3 Printed Recruiting Materials. As specified below, an institution may provide only the following printed materials to a prospective student-athlete, his or her parents or legal guardians, coaches or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved: [D] (Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 4/15/08, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 5/27/11, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)

(a) General Correspondence. There are no restrictions on the design or content of general correspondence and attachments, except that the size of the printed material may not exceed 8 ½ by 11 inches when opened in full. There are no restrictions on the design or content of an envelope used to send general correspondence and attachments, except that the size of the envelope may not exceed 9 by 12 inches. (Revised: 3/8/06, 5/25/06, 12/12/06, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 4/15/08, 4/24/08 effective 8/1/08, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)

(b) Camp or Clinic Information. Camp or clinic information may be provided at any time. (See Bylaw 12.5.1.6.) (Revised: 4/15/08, 9/24/09, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)

(c) Questionnaires. An institution may provide questionnaires at any time. (Revised: 4/14/08)

(d) Nonathletics Institutional Publications. An institution may provide nonathletics institutional publications available to all students at any time (e.g., official academic, admissions and student-services publications published by the institution and available to all students).

(e) Educational Material Published by the NCAA. Educational material published by the NCAA (e.g., NCAA Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete) may be provided at any time. (Revised: 4/15/08)

13.4.1.3.1 Express Mail Services. An institution is not permitted to use express mail delivery services and may only use first-class mail or a lesser rate of service (e.g., parcel post) with no extra services (e.g., certified mail, delivery confirmation) to provide permissible printed recruiting materials to prospective student-athletes, their parents or legal guardians, their coaches or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved, who resides within the 50 United States, other than the National Letter of Intent or other written admissions and/or financial aid commit-
13.4.1.4 Electronic Correspondence—General Rule. Electronic correspondence (e.g., electronic mail, Instant Messenger, facsimiles, text messages) may be sent to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete’s parents or legal guardians). Before a prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid, the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission, the correspondence must be sent directly to the prospective student-athlete (or his or her parents or legal guardians) and must be private between only the sender and recipient (e.g., no use of chat rooms, message boards or posts to “walls”). (See Bylaws 13.1.6.2 and 13.10.2.) There are no content restrictions on attachments to electronic correspondence, except that video and audio materials must conform to the requirements of Bylaw 13.4.1.7, may not be created for recruiting purposes and may not be personalized to include a prospective student-athlete’s name, picture or likeness. [D] (Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 5/12/05, 1/14/08, 4/15/08, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)

13.4.1.4.2 Exception—Electronic Correspondence Regarding Institutional Camp or Clinic Logistical Issues—Sports Other Than Cross Country/Track and Field, Football and Swimming and Diving. In sports other than cross country/track and field, football and swimming and diving, electronic correspondence to an individual (or his or her parents, legal guardians, relatives or coach) that relates solely to institutional camp or clinic logistical issues (e.g., missing registration information) is not subject to the restrictions on recruiting materials, provided the correspondence does not contain recruiting language and no solicitation of particular individuals to attend a camp or clinic occurs. [D] (Adopted: 9/24/09, Revised: 10/27/11 effective 6/15/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 1/18/14, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)

13.4.1.5 Other Recruiting Materials. An institution may post recruiting materials not listed in Bylaw 13.4.1.3 on its website. General information (e.g., information not created for recruiting purposes) posted to an institution’s website (e.g., press release, competition schedule) may be sent to a prospective student-athlete via permissible electronic correspondence or such information may be printed and provided to a prospective student-athlete as an attachment to general correspondence or during any permissible on- or off-campus contact. [D] (Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 1/17/09, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)

13.4.1.6 Responding to Prospective Student-Athlete’s Request. Institutional staff members (including athletics staff members) may respond to a prospective student-athlete’s letter or electronic correspondence requesting information from an institution’s athletics department prior to the permissible date on which an institution may begin to provide recruiting materials to a prospective student-athlete, provided the written response does not include information that would initiate the recruitment of the prospective student-athlete or information related to the institution’s athletics program (e.g., the reply contains an explanation of current NCAA legislation or a referral to the admissions department). An electronic reply must be a permissible form of electronic correspondence. [D] (Revised: 5/26/06, 4/20/11, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)

13.4.1.7 Video/Audio Materials. An institution may not produce video or audio materials to show to, play for or provide to a prospective student-athlete except as specified in this section. Permissible video or audio material may only be provided to a prospective student-athlete via permissible electronic correspondence, except as provided in Bylaw 13.4.1.7.4. [D] (Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 12/12/06, 1/8/07, 1/16/10, 3/29/10, 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11, 6/13/11, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)

13.4.1.7.1 Media Available to All Students. Official academic admissions and student-services media produced by the institution and available to all students may be provided to prospective student-athletes. [D] (Revised: 1/16/10, 3/29/10)

13.4.1.7.2 Material Not Created for Recruiting Purposes. An institution may produce video or audio material to show to, play for or provide to a prospective student-athlete, provided such material includes only general information related to an institution or its athletics programs and is not created for recruiting purposes. [D] (Adopted: 1/16/10, Revised: 3/29/10)

13.4.1.7.3 Computer-Generated Recruiting Presentations. An institution may produce a computer-generated recruiting presentation (e.g., using presentation software) to show to, play for or provide to a prospective student-athlete, subject to the following provisions: [D] (Adopted: 1/8/07, Revised: 1/14/08, 1/16/10, 3/29/10)

(a) The presentation may be posted to the institution’s website;
(b) The presentation may include general informational video/audio material that relates to an institution or its athletics programs and is not created for recruiting purposes;
(c) The presentation may not be personalized to include a prospective student-athlete’s name, picture or likeness; and
(d) The presentation may not be created by an entity outside the institution.

13.4.1.7.4 Pre-enrollment Information. An institution may provide any necessary pre-enrollment information (that is not otherwise considered to be general information related to an institution or its athletics programs) regarding orientation, conditioning, academics and practice activities in a video format.
13.4.2 Conference Restrictions. A member conference is precluded from providing recruiting materials to prospective student-athletes. [D] (Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 3/26/04)

13.4.3 Advertisements and Promotions.

13.4.3.1 Recruiting Advertisements. The publication of advertising or promotional material, by or on behalf of a member institution, designed to solicit the enrollment of a prospective student-athlete is not permitted, except as provided in Bylaw 13.4.3.1.1. Accordingly, a member institution may not buy or arrange to have space in game programs or other printed materials published to provide information concerning the athletics participation or evaluation of prospective student-athletes (e.g., recruiting publications) for any purpose whatsoever, including advertisements, a listing of prospective or enrolled student-athletes who will attend the institution, or promote an institutional camp or clinic toward a particular audience (e.g., elite camp), provided the advertisement or promotion indicates that the camp or clinic is open to any and all entrants (limited only by number, age, grade level and/or gender). (Revised: 4/22/14)

13.4.3.2.1 Camp or Clinic Advertisements in Recruiting Publications. Advertisements for an institution's camp or clinic may be placed in a recruiting publication (other than a high school, two-year college or nonscholastic game program), provided the publication includes a camp directory that meets the following requirements: [D] (Revised: 1/11/94, 9/12/03, 9/24/09, 4/22/14)
(a) The size (not to exceed one-half page) and format of such advertisements must be identical; and
(b) The camp directory must include multiple listings of summer camps on each page (at least two summer-camp advertisements of the same size must appear on each page).

13.4.3.2.2 Advertisements Directed Toward a Particular Audience. An institution may advertise or promote an institutional camp or clinic toward a particular audience (e.g., elite camp), provided the advertisement or promotion indicates that the camp or clinic is open to any and all entrants (limited only by number, age, grade level and/or gender). [D] (Adopted: 9/24/09)

13.4.3.3 NCAA or Conference Championship Posters. An institution hosting an NCAA or conference championship may produce a poster promoting the championship and send it to a high school coach and/or his or her educational institution. It is not permissible to send such a poster to a prospective student-athlete. [D] (Adopted: 10/28/99, Revised: 4/6/00, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)

13.4.3.3.1 NCAA or Conference Championship Promotional Materials. The NCAA or member conference [or a third party acting on behalf of the NCAA or member conference (e.g., host institution, host conference, or local organizing committee)] may produce and provide championship-promotional materials to any individual or group, provided the materials: [D] (Adopted: 1/10/05)
(a) Are solely for the purpose of promoting the championship event rather than the host institution, and use factual information (e.g., date, time, location, identification of host school/conference, ticket information, photos of previous championships);
(b) Are not sent exclusively to prospective student-athletes;
(c) Are available to the general public; and
(d) Do not promote the institution's athletics program.

13.4.3.4 Conference-Sponsored Sportsmanship Initiatives. A conference office may buy or arrange to have space in game programs or other printed materials published to provide information concerning the athletics participation of prospective student-athletes, provided the content of the printed materials is limited exclusively to promoting sportsmanship, and the materials are not designed to solicit the enrollment of prospective student-athletes. In addition, a conference office may produce posters, limited exclusively to promoting sportsmanship, which may be sent to any educational institution. It shall not be permissible to send any printed
13.5 Transportation.
13.5.1 General Restrictions. An institution may not provide transportation to a prospective student-athlete other than on an official paid visit or, on an unofficial visit, to view a practice or competition site in the institutional facilities of the institution's campus.

13.5.2 Transportation on Official Paid Visit.
13.5.2.1 General Restrictions. A member institution may pay the prospective student-athlete's actual round-trip transportation costs for his or her official visit to its campus from any location, provided the prospective student-athlete returns to the original point of departure, or if return transportation is provided to the prospective student-athlete's home, educational institution or site of competition, the cost does not exceed round-trip expenses from the prospective student-athlete's original point of departure. Use of a limousine or helicopter for such transportation is prohibited. (Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 11/12/97, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08)

13.5.2.2 Automobile Transportation. If a prospective student-athlete travels by automobile on an official paid visit, the institution may pay round-trip expenses to the individual incurring the expense (except the prospective student-athlete's coach as set forth in Bylaw 13.8.1.2) at the same mileage rate it allows its own personnel. Any automobile may be used by the prospective student-athlete, provided the automobile is not owned or operated or its use arranged by the institution or any representative of its athletics interests. (Adopted: 1/11/94)

13.5.2.2.1 Use of Automobile. The institution or representatives of its athletics interests shall not provide an automobile for use during the official visit by the prospective student-athlete or by a student host. [R]

13.5.2.2.2 Coach Accompanying Prospective Student-Athlete and Parents and Legal Guardians. Except as permitted in Bylaw 13.5.2.4, coaching staff members shall not accompany a prospective student-athlete in the coach's sport to or from an official visit unless the prospective student-athlete travels only by automobile. If such transportation is used, the 48-hour period of the official visit shall begin when the coach begins transporting the prospective student-athlete and his or her parents or legal guardians, if applicable, to campus. A coach who makes an in-person, off-campus contact (any dialogue in excess of an exchange of a greeting) with that prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians) during a permissible contact period prior to transporting the prospective student-athlete and his or her parents or legal guardians, if applicable, to campus for an official visit is charged with a countable contact. On completion of the 48-hour period, the coach shall terminate contact with the prospective student-athlete and his or her parents or legal guardians, if applicable, immediately. (Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 11/12/97, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08)

13.5.2.2.3 On-Campus Transportation. An institution transporting a prospective student-athlete (and those accompanying a prospective student-athlete) around campus during the official visit must use institutional vehicles normally used to transport prospective students while visiting the campus. In addition, coaching staff members or student hosts may use personal vehicles to transport a prospective student-athlete (and those accompanying the prospective student-athlete) around campus during an official visit. [R] (Adopted: 8/5/04)

13.5.2.3 Air Transportation. An institution providing air transportation to a prospective student-athlete to and from an official campus visit must use commercial transportation at coach-class airfare. Coaching staff members shall not accompany a prospective student-athlete to or from an official visit when air travel is used, except as permitted in Bylaw 13.5.2.4. [R] (Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 8/5/04)

13.5.2.3.1 Ticket Discounts. An institution may not arrange payment of the airline ticket to allow a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's relatives, friends or legal guardians) to take advantage of ticket bonuses, rebates, refunds, upgrades or other benefits connected with the purchase of the ticket. [R] (Revised: 8/5/04)

13.5.2.4 From Airport or Bus or Train Station. During the official visit, any member of an institution's athletics department staff may provide ground transportation for a prospective student-athlete and the prospective student-athlete's parents, relatives or legal guardians between the campus and any bus or train station or
13.5.2.5 Visiting Two or More Institutions. Two or more institutions to which a prospective student-athlete is making official visits on the same trip may provide travel expenses, provided there is no duplication of expenses, only actual and necessary expenses are provided, and the 48-hour visit limitation is observed at each institution. [R]

13.5.2.6 Transportation of Prospective Student-Athlete’s Relatives, Friends or Legal Guardians. [A] 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 guardians of a prospective student-athlete to visit the campus or elsewhere; however, an institution may: [R] (Revised: 1/11/94, 5/12/05, 7/27/07, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)

(a) Provide automobile-mileage reimbursement to a prospective student-athlete on an official visit, even if relatives or friends accompany the prospective student-athlete;

(b) Permit the parents or legal guardians of a prospective student-athlete to ride in an automobile driven by a coaching staff member for the purpose of providing ground transportation to a prospective student-athlete as part of an official visit; and

(c) Provide transportation between its campus and any bus or train station or airport for the parents, relatives or legal guardians of a prospective student-athlete making an official visit.

13.5.3 Transportation on Unofficial Visit. During any unofficial recruiting visit, the institution may provide the prospective student-athlete with transportation to view practice and competition sites in the prospective student-athlete’s sport and other institutional facilities and to attend a home athletics contest at any local facility. An institutional staff member must accompany the prospective student-athlete during such a trip. Payment of any other transportation expenses, shall be considered a violation. [R] (Revised: 1/11/89, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 1/9/06, 4/28/05, 7/27/07, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 4/27/06)

13.5.4 Transportation Prior to Initial Enrollment. An institution or its representatives shall not furnish a prospective student-athlete, directly or indirectly, with transportation to the campus for enrollment. However, it is permissible for any member of the institution’s staff to provide: (Revised: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 1/9/06, 10/17/13)

(a) Transportation from the nearest bus or train station or major airport to the campus on the occasion of the prospective student-athlete’s initial arrival at the institution to attend classes for a regular term or to participate in preseason practice, or for initial enrollment for the institution’s summer term for a prospective student-athlete who has been awarded athletically related financial aid for his or her initial summer term; and

(b) Transportation from and to the nearest bus or train station or major airport on the occasion of the prospective student-athlete’s arrival and departure from the institution to attend the institution’s required new-student orientation, provided the prospective student-athlete has been accepted for admission to the institution.

13.6 Official (Paid) Visit.

13.6.1 Institutional Policies. An institution must have written departmental policies related to official visits that apply to prospects student-athletes, student hosts, coaches and other athletics administrators that are approved by the institution’s president or chancellor and kept on file at the institution and conference office. The institution is responsible for the development and enforcement of appropriate policies and penalties regarding specified areas, as identified by the NCAA Division I Board of Directors. The institution shall have an outside entity (e.g., conference office) evaluate its policies related to official visits once every four years. The institution is responsible for the development and enforcement of appropriate policies and penalties regarding specified areas, as identified by the NCAA Division I Board of Directors. The institution shall have an outside entity (e.g., conference office) evaluate its policies related to official visits once every four years. The institution may be held accountable through the NCAA infractions process for activities that clearly demonstrate a disregard for its stated policies. (Adopted: 8/5/04, Revised: 3/8/06, 7/31/14)

13.6.2 Limitations on Official Visits.

13.6.2.1 One-Visit Limitation. A member institution may finance only one visit to its campus for a prospective student-athlete.

13.6.2.2 Number of Official Visits—Prospective Student-Athlete Limitation. A prospective student-athlete may take a maximum of five expense-paid visits to Division I institutions, with not more than one permitted to any single institution. This restriction applies regardless of the number of sports in which the prospective student-athlete is involved. (Revised: 1/12/04, 10/28/11)

13.6.2.2.1 First Opportunity to Visit. In sports other than basketball, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than the opening day of classes of the prospective student-athlete’s senior year in high school. In men’s basketball, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than January 1 of his junior year in high school. In women’s basketball, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than the Thursday following the NCAA Division I Women’s Basketball Championship game of the prospective student-athlete’s junior year.
13.6.3 Requirements for Official Visit. The one-visit limitation and the limitations on total official visits apply separately to the period before October 15 following the prospective student-athlete's completion of high school and to the period beginning October 15 following the prospective student-athlete's completion of high school. Thus, a prospective student-athlete may be provided a maximum of 10 official visits—five before October 15 following his or her completion of high school and five beginning October 15 following his or her completion of high school. A prospective student-athlete is not required to graduate from high school in order to receive a permissible post-high school visit. [D] (Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/90, 6/21/01, 1/12/04, 8/5/04, 6/22/15)

13.6.2.3 Post-High School Visits. The following requirements must be met before an institution may provide an official visit to a prospective student-athlete who requires a special administration of the PSAT, SAT, PLAN or ACT may present such a testing agency document, on a high school or preparatory school academic transcript (official or unofficial) or through the use of the applicable testing agency's automated-voice system. An international prospective student-athlete who requires a special administration of the PSAT, SAT, PLAN or ACT may present such a score upon the approval of the Committee on Academics or the Initial-Eligibility Waivers Committee;

13.6.2.3.1 Nonqualifier in First Year. A prospective student-athlete who is not a qualifier and who is enrolled in his or her first year of full-time enrollment (first two semesters or three quarters) at a two-year college may not be provided an expense-paid visit to a member institution. Such a prospective student-athlete may be provided an expense-paid visit once he or she has completed an academic year (two semesters or three quarters) of full-time enrollment at a two-year college. (Revised: 4/16/15)

13.6.2.3.2 Transfer Student. If a student-athlete attending a four-year institution desires to transfer and that institution provides the permission required (per Bylaw 13.1.1.3), it is permissible for a second institution to provide the student-athlete one official visit to that institution's campus.

13.6.2.4 Visit to Off-Campus Contest. An institution may not provide a prospective student-athlete with transportation to attend an off-campus contest outside a 30-mile radius of the member institution's main campus. [D] (Revised: 4/24/03, 8/5/04, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/21/12)

13.6.2.5 Visit While Competing in Open Event. A host institution may pay the expenses of a recruited prospective student-athlete to participate in an established "open" event, provided the expenses of all other competitors in that event are paid; the expenses are not paid from athletics department (nonmeet) funds; and the expenses of the prospective student-athlete are limited to actual transportation, room and board. This trip shall be considered the one paid visit to the institution's campus with the prospective student-athlete remaining not more than 48 hours.

13.6.2.6 Number of Official Visits—Institutional Limitation. The total number of official visits a member institution may provide prospective student-athletes in the following sports on an annual basis (August 1 through July 31) shall be limited to: [D] (Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 11/12/97, 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 10/29/09)

13.6.2.6.3 Exception—Institution That Does Not Subscribe to the National Letter of Intent. A member institution that does not subscribe to the National Letter of Intent may provide 70 official visits in football, 56 of which may be provided prior to the initial National Letter of Intent signing date. [D] (Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 10/20/09)

13.6.2.6.4 Written Record Required. The institution must maintain a written record of the paid visits of its football, basketball and baseball prospective student-athletes. [D] (Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 10/29/09)

13.6.2.6.5 Multiple-Sport Prospective Student-Athletes. A prospective student-athlete in football and one or more other sports (including basketball or baseball) shall be counted against the visit limitation in football. A prospective student-athlete in basketball and one or more other sports (other than football) shall be counted against the visit limitation in basketball. A prospective student-athlete in baseball and one or more other sports (other than football or basketball) shall be counted against the visit limitation in baseball. [D] (Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 10/29/09)

13.6.2.6.6 Exception—Head Coaching Change. In baseball, basketball and football, an institution may provide additional official visits (up to 25 percent of the limitation for the particular sport) after a new head coach is hired, provided the previous head coach used 75 percent or more of the official visits permitted for that academic year. [D] (Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 4/29/04, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 10/29/09, 8/21/12)

13.6.3 Requirements for Official Visit. The following requirements must be met before an institution may provide an official visit to a prospective student-athlete: [D] (Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 5/9/07, 11/1/97 effective 8/1/08, 5/9/07, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)

(a) A high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete must present the institution with a score from a PSAT, SAT, PLAN or ACT taken on a national testing date under national testing conditions, except that a state-administered ACT may be used to meet the requirement. The score must be presented through a testing agency document, on a high school or preparatory school academic transcript (official or unofficial) or through the use of the applicable testing agency's automated-voice system. An international prospective student-athlete who requires a special administration of the PSAT, SAT, PLAN or ACT may present such a score upon the approval of the Committee on Academics or the Initial-Eligibility Waivers Committee;

(b) A prospective student-athlete must present the institution with a high school (or college) academic transcript;

(c) A high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center; and
13.6.4 Length of Official Visit. An official visit to an institution shall not exceed 48 hours. A prospective student-athlete may remain in the locale in which the institution is located at the permissible 48-hour period for reasons unrelated to the official visit, provided that at the completion of the 48-hour visit, the individual departs the institution's campus, and the institution does not pay any expenses thereafter, including the cost of return transportation to the prospective student-athlete's home. Additionally, if the prospective student-athlete does not return home prior to attending the institution, the one-way transportation to the campus would be considered a violation of Bylaw 13.5.4, which prohibits transportation to enroll. [D] (Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 8/5/04)

13.6.4.1 48-Hour Period Defined. The 48-hour period of the official visit begins at the time the prospective student-athlete arrives on the institution's campus, rather than with the initiation of the prospective student-athlete's transportation by a coach or the time of the prospective student-athlete's arrival at the airport or elsewhere in the community (see Bylaws 13.5.2.4, 13.6.4.1.1 and 13.6.4.1.2). The prospective student-athlete's transportation to and from the campus must be without delay for personal reasons or entertainment purposes. The institution may not pay any expenses for entertainment (other than the actual and reasonable cost of meals) in conjunction with the prospective student-athlete's transportation. At the completion of the 48-hour visit, the prospective student-athlete must depart the institution's campus immediately; otherwise, the institution may not pay any expenses incurred by the prospective student-athlete upon departure from the institution's campus, including the cost of the prospective student-athlete's transportation home. (Revised: 9/24/09)

13.6.4.1.1 Coach Accompanying Prospective Student-Athlete. If a coach accompanies a prospective student-athlete on an official visit by automobile, per Bylaw 13.5.2.2.2, the 48-hour period shall begin when the coach begins transporting the prospective student-athlete to campus. A coach who makes an in-person, off-campus contact (any dialogue in excess of an exchange of a greeting) with the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's parents during a permissible contact period prior to transporting the prospective student-athlete to campus for an official visit is charged with a countable contact. Upon completion of the 48-hour period, the coach shall terminate contact with the prospective student-athlete and his or her parents or legal guardians immediately. (Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)

13.6.4.1.2 Lodging in the Locale of the Institution Before Visit. A prospective student-athlete may receive lodging in the locale of the institution without beginning the 48-hour period if the prospective student-athlete arrives in the locale too late to begin the official visit that day. In sports other than basketball, such expenses may not be provided for any other individual who is accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the official visit (e.g., parents, spouse) before the start of the 48-hour period, including the cost of additional occupants in the same room, if applicable. In basketball, an institution may provide such expenses for a prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians (expenses for up to two people) without beginning the 48-hour period. (Adopted: 9/24/09, Revised: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

13.6.4.2 Exception to 48-Hour Period for Exeutiating Circumstances. An official visit may extend beyond 48 hours for reasons beyond the control of the prospective student-athlete and the institution (e.g., inclement weather conditions, natural disaster, flight delays or cancellations, airport security activity). In such instances, the institution shall submit a report to the conference office noting the details of the circumstances. (Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)

13.6.5 Transportation on Official Visit. For regulations relating to transportation on the official visit, see Bylaw 13.5.2.

13.6.6 Accommodations on Official Visit. A prospective student-athlete on an official visit shall be provided lodging and take meals as regular students normally do. Local commercial facilities may be used but at a scale comparable to that of normal student life and only within a 30-mile radius of the institution's campus. Lodging may not include special accessories (e.g., Jacuzzis, suites) that are not available generally to all guests residing at the establishment. (See Bylaw 13.6.7.7 for restrictions on meals provided to prospective student-athletes on official visits.) (Revised: 8/5/04)

13.6.7 Entertainment/Tickets on Official Visit. [A]

13.6.7.1 General Restrictions. [A] An institution may provide entertainment, pursuant to Bylaw 13.6.7.5, on the official visit only for a prospective student-athlete and the prospective student-athlete's parents (or legal guardians) or spouse and only within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus. Entertainment and contact by representatives of the institution's athletics interests during the official visit are prohibited. It is not permissible to entertain other relatives or friends (including dates) of a prospective student-athlete at any time at any site. [R] (Revised: 10/28/97, 11/1/00, 4/23/14, 8/7/14)

13.6.7.1.1 Meals and Lodging While in Transit. [A] It is permissible for an institution to pay a prospective student-athlete's actual costs for reasonable expenses (e.g., meals, lodging) incurred while traveling to and from campus on the official visit. In basketball, an institution may pay the actual costs for meals and...
lodging for a prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians (expenses for up to two people) that are incurred while traveling to and from campus to accompany the prospective student-athlete on his or her official visit. (Revised: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)

13.6.7.2 Complimentary Admissions. [A] During the official visit, a maximum of three complimentary admissions to a home athletics event at any facility within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus in which the institution's intercollegiate team practices or competes may be provided to a prospective student-athlete. Such complimentary admissions are for the exclusive use of the prospective student-athlete and those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the visit and must be issued only through a pass list on an individual-game basis. Such admissions may provide seating only in the general seating area of the facility used for conducting the event. Providing seating during the conduct of the event (including intermission) for the prospective student-athlete or those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete in the facility's press box, special seating box(es) or bench area is specifically prohibited. [R] (Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 1/11/94, 10/28/97, 11/1/00, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 4/24/03, 1/9/06, 4/24/08 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)

13.6.7.2.1 Exception—Nontraditional Family. If a prospective student-athlete is a member of a nontraditional family (e.g., divorce, separation), the institution may provide up to two additional complimentary admissions to the prospective student-athlete in order to accommodate the parents accompanying the prospective student-athlete (e.g., stepparents) to attend a home athletics event. [R] (Adopted: 4/24/08 effective 8/1/08)

13.6.7.2.2 Conference Tournaments. A member institution may not provide complimentary admissions to a prospective student-athlete for a postseason conference tournament. The prospective student-athlete may purchase tickets only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. [R] (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/92, 4/28/08 effective 8/1/08)

13.6.7.2.3 NCAA Championships or Other Postseason Contests. The provision of complimentary or reduced-cost admissions to prospective student-athletes for an NCAA championship (all rounds) or other postseason contests (e.g., bowl game, NAIA or NIT championship) constitutes excessive entertainment and is prohibited. The prospective student-athlete may purchase these tickets only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. [R] (Revised: 1/10/92, 4/28/08 effective 8/1/08)

13.6.7.2.4 Purchase of Game Tickets in Same Locale. An institution may reserve tickets, only for the use of immediate family members accompanying a prospective student-athlete during an official visit and for seat locations adjacent to the complimentary seats being provided to the prospective student-athlete. These tickets must be purchased at face value. [R] (Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 4/28/08 effective 8/1/08)

13.6.7.2.5 Exception. A member institution may provide complimentary admissions to a prospective student-athlete for a home athletics event that has been relocated outside a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus due to the home facility's inoperable conditions (e.g., construction or facility repairs), which result in the facility being unavailable for safe use. (Adopted: 4/28/05)

13.6.7.3 Parking. An institution may arrange special on-campus parking for prospective student-athletes during an official visit. (Adopted: 1/10/92)

13.6.7.4 Cash to Prospective Student-Athlete. The institution or representatives of its athletics interests shall not provide cash to a prospective student-athlete for entertainment purposes.

13.6.7.5 Student Host. The student host must be either a current student-athlete or a student designated in a manner consistent with the institution's policy for providing campus visits or tours to prospective students in general. The institution may provide the following to a student host entertaining a prospective student-athlete:

(a) A maximum of $40 for each day (24-hour period) of the visit (maximum of $80 for two 24-hour periods) to cover all actual costs of entertaining the student host(s) and the prospective student-athlete (and the prospective student-athlete's parents, legal guardians or spouse), excluding the cost of meals and admission to campus athletics events. The cost of entertainment of the institution's athletics department staff members who accompany the prospective student-athlete is also excluded. If an athletics department staff member serves as the prospective student-athlete's host, his or her entertainment costs must be included in the entertainment allowance. The entertainment allowance may not be used for the purchase of souvenirs, such as T-shirts or other institutional mementos. It is permissible to provide the student host with an additional $20 per day for each additional prospective student-athlete the host entertains;

(b) Complimentary meals, provided the student host is accompanying the prospective student-athlete during the prospective student-athlete's official visit; and

(c) Complimentary admissions to campus athletics events, provided the student host is accompanying the prospective student-athlete to the events during the prospective student-athlete's official visit.

13.6.7.5.1 Multiple Hosts. If several students host a prospective student-athlete, the $40-per-day entertainment money may be used to cover the actual and necessary expenses incurred by the prospective student-athlete and all hosts. Only one student host per prospective student-athlete may be provided a free
meal if restaurant facilities are used. [D] (Revised: 1/10/92, 1/16/93, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 3/26/04, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/12)

13.6.7.5.2 Nonqualifier Prohibition. The student host must be enrolled in the member institution being visited by a prospective student-athlete. A nonqualifier (see Bylaw 14.02.10.2) may not serve as a student host during his or her first academic year in residence. [D] (Revised: 3/19/97, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 3/26/04)

Delayed effective date. See specific date below.

13.6.7.5.2 Nonqualifier and Academic Redshirt Prohibition. The student host must be enrolled in the member institution being visited by a prospective student-athlete. A nonqualifier (see Bylaw 14.02.10.3) or an academic redshirt (see Bylaw 14.02.10.2) may not serve as a student host during his or her first academic year in residence. [D] (Revised: 3/19/97, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 3/26/04, 8/2/12 effective 8/1/16, for students initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)

13.6.7.5.3 Use of Automobile. The institution or representatives of its athletics interests shall not provide an automobile for use by the prospective student-athlete or the student host. [R] (Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03)

13.6.7.6 Student Support Group Assisting in Recruiting. An institution may not provide a free meal or entertainment to a member of an institutional student support group that assists in the recruitment of a prospective student-athlete during an official visit unless the student is designated as the one student host for that prospective student-athlete. Any additional arrangement between the institution and members of such a support group (e.g., compensation, providing a uniform) is left to the discretion of the institution. (Adopted: 1/16/93)

13.6.7.7 Meals on Official Visit. [A] The cost of actual meals, not to exceed three per day, on the official visit for a prospective student-athlete and the prospective student-athlete's parents, legal guardians, spouse or children need not be included in the $40-per-day entertainment expense. Meals must be comparable to those provided to student-athletes during the academic year. A reasonable snack (e.g., pizza, hamburger) may be provided in addition to the three meals. [R] (Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 8/5/04, 1/9/06, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/12, 8/7/14)

13.6.7.7.1 Entertainment at Staff Member’s Home. A luncheon, dinner or brunch at the home of an institutional staff member (e.g., the athletics director, a coach, a faculty member or the institution’s president) may be held for a prospective student-athlete on an official visit, provided the entertainment is on a scale comparable to that of normal student life, is not excessive in nature and occurs on only one occasion. [R] (Revised: 1/9/96)

13.6.7.8 Normal Retail Cost. If a boat, snowmobile, recreational vehicle or similar recreational equipment (including those provided by an institutional staff member or a representative of the institution’s athletics interests) is used to entertain a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete’s parents (or legal guardians) and spouse, the normal retail cost of the use of such equipment shall be assessed against the $40-per-day entertainment figure; further, if such normal retail costs exceeds the $40-per-day entertainment allowance, such entertainment may not be provided. [R] (Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 4/17/12 effective 8/1/12)

13.6.7.9 Activities During Official Visit. An institution may not arrange miscellaneous, personalized recruiting aids (e.g., personalized jerseys, personalized audio/video scoreboard presentations) and may not permit a prospective student-athlete to engage in any game-day simulations (e.g., running onto the field with the team during pregame introductions) during an official visit. Personalized recruiting aids include any decorative items and special additions to any location the prospective student-athlete will visit (e.g., hotel room, locker room, coach’s office, conference room, arena) regardless of whether the items include the prospective student-athlete’s name or picture. (Adopted: 8/5/04, Revised: 5/14/05)

13.6.7.10 Professional Tryout or Workout Activities. During an official visit, a prospective student-athlete may not attend events in which professional tryout or workout activities occur. (See Bylaw 13.7.2.7.) (Adopted: 1/8/07)

13.6.8 Entertainment on Official Visit for Spouse, Parent or Legal Guardian of Prospective Student-Athlete. [A] A member institution shall limit entertainment and lodging on the prospective student-athlete’s official visit to a prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete’s parents (or legal guardians) and spouse. An institution shall limit meals on the prospective student-athlete’s official visit to a prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete’s parents (or legal guardians), spouse and children. [R] (Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/9/06, 8/7/14)

13.6.9 Lodging for Additional Persons. [A] Additional persons (e.g., prospective student-athlete’s brother, sister, friend) may stay in the same room as the prospective student-athlete or parents, spouse or legal guardians of the prospective student-athlete, but the institution shall not pay the costs resulting from the additional occupants. The additional occupants shall not be prospective student-athletes being recruited by the institution. [R] (Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 8/7/14)
13.7 Unofficial (Nonpaid) Visit.

13.7.1 Number Permitted. A prospective student-athlete may visit a member institution's campus at his or her own expense an unlimited number of times. A prospective student-athlete may make unofficial visits before his or her senior year in high school.

13.7.2 Entertainment/Tickets.

13.7.2.1 General Restrictions. During an unofficial visit, the institution may not pay any expenses or provide any entertainment except a maximum of three complimentary admissions (issued only through a pass list) to a home athletics event at any facility within a 30-mile radius of a member institution's main campus in which the institution's intercollegiate team practices or competes. Such complimentary admissions are for the exclusive use of the prospective student-athlete and those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the visit and must be issued on an individual-game basis. Such admissions may provide seating only in the general seating area of the facility used for conducting the event. Providing seating during the conduct of the event (including intermission) for the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's parents (or legal guardians) or spouse in the facility's press box, special seating box(es) or bench area is specifically prohibited. Complimentary admissions may not be provided during a dead period, except as provided in Bylaw 13.7.2.5.

13.7.2.1.1 Exception—Nontraditional Family. If a prospective student-athlete is a member of a nontraditional family (e.g., divorce, separation), the institution may provide up to two additional complimentary admissions to the prospective student-athlete in order to accommodate the parents accompanying the prospective student-athlete (e.g., stepparents) to attend a home athletics event. (Adopted: 1/15/11)

13.7.2.1.2 Meals. A prospective student-athlete on an unofficial visit to an institution may pay the actual cost of meals (or the regular cost of training-table meals) and eat with other prospective student-athletes who are on their official visits or with enrolled student-athletes. [R]

13.7.2.1.2 Exception—Sports Other Than Football and Basketball. In sports other than football and basketball, a prospective student-athlete visiting an institution's campus as part of an admissions event (open house) may be provided with one meal in the institution's on-campus student dining facility and may have contact with institutional coaching staff members only during such an event without the visit counting as an official visit. The institution must be able to certify that it is the institution's normal policy to provide such a meal to all prospective student-athletes (including nonathletes) attending the admissions event. [R] (Adopted: 1/14/97)

13.7.2.1.3 Housing—Lodging in Dormitories. A prospective student-athlete on an unofficial visit may stay in an enrolled student-athlete's dormitory room only if the prospective student-athlete pays the regular institutional rate for such lodging. [R]

13.7.2.1.4 Transportation During Unofficial Visit. For regulations relating to transportation on an unofficial visit, see Bylaw 13.5.3.

13.7.2.1.5 Reserving Game Tickets. An institution may not reserve tickets (in addition to the permissible complimentary admissions) to be purchased by a prospective student-athlete (or individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete) on an unofficial visit. Tickets may be purchased only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. [R] (Adopted: 1/11/92)

13.7.2.1.6 Parking. An institution may not arrange special parking for prospective student-athletes to use while attending a member institution's campus athletics event during an unofficial visit. [R] (Adopted: 1/11/92)

13.7.2.1.7 Academic Interviews. An athletics department staff member may arrange academic interviews for a prospective student-athlete on an unofficial visit.

13.7.2.1.8 Student Host. A student host used during an unofficial visit must either be a current student-athlete or a student who is designated in a manner consistent with the institution's policies for providing campus visits or tours to prospective students in general. (Revised: 8/5/04)

13.7.2.2 Home Games at Site Other Than Regular Home Facility. If an institution schedules any regular-season home games at a site not designated as its regular home facility, the host institution may provide a maximum of three complimentary admissions to any such game for the exclusive use of a prospective student-athlete and those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete. Tournament and postseason games are excluded. The institution shall not arrange or permit any other entertainment or payment of expenses, including transportation, except as permitted by Bylaw 13.5.3. [R] (Revised: 4/24/03)

13.7.2.3 Conference Tournaments. A member institution may not provide complimentary admissions to a prospective student-athlete for a postseason conference tournament. The prospective student-athlete may purchase tickets only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. [R] (Revised: 1/11/91)

13.7.2.4 NCAA Championships or Other Postseason Contests. The provision of complimentary or reduced-cost admissions to prospective student-athletes an NCAA championship (all rounds) or other postseason contests (e.g., bowl game, NAIA or NIT championship) constitutes excessive entertainment and is pro-
hibited. The prospective student-athlete may purchase tickets to such events only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. [R] (Revised: 1/10/92)

13.7.2.5 Visit Unrelated to Recruitment. The limitations on providing entertainment to a prospective student-athlete shall not extend to a visit to the institution's campus for a purpose having nothing whatsoever to do with the prospective student-athlete's athletics recruitment by the institution (e.g., band trip, fraternity weekend, athletics team's attendance at a sporting event with the high school coach). The institution's athletics department or representatives of its athletics interests may not be involved in any way with the arrangements for the visit, other than the institution providing (in accordance with established policy) free admissions to an athletics event on a group basis, rather than personally to the prospective student-athlete. Such admissions may be provided during a dead period. [R] (Revised: 12/6/13)

13.7.2.6 Visit Related to National Student-Athlete Day or National Girls and Women in Sports Day. The limitations on providing entertainment to a prospective student-athlete shall not extend to a visit to the institution's campus for activities related to National Student-Athlete Day and National Girls and Women in Sports Day. [R] (Adopted: 1/14/97, Revised: 4/22/98 effective 8/1/98)

13.7.2.7 Professional Tryout or Workout Activities. During an unofficial visit, a prospective student-athlete may not attend events in which professional tryout or workout activities occur. (See Bylaw 13.6.7.10.) [R] (Adopted: 1/8/07)

13.7.3 Activities During Unofficial Visit. An institution may not arrange miscellaneous, personalized recruiting aids (e.g., personalized jerseys, personalized audio/visual scoreboard presentations) and may not permit a prospective student-athlete to engage in any game-day simulations (e.g., running onto the field with the team during pregame introductions) during an unofficial visit. Personalized recruiting aids include any decorative items and special additions to any location the prospective student-athlete will visit (e.g., hotel room, locker room, coach's office, conference room, arena) regardless of whether the items include the prospective student-athlete's name or picture. (Adopted: 8/5/04, Revised: 5/14/05, 4/27/06)

13.8 Entertainment, Reimbursement and Employment of High School/College-Preparatory School/Two-Year College Coaches and Other Individuals Associated With Prospective Student-Athletes.

13.8.1 Entertainment Restrictions. Entertainment of a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved shall be limited to providing a maximum of two complimentary admissions (issued only through a pass list) to home intercollegiate athletics events at any facility within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus, which must be issued on an individual-game basis. Such entertainment shall not include food and refreshments, room expenses, or the cost of transportation to and from the campus or the athletics event. It is not permissible to provide complimentary admissions to any postseason competition (e.g., NCAA championship, conference tournament, bowl game). An institutional coaching staff member is expressly prohibited from spending funds to entertain the prospective student-athlete's coach on or off the member institution's campus. [D] (Revised: 4/3/02, 8/5/04, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 10/30/14)

13.8.1.1 Exception—Nonathletics Personnel. An institutional department outside the athletics department (e.g., president's office, admissions) may host nonathletics high school, preparatory school or two-year college personnel (e.g., guidance counselors, principals) in conjunction with a home intercollegiate athletics event and may provide such individuals reasonable expenses (e.g., food, refreshments, parking, room) and a nominal gift, provided the visit is not related to athletics recruiting and there is no involvement by the institution's athletics recruiting and there is no involvement by the institution's athletics department in the arrangements for the visit, other than providing (in accordance with established policy) free admissions to an athletics event. [D] (Adopted: 3/8/12, Revised: 10/30/14)

13.8.1.2 Transportation Reimbursement. An institution shall not reimburse a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach for expenses incurred in transporting a prospective student-athlete to visit the campus. [D] (Revised: 10/30/14)

13.8.1.3 Transportation to Off-Campus Contest. If a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach transports members of his or her athletics squad to an off-campus site to watch NCAA member institutions compete, an institution may not reimburse the coach for the transportation costs or provide complimentary tickets for the coach or any of the team members. [D] (Revised: 10/30/14)

13.8.1.4 Purchase of Game Tickets. An institution may not reserve tickets (in addition to the permissible complimentary admissions) to be purchased by high school, preparatory or two-year college coaches (or individuals accompanying them) to attend an institution's athletics contest. Tickets may be purchased only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. [D] (Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 10/30/14)

13.8.1.5 Noncoaching-Related Organization. If a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach is a member of a noncoaching-related organization (e.g., state high school principals association, college
fraternity alumni organization, institution's alumni association), an institution may entertain the group, provided there is no direct involvement by the institution's athletics department. [D] (Revised: 10/30/14)

13.8.2 Material Benefits. Arrangements by an institution that involve a material benefit for a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach, or for any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved, (e.g., the provision of a gift such as a tangible item bearing the institution's insignia, the offer to pay a portion of the coach's or other individual's personal expenses, compensation based on the number of campers sent to an institution's camp, or an arrangement to provide transportation for the coach or other individual) are prohibited. [D] (Revised: 8/5/04, 10/30/14)

13.8.2.1 Gifts at Coaches' Clinic. An institution may not provide gifts to high school, preparatory school or two-year college coaches in conjunction with its coaches' clinic or other events. This specifically prohibits the provision of a door prize to the coach, even if the cost of the prize is included in the cumulative admission fee (the admission fee charged to each person, when combined, would cover the cost of the prize). Materials (e.g., clipboards, file folders) may be provided to each person attending the clinic, provided the items are included in the registration or admission fee. [D] (Revised: 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 10/30/14)

13.8.3 Employment Conditions.

13.8.3.3 Graduate Teaching Assistants. A high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach who is enrolled in a bona fide postgraduate program at a member institution is permitted to receive legitimate compensation as a graduate teaching assistant.

13.8.3.4 Employment in Different Sport. A high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach who remains associated with the high school, preparatory school or two-year college in a coaching capacity in a different sport may be employed as a member of an institution's coaching staff. (Revised: 3/16/07)

13.8.3.5 Employment in Same Sport. A high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach who remains associated with the high school, preparatory school or two-year college in a coaching capacity in the same sport shall not be employed as a member of an institution's coaching staff.

13.8.3.5.1 Contract for Future Employment. A member institution is permitted to enter into a contractual agreement with a high school, preparatory school or two-year college for an employment opportunity that begins with the next academic year, provided the employment contract with the member institution is not contingent upon the enrollment of a prospective student-athlete and the coach does not begin any coaching duties (e.g., recruiting, selection of coaching staff) for the member institution while remaining associated with the high school, preparatory school or two-year college.

13.9 Letter-of-Intent Programs, Financial Aid Agreements.

13.9.1 Requirements for Offer of Athletically Related Financial Aid. The following requirements must be met before an institution may provide a written offer of athletically related financial aid (per Bylaw 15.3.2.2) to a prospective student-athlete: [D] (Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 4/30/09 effective 8/1/10)

(a) A high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center;

(b) A high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete must be placed on the institution's institutional request list (IRL) with the NCAA Eligibility Center; and

(c) A high school, preparatory school or transfer (if applicable) prospective student-athlete must complete the amateurism certification questionnaire administered by the NCAA Eligibility Center.

13.9.2 Letter of Intent Restriction. A member institution may not participate in an institutional or conference athletics letter-of-intent program or issue an institutional or conference financial aid agreement that involves a signing date that precedes the initial regular (as opposed to early) signing date for the National Letter of Intent program in the same sport. However, an institution may permit a prospective student-athlete to sign an institutional or conference letter of intent during the National Letter of Intent early signing period in the applicable sport. [D] (Revised: 8/5/04, 12/12/06, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)

13.9.2.1 Mailing of Financial Aid Offer. An institutional or conference financial aid form may be included in the normal mailing of the National Letter of Intent, but none of the forms enclosed in the mailing may be signed by the prospective student-athlete prior to the initial signing date in that sport in the National Letter of Intent program. [D] (Revised: 8/5/04)

13.9.2.2 Written Offer of Aid Before Signing Date. Before August 1 of a prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school, an institution shall not, directly or indirectly, provide a written offer of athletically related financial aid or indicate in writing to the prospective student-athlete that an athletically related grant-in-aid will be offered by the institution. On or after August 1 of a prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school, an institution may indicate in writing to a prospective student-athlete that an athletically related grant-in-aid will be offered by the institution; however, the institution may not permit the prospective student-athlete to sign a form indicating his or her acceptance of such an award before the initial signing date in that sport in the National Letter of Intent program. [D] (Revised: 8/5/04, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 3/3/11)
13.10 Publicity.

13.10.1 Presence of Media During Recruiting Contact. A member institution shall not permit a media entity to be present during any recruiting contact made by an institution’s coaching staff member. [D] (Adopted: 1/9/96, Revised: 1/14/97)

13.10.2 Publicity Before Commitment.

13.10.2.1 Comments Before Commitment. Before the signing of a prospective student-athlete to a National Letter of Intent or an institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid or before the institution receives his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission, a member institution may comment publicly only to the extent of confirming its recruitment of the prospective student-athlete. The institution may not comment generally about the prospective student-athlete’s ability or the contribution that the prospective student-athlete might make to the institution’s team; further, the institution is precluded from commenting in any manner as to the likelihood of the prospective student-athlete committing to or signing with that institution. [D] (Revised: 1/14/97, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

13.10.2.2 Radio/TV Show. A member institution shall not permit a prospective student-athlete or a high school, college preparatory school or two-year college coach to appear, be interviewed or otherwise be involved (in person or via film, audio tape or videotape) on: [D] (Revised: 8/5/04)

(a) A radio or television program conducted by the institution’s coach;
(b) A program in which the institution’s coach is participating; or
(c) A program for which a member of the institution’s athletics staff has been instrumental in arranging for the appearance of the prospective student-athlete or coach or related program material.

13.10.2.2.1 Announcer for Broadcast of Prospective Student-Athlete’s Athletics Contest. A member of the athletics staff of a member institution may not serve as an announcer or commentator for any athletics contest in which a prospective student-athlete is participating, or appear (in person or by means of film, audio tape or videotape) on a radio or television broadcast of such contest. This restriction does not apply to contests involving national teams in which prospective student-athletes may be participants, including the Olympic Games. [D] (Revised: 1/10/95, 1/12/99, 8/5/04)

13.10.2.2.2 Game Broadcast/Telecast. A prospective student-athlete may not be interviewed during the broadcast or telecast of an institution’s intercollegiate contest. A member institution may not permit a station telecasting a game to show a videotape of competition involving high school, preparatory school or two-year college prospective student-athletes. [D] (Revised: 8/5/04)

13.10.2.3 Conference-Sponsored Sportsmanship Initiatives. It is permissible for a conference to broadcast at any time, and through any medium, a public service announcement that may include prospective student-athletes, provided the following criteria are met (see Bylaw 13.1.10): (Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)

(a) A conference office is responsible for development of the public service announcement;
(b) The scope of the public service announcement is limited exclusively to promoting sportsmanship; and
(c) The public service announcement is not designed to solicit the enrollment of prospective student-athletes.

13.10.2.4 Prospective Student-Athlete’s Visit. A member institution shall not publicize (or arrange for publicity of) a prospective student-athlete’s visit to the institution’s campus. Further, a prospective student-athlete may not participate in team activities that would make the public or media aware of the prospective student-athlete’s visit to the institution (e.g., running out of the tunnel with team, celebratory walks to or around the stadium/arena, on-field pregame celebrations). [D] (Revised: 1/14/97, 9/12/03)

13.10.2.5 Introduction of Prospective Student-Athlete. An institution may not introduce a visiting prospective student-athlete at a function (e.g., the institution’s sports award banquet or an intercollegiate athletics contest) that is attended by media representatives or open to the general public. [D] (Revised: 1/14/97)

13.10.2.6 Intent to Enroll. A member institution shall not publicize (or arrange for publicity of) a prospective student-athlete’s intention to accept its offer of financial assistance. [D] (Revised: 1/14/97)

13.10.2.7 Photograph of Prospective Student-Athlete. It is permissible for an institution to photograph a prospective student-athlete during a campus visit to be used in the institution’s permissible publicity and promotional activities (e.g., press release, media guide), but the photograph may not be provided to the
13.10.3 Publicity After Commitment. There are no restrictions on publicity related to a prospective student-athlete after he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or after the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission, except as set forth in Bylaw 13.10.1. [D] (Revised: 1/14/97, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 8/25/04, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

13.11 Tryouts.

13.11.1 Prohibited Activities. A member institution, on its campus or elsewhere, shall not conduct (or have conducted on its behalf) any physical activity (e.g., practice session or test/tryout) at which one or more prospective student-athletes (as defined in Bylaws 13.11.1.1 and 13.11.1.2) reveal, demonstrate or display their athletics abilities in any sport except as provided in Bylaws 13.11.2 and 13.11.3. [D] (Revised: 8/5/04, 1/17/09)

13.11.1.1 Definition of “Prospective Student-Athlete” for Tryout-Rule Purposes—Sports Other Than Men’s Basketball. In sports other than men's basketball, for purposes of the tryout rule, the phrase “prospective student-athlete” shall include any individual who has started classes for the ninth grade and is not enrolled in the member institution at the time of the practice or test therein described. (Revised: 1/11/89, 1/17/09)

13.11.1.3 Competition Against Prospective Student-Athletes—Sports Other Than Football. In sports other than football, an institution's varsity intercollegiate team may compete against a two-year college team but may not compete against a high school or preparatory school team. An institution's varsity team may not participate in a contest against an outside team (e.g., nonscholastic team) that includes high school prospective student-athletes except for permissible contests while on a foreign tour, exempted contests against a foreign team in the United States and the U.S. national team. In individual sports, it is permissible for an institution's varsity team and an outside team that includes prospective student-athletes to participate in the same open event, provided the event either involves no team scoring or the event uses team scoring such that the institution's varsity team and the outside team are in separate scoring categories. Subvarsity teams are not bound by this prohibition. [D] (Revised: 8/5/04, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 2/26/07, 9/18/07, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10; a contract signed before 8/14/09 may be honored)

13.11.1.6 Competition in Conjunction with a High School, Preparatory School or Two-Year College. In basketball, football, gymnastics and volleyball, member institutions shall not permit competition between or among high schools, preparatory schools or two-year colleges to be conducted in conjunction with an intercollegiate athletics event (see Bylaw 13.15.1.5). [D] (Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/95, 8/5/04)

13.11.1.6.1 Criteria. An intercollegiate contest may be scheduled on the same day as a high school, preparatory school or two-year college contest (without being considered to be scheduled “in conjunction” with that event) only if the college and high school, preparatory school or two-year college events are conducted in separate sessions, separate tickets are sold for the events, and the playing facility is cleared between the contests. (Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/95)

13.11.1.14 Tryout Events. A member institution or conference may not host, sponsor or conduct a tryout camp, clinic, group workout or combine (e.g., combination of athletics skill tests or activities) devoted to agility, flexibility, speed or strength tests for prospective student-athletes at any location. An institution or conference shall not host, sponsor or conduct any portion (e.g., instructional clinic) of an event that also includes agility, flexibility, speed or strength tests for prospective student-athletes that are conducted at a separate location. In sports other than bowl subdivision football, a member institution's staff members may only attend (subject to sport-specific restrictions) such an event sponsored by an outside organization if the event occurs off the institution's campus and is open to all institutions (see Bylaws 13.1.7.4.5 and 13.1.7.4.6). [D] (Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 8/5/04, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 9/18/07)

13.11.1.14.1 Exception—National Team Tryout Events. In sports other than basketball and bowl subdivision football, it is permissible for an institution to host national team tryout events conducted by the applicable national governing body (see Bylaws 13.11.1.7, 13.11.1.8, 13.11.1.9 and 13.11.1.10). (Adopted: 12/12/06, Revised: 3/13/12)

13.11.2 Permissible Activities.

13.11.2.2 Preseason Practice and Competition. A student-athlete who is not enrolled, but who has been accepted for admission to the institution in a regular full-time program of studies, shall be permitted to engage in preseason practice and competition in fall sports or practice occurring in midyear between terms on the academic calendar, provided such practice is not used to determine whether aid is to be awarded. [D]

13.11.2.3 Recreational Activities. A prospective student-athlete visiting a member institution may participate in physical workouts or other recreational activities during a visit to an institution's campus, provided such activities: [D] (Revised: 1/11/94)

(a) Are not organized or observed by members of the athletics department coaching staff; and
(b) Are not designed to test the athletics abilities of the prospective student-athlete.
13.11.2.3.1 **Exception—After National Letter of Intent Signing.** A prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent (or a four-year college-transfer prospective student-athlete who has signed a written offer of financial aid and/or admission) may participate in voluntary weightlifting or conditioning activities (e.g., conditioning on the track) on the institution's campus in the presence of the institution's strength and conditioning coach, provided such activities are not prearranged, the strength and conditioning coach is performing normal duties and responsibilities in the supervision of the weight room or facility in use (e.g., track) and he or she does not work directly with the prospective student-athlete. [D] (Adopted: 8/26/10)

13.11.2.4 **Local Sports Clubs.** In sports other than basketball, an institution’s coach may be involved in any capacity (e.g., as a participant, administrator or in instructional or coaching activities) in the same sport for a local sports club or organization located in the institution’s home community, provided all prospective student-athletes participating in said activities are legal residents of the area (within a 50-mile radius of the institution). In all sports, an institution’s coach may be involved in any capacity (e.g., as a participant, administrator or in instructional or coaching activities) in a sport other than the coach’s sport for a local sports club or organization located in the institution’s home community, provided all prospective student-athletes participating in said activities are legal residents of the area (within a 50-mile radius of the institution). Further, in clubs or organizations involving multiple teams or multiple sports, the 50-mile radius is applicable only to the team with which the institution’s coach is involved; however, it is not permissible for the coach to assign a prospective student-athlete who lives outside the 50-mile area to another coach of the club. A coach also may be involved in activities with individuals who are not of a prospective student-athlete age, regardless of where such individuals reside. (In women’s volleyball and women’s beach volleyball, see Bylaws 13.1.7.10 and 13.1.7.11, respectively, for regulations relating to a coach’s involvement with a local sports club and the permissible number of evaluation days.) [D] (Revised: 1/10/90, 1/16/93, 9/6/00, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 5/11/05)

13.11.2.4.1 **Exception.** The 50-mile radius restriction shall not apply to a prospective student-athlete who resides outside a 50-mile radius of the institution, provided the institution documents that the local sports club is the closest opportunity for the prospective student-athlete to participate in the sport. (Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)

13.11.2.4.2 **Legal Resident.** A prospective student-athlete who relocates to an area within a 50-mile radius of the institution on a temporary basis (e.g., to participate on a club team or attend an institution while maintaining a permanent residence outside the 50-mile radius) is not a legal resident of the area regardless of whether the prospective student-athlete meets legal standards of state or local residency for governmental purposes. (Adopted: 9/18/07)

13.11.2.4.3 **Institutional Sponsorship of Local Sports Club.** Neither an institution’s athletics department nor an institution’s athletics booster group may sponsor a local sports club that includes prospective student-athletes. It is permissible for a department of the institution that operates independent of the athletics department (e.g., physical education department, recreation department) to sponsor a local sports club that includes prospective student-athletes, provided no athletics department staff member is involved with the club team. [D] (Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94)

13.11.2.5 **Sports Camps and Clinics.** An institution’s coach may be employed in sports camps, coaching schools and clinics per Bylaw 13.12 without violating the tryout rule.

13.11.2.6 **Medical Examinations.**

13.11.2.6.1 **During Campus Visit.** During a prospective student-athlete’s official or unofficial visit to campus, a member institution, through its regular team or other designated physician, may conduct a medical examination to determine the prospective student-athlete’s medical qualifications to participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided no athletics department staff member other than the athletic trainer is present, the examination does not include any test or procedure designed to measure the athletics agility or skill of the prospective student-athlete and the results of the examination are not used by the institution to deny admission of a prospective student-athlete who is otherwise qualified for admission under the institution’s regular admissions criteria. [D] (Revised: 10/30/03 effective 8/1/04)

13.11.2.6.1.1 **Exception—National Service Academies.** National service academies are not subject to the restrictions on medical examinations during a prospective student-athlete’s visit to campus, set forth in Bylaw 13.11.2.6.1.

13.11.2.6.2 **After Signing or Acceptance for Enrollment.** It shall be permissible to administer medical examinations at any time to prospective student-athletes who either have signed the National Letter of Intent with the involved institution or have been accepted for enrollment in a regular full-time program of studies at that institution, provided the examinations occur during an official paid visit, attendance at summer school per Bylaw 15.2.8 or a visit to the institution at the prospective student-athlete’s own expense for any purpose. Such an examination may take place before or after, but not during, a prospective student-athlete’s visit to the campus to attend a general orientation session pursuant to Bylaw 13.15.2.4. [D] (Revised: 1/14/97, 6/10/04)
13.11.3 Tryout Exceptions.

13.11.3.1 Open Events. Participation by a prospective student-athlete in open events conducted by or held on the campus of a member institution shall not be considered tryouts. Competition shall be considered open if the competitive event itself is not classified by age group or level of educational institution represented, and the selection of participants is not limited except by number, by geographical area or on the basis of some objective standard of performance (see Bylaw 13.11.1.8). [D]

13.11.3.2 Activities Not Involving Institution’s Staff. The use of a member institution’s facilities for physical activities by a group that includes prospective student-athletes shall not be considered a tryout, provided the institution’s athletics department staff members or representatives of its athletics interests are not involved in the conduct, promotion or administration of the activity (other than activities incidental to supervising the use of the facilities) and are subject to all applicable NCAA recruiting legislation. This exception does not apply to activities and events that are prohibited per Bylaws 13.11.1.7, 13.11.1.8, 13.11.1.9, 13.11.1.10 and 13.11.1.14. [D] (Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/10/06, 8/12/10, 5/22/13)

13.11.3.3 State, Regional, National or International Training Programs. Participation by an institution’s athletics department staff member in recognized state, regional, national or international training programs or competition organized and administered by the applicable governing body shall not be considered tryouts, provided the athletics department staff member is selected by the applicable governing body and the participants are selected by an authority or a committee of the applicable governing body that is not limited to athletics department staff members affiliated with one institution. A member institution’s coaching staff member may not participate only in noncoaching activities (e.g., consultant, on-site coordinator, participant selection), except as provided in Bylaws 13.11.3.3.1, 13.11.3.3.2 and 13.11.3.3.3. [D] (Revised: 1/9/96, 11/10/97, 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11)

13.11.3.3.2 Coach/Prospective Student-Athlete Competition. It is permissible for an institution’s coach to participate with or against prospective student-athletes in recognized state, regional, national or international training programs or competition, provided the competition is regularly scheduled under the authority of an outside sports organization and both the coach and the prospective student-athlete are eligible to enter the competition. [D]

13.11.3.3.3 Administration of State Games. A member institution serving as the site of state games is permitted to involve its staff members in the administration of the event but may not be involved in the selection or assignment of participants and coaches participating in the event. [D] (Adopted: 1/10/91)

13.11.3.4 High School, Preparatory School and Two-Year College Contests. High school, preparatory school and two-year-college athletics contests or matches, conducted by a member institution or sponsored jointly with an outside organization and held on the campus of a member institution, shall not be considered tryouts, provided the following conditions are met [see Bylaw 13.2.2-(c) for restrictions related to the provision of awards at such contests]: [D] (Revised: 1/15/11)

(b) Individual Sports.

(1) The opportunity to participate in the event is not limited to specific prospective student-athletes or educational institutions and all individual prospective student-athletes or educational institutions in a specific geographical area are eligible to compete (limited only by number, by institutional classification or on the basis of some objective standard of performance);

(2) A participant may compete as an individual or may represent his or her educational institution or a nonscholastic team; and

(3) No financial compensation (e.g., transportation expenses, guarantee, percentage of income) from the event may be provided to an individual, educational institution or nonscholastic team.

13.11.3.5 Officiating. An institution’s coach may officiate competition that involves prospective student-athletes, provided the competition is regularly scheduled under the authority of an outside sports organization. [D]


13.12.1 Institution’s Sports Camps and Clinics.

13.12.1.1 Definition. An institution’s sports camp or instructional clinic shall be any camp or clinic that is owned or operated by a member institution or an employee of the member institution’s athletics department, either on or off its campus, and in which prospective student-athletes participate. (Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/10/90, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01)

13.12.1.1.2 Purposes of Camps or Clinics. An institution’s sports camp or clinic shall be one that:

(a) Places special emphasis on a particular sport or sports and provides specialized instruction or practice and may include competition; (Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/10/90, 5/9/06)

(b) Involves activities designed to improve overall skills and general knowledge in the sport; or

(c) Offers a diversified experience without emphasis on instruction, practice or competition in any particular sport.
13.12.1.3 Attendance Restriction. A member institution's sports camp or clinic shall be open to any and all entrants (limited only by number, age, grade level and/or gender). (See Bylaw 13.4.3.2.2.) (Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/91, 1/11/94, 12/12/06, 9/24/09)

13.12.1.5 Recruiting Calendar Exceptions. The interaction during sports camps and clinics between prospective student-athletes and those coaches employed by the camp or clinic is not subject to the recruiting calendar restrictions. However, an institutional staff member employed at any camp or clinic (e.g., counselor, director) is prohibited from recruiting any prospective student-athlete during the time period that the camp or clinic is conducted (from the time the prospective student-athlete reports to the camp or clinic until the conclusion of all camp activities). The prohibition against recruiting includes extending written offers of financial aid to any prospective student-athlete during his or her attendance at the camp or clinic (see Bylaw 13.9.2.2), but does not include recruiting conversations between the certifying institution's coach and a participating prospective student-athlete during the institution's camps or clinics. Other coaches wishing to attend the camp as observers must comply with appropriate recruiting contact and evaluation periods. In addition, institutional camps or clinics may not be conducted during a dead period. (Revised: 4/3/02, 4/26/12)

13.12.1.6 Advertisements. Restrictions relating to advertisements of an institution’s sports camps and clinics in recruiting publications are set forth in Bylaw 13.4.3.2. Such restrictions do not apply to sports camp and clinic advertisements in nonrecruiting publications (e.g., a member institution's game program). [D] (Revised: 8/5/04)

13.12.1.7 Employment of Prospective Student-Athletes/No Free or Reduced Admission Privileges.

13.12.1.7.1 General Rule. An institution, members of its staff or representatives of its athletics interests shall not employ or give free or reduced admission privileges to a prospective student-athlete who is an athletics award winner or any individual being recruited by the institution per Bylaw 13.02.13.1. An institution may offer discounted admission to its camps and clinics based on objective criteria unrelated to athletics abilities (e.g., registration prior to a specific date, online registration, attendance at multiple sessions, group discounts), provided such discounts are published and available on an equal basis to all who qualify. [R] (Revised: 3/10/04, 4/20/09, 9/24/09)

13.12.1.7.1.1 Exception—Employment After Commitment. An institution may employ a prospective student-athlete in a camp or clinic, provided he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. Compensation may be paid only for work actually performed and at a rate commensurate with the going rate in the locality for similar services. Such compensation may not include any remuneration for value or utility that the student-athlete may have for the employer because of the publicity, reputation, fame or personal following that he or she has obtained because of athletics ability. A prospective student-athlete who only lectures or demonstrates at a camp/clinic may not receive compensation for his or her appearance at the camp/clinic. (Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

13.12.1.7.2 Payment of Expenses. A representative of an institution’s athletics interests may not pay a prospective student-athlete's expenses to attend a member institution's sports camp or clinic. [R]

13.12.1.7.3 Concession Arrangement.

13.12.1.7.3.1 Prospective Student-Athlete. An institution may not permit or arrange for a prospective student-athlete, at the prospective student-athlete's own expense, to operate a concession to sell items related to or associated with the institution's camp. [R] (Revised: 8/5/04)

13.12.1.7.3.2 Enrolled Student-Athlete. A student-athlete, at the student-athlete's own expense, may not operate a concession to sell items related to or associated with his or her institution's camp to campers or others in attendance because such an arrangement would be considered an extra benefit. However, the institution may employ the student-athlete at a reasonable rate to perform such services for the camp. [R] (Revised: 8/5/04)

13.12.1.7.4 Awards. Prospective student-athletes may receive awards from a member institution's sports camp or clinic with the understanding that the cost of such awards is included in the admissions fees charged for participants in the camp or clinic. [R] (Adopted: 1/10/92, 8/5/04)

13.12.1.8 Educational Session. An institution's basketball sports camp or clinic must include an educational session presented in-person or in a video format detailing NCAA initial-eligibility standards and regulations related to gambling, agents and drug use to all camp and/or clinic participants. (Adopted: 1/14/97, Revised: 1/13/03)

13.12.2 Employment at Camp or Clinic.

13.12.2.1 Student-Athletes. A student-athlete may be employed in any sports camp or clinic, provided compensation is provided pursuant to the criteria of Bylaw 12.4.1. A student-athlete who only lectures or demonstrates at a camp/clinic may not receive compensation for his or her appearance at the camp/clinic. (Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)
13.12.2.2 High School, Preparatory School, Two-Year College Coaches or Other Individuals Involved With Prospective Student-Athletes. A member institution (or employees of its athletics department) may employ a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved at its camp or clinic, provided: [R] (Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/11/94, 6/25/08, 8/12/10)

(a) The individual receives compensation that is commensurate with the going rate for camp counselors of like teaching ability and camp experience; and

(b) The individual is not paid on the basis of the value he or she may have for the employer because of his or her reputation or contact with prospective student-athletes. (See Bylaw 13.12.3.)

13.12.2.3 Athletics Staff Members. A member institution’s athletics staff member may be involved in sports camps or clinics unless otherwise prohibited in this section (see Bylaw 11.3.2.6). [D] (Revised: 8/5/04)

13.12.2.3.1 Camp/Clinic Providing Recruiting or Scouting Service. No athletics department staff member may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) in any capacity by a camp or clinic established, sponsored or conducted by an individual or organization that provides recruiting or scouting services concerning prospective student-athletes. In addition, an athletics department staff member may not be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) in any capacity by a coaches clinic established, sponsored or conducted by an individual or organization that provides recruiting or scouting services concerning prospective student-athletes, even if prospective student-athletes are not involved in the coaches clinic. This provision does not prohibit an athletics department staff member from participating in an officiating camp where participants officiate for, but are not otherwise involved in, a scouting services camp. [D] (Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/92, 8/5/04, 7/24/14)

13.12.2.3.6 Other Noninstitutional Privately Owned Camps/Clinics—Sports Other Than Basketball, Football and Women’s Volleyball. In sports other than basketball, football and women’s volleyball, an institution’s athletics department personnel may serve in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to institutional camps (e.g., open to any and all entrants, no free or reduced admission to or employment of athletics award winners). Participation in such camps or clinics is not subject to the location restriction in Bylaw 13.12.1.2. [D] (Revised: 8/15/04, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 5/26/06, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10)

13.12.2.3.7 Noncoaching Athletics Staff Members With Department-Wide Responsibilities. A noncoaching athletics staff member with department-wide responsibilities may present an educational session at a noninstitutional, privately owned camp/clinic that is not operated under the restrictions applicable to institutional camps/clinics, provided the staff member does not make a recruiting presentation. [D] (Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 8/5/04)

13.12.2.3.8 Noninstitutional Fundamental Skills Camp/Clinic. An institution’s athletics department personnel may serve in any capacity at a noninstitutional camp or clinic conducted under the following conditions: [D] (Adopted: 1/13/03, Revised: 8/5/04)

(a) The camp or clinic is designed to develop fundamental skills in a sport (rather than refine the abilities of skilled participants in the sport);

(b) The camp or clinic is open to the general public (except for restrictions in age or number of participants);

(c) The camp or clinic is conducted primarily for educational purposes and does not include material benefits for the participants (e.g., awards, prizes, merchandise, gifts);

(d) Participants do not receive a recruiting presentation; and

(e) All participants reside in the state in which the camp/clinic is located or within 100 miles of the camp/clinic.

13.13 High School All-Star Games.

13.13.1 Coach Involvement. A member institution shall not permit any coach or athletics department staff member directly involved in the recruiting of prospective student-athletes to participate (directly or indirectly) in the management, coaching, officiating, supervision, promotion or participant selection of any all-star team or contest involving interscholastic participants or those who, during the previous school year, were members of high school athletics teams. [D] (Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 3/26/04)
13.13.1.1 Previous Contractual Agreement. If a coach has made a contractual commitment to coach in a high school all-star game prior to being employed by a member institution and then becomes a member of the institution's staff before the game is held, the coach shall be obligated to observe this provision and disassociate himself or herself from the all-star game. [D] (Revised: 8/5/04)

13.13.2 Use of Institutional Facilities. A member institution's facilities shall not be made available for a high school all-star game unless the provisions of Bylaw 13.11.3.2 are met. [D] (Revised: 8/5/04)

13.13.3 Use of Institutional Equipment. It is not permissible for an institution to provide its athletics equipment to a prospective student-athlete (e.g., for use in a high school all-star game). [D] (Revised: 8/5/04)

13.14 Use of Recruiting Funds.
13.14.1 Institutional Control. All funds for the recruiting of prospective student-athletes shall be deposited with the member institution, which shall be exclusively and entirely responsible for the manner in which such funds are expended.

13.14.2 Visiting a Prospective Student-Athlete. A member institution's athletics department staff member may visit a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians at any location for recruiting purposes. However, on any such visit, the staff member may not expend any funds other than the amount necessary for his or her own personal expenses.

13.14.3 Recruiting or Scouting Services.
13.14.3.2 Sports Other Than Basketball and Football. In sports other than basketball and football, an institution may subscribe to a recruiting or scouting service involving prospective student-athletes, provided the service is made available to all institutions desiring to subscribe and at the same fee rate for all subscribers. The service must also provide information regarding each prospective student-athlete in a standardized format that ensures consistent distribution to all subscribers. An institution is not permitted to subscribe to a recruiting or scouting service that provides information in any form (e.g., oral reports, electronic messages) about prospective student-athletes beyond the standardized, consistent information that is provided to all subscribers. An institution is permitted to subscribe to a service that provides scholastic and/or nonscholastic video. The institution may not contract with a service in advance to have a particular contest recorded or provided. [D] (Adopted: 1/14/12, Revised: 7/26/12, 1/15/14)

13.14.4 Slush Funds. An institution shall not permit any outside organization, agency or group of individuals to use, administer or expend funds for recruiting prospective student-athletes, including the transportation and entertainment of, and the giving of gifts or services to, prospective student-athletes or their relatives, legal guardians or friends.

13.14.4.1 Pooled Resources. The pooling of resources for recruiting purposes by two or more persons shall constitute such a slush fund. However, this provision shall not apply to persons upon whom a prospect may be naturally or legally dependent.

13.14.4.2 Company Funds. The use of a company's funds to pay the expenses incurred in transporting a prospective student-athlete to the campus constitutes the use of pooled resources.

13.14.5 Alumni Organizations. Bona fide alumni organizations of an institution may sponsor luncheons, teas or dinners at which prospective students (athletes and nonathletes) of that immediate locale are guests. A member institution's area alumni organization may be considered a bona fide part of that institution, provided such an organization is accredited by the president or chancellor of the institution and meets these additional terms and conditions: (Revised: 3/8/06)

(a) A staff member of the institution periodically shall inspect the financial records of the alumni organization and certify that the expenditures comply with the rules and regulations of the NCAA and the conference(s), if any, of which the institution is a member; and

(b) A club official shall be designated by the president or chancellor as the institution's official agent in the administration of the club's funds, and said club official shall file regular reports to the institution relating the manner in which the club funds have been spent in the recruiting of student-athletes. (Revised: 3/8/06)

13.14.5.1 Subject to NCAA Rules. If an alumni organization is certified by the president or chancellor as being a bona fide part of the institution, said organization becomes subject to all of the limitations placed upon the member institution by NCAA legislation. A violation of such legislation by any member of the alumni organization shall be a violation by the member institution. [D] (Revised: 8/5/04, 3/8/06)

13.15 Precollege Expenses.
13.15.1 Prohibited Expenses. 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 prospective student-athlete's educational or other expenses for any period prior to his or her enrollment or so the prospective student-athlete can obtain a postgraduate education. [R] (Revised: 8/5/04)

13.15.1.1 Extent of Prohibition. The provisions of Bylaw 13.15.1 apply to all prospective student-athletes, including those who have signed a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of admission or financial aid.
13.15.1.2 Fundraising for High School Athletics Program. An institution may not provide funding, directly or through paid advertisements, to benefit a high school athletics program. [D] (Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 4/26/01)

13.15.1.2.1 Involvement by Local Representatives of Institution's Athletics Interests. A representative of an institution's athletics interests may provide funding to benefit a high school athletics program located in the community in which the athletics representative resides, provided: (Adopted: 1/10/92)

(a) The representative acts independently of the institution;

(b) The funds are distributed through channels established by the high school or the organization conducting the fundraising activity; and

(c) The funds are not earmarked directly for a specific prospective student-athlete.

13.15.1.3 College Use of High School Facility. An institution may not contribute to a high school or its athletics booster club any funds realized from an athletics contest played or a practice held at a high school facility, except actual and necessary expenses for rental of the facility.

13.15.1.4 State High School Association Use of Member Institution’s Facilities. An institution may permit a state high school association to use its facilities to host state high school championship events at a reduced rate. (Adopted: 4/28/05)

13.15.1.5 High School Contest in Conjunction with College Competition. A high school contest held in conjunction with an institution’s intercollegiate contest shall be governed by the following: (Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/95)

(a) It shall involve a sport other than basketball, football, gymnastics or volleyball;

(b) It shall be regularly scheduled and approved by the appropriate state high school authority;

(c) The member institution shall not provide the high school with any financial compensation, including transportation expenses or a guarantee or percentage of the income realized from the contest; and

(d) The only expenses the member institution may incur are the operating and maintenance costs associated with its facility's use for the high school contest.

13.15.1.6 Donation of Equipment.

13.15.1.6.1 Athletics Equipment. A member institution may not provide athletics equipment to a high school. However, a member institution is permitted to provide athletics equipment to bona fide youth organizations (e.g., the YMCA, YWCA, Boy Scout troops, Girl Scout troops, a summer recreation league) that may consist of some prospective student-athletes, provided the issuance of equipment is in accordance with the institution's regular policy regarding the discarding of equipment. [D] (Revised: 4/26/01, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/12)

13.15.1.6.1.2 Donation of Used Athletics Equipment to Foundation. An institution may donate used athletics equipment to a nonprofit foundation established to distribute such equipment to high schools, provided the request for such donations is initiated by the foundation and the institutions have no part in selecting the high schools that are to receive the equipment. (Adopted: 1/11/94)

13.15.1.6.2 Nonathletics Equipment. A member institution may provide nonathletics equipment (e.g., a computer) to a high school, provided there is no athletics department involvement and the equipment is not used to benefit only the high school's athletics program. (Adopted: 1/10/91)

13.15.1.7 Ticket Sales. It is not permissible for a member institution to compensate a high school, preparatory school or two-year college for selling tickets to the institution’s athletics contests. Specifically, the member institution may not provide such forms of compensation as a guarantee, a percentage of the income realized from the sale of the tickets or any other form of commission for providing such services.

13.15.1.8 Conference-Sponsored Sportsmanship Initiatives. A conference may provide actual and necessary expenses that are directly associated with implementing a conference-sponsored sportsmanship initiative as described in Bylaws 13.1.10, 13.4.3.4 and 13.10.2.3. (Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07)

13.15.1.9 Academic Services. An institution shall not provide academic expenses or services (e.g., tutoring, test preparation) to assist a prospective student-athlete in completing initial-eligibility or transfer-eligibility requirements or in improving his or her academic profile in conjunction with a waiver request. [R] (Adopted: 4/23/08)

13.15.2 Permissible Expenses.

13.15.2.1 Expenses Related to Academic Evaluations and Test Scores. An institution may pay fees or provide expenses in the following situations related to a prospective student-athlete's academic evaluation or test scores: (Adopted: 1/10/90, Revised: 10/20/14)

(a) A fee required by the appropriate testing agency to obtain a prospective student-athlete's official ACT or SAT scores;

(b) Expenses (e.g., document fees, express delivery charges) to obtain information or receive documents that are necessary to certify or evaluate the academic standing of a prospective student-athlete (e.g., transcripts, translation of transcripts); or
13.16 U.S. Service Academy Exceptions and Waivers.

13.16.1 Contacts.

13.16.1.1 During Junior Year in High School. Authorized athletics staff members of the U.S. Air Force, Military, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine and Naval Academies, where congressionally required institutional procedures applying to all prospective cadets and midshipmen, regardless of athletics ability, are in conflict with the Association’s legislation governing telephonic and off-campus recruiting contacts, may make in-person, telephonic and off-campus contacts during a prospective student-athlete’s junior year in high school. Sport-specific recruiting calendar restrictions apply to off-campus contacts, except, in football, authorized staff members may make in-person off-campus contact with a prospective student-athlete during the spring evaluation period of the prospective student-athlete’s junior year in high school, including contact at the prospective student-athlete’s educational institution. The total number of contacts, including those after the prospective student-athlete’s junior year, shall not exceed the number permitted in the applicable sport. (Revised: 4/24/08)

13.16.1.2 After National Letter of Intent Signing Date. There shall be no limit on the number of recruiting contacts with the prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete’s relatives or legal guardians made by a national service academy to which the prospective student-athlete has applied for admission after the National Letter of Intent signing date in the sport. (Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

13.16.1.3 Freshmen at Summer Enrollment Programs. Freshmen entering the official summer enrollment program of one of the four national service academies (U.S. Air Force, Coast Guard, Military and Naval Academies) shall be considered student-athletes of a senior collegiate institution and may not be contacted by other member institutions without permission from the athletics director of the service academy.

13.16.3 Air Force, Military and Naval Academies Exception. A nonprofit, outside organization representing the interests of one of the service academies may collect contributions from alumni and other friends of the academy for the purpose of assisting candidates in obtaining a preparatory education, provided the following conditions are met: (Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 7/30/10)

(a) The organization’s arrangements with the preparatory school(s) shall provide that the organization’s contributions shall be turned over to the preparatory school for the school’s administration without interference or dictation from the organization or the academy;
(b) The preparatory school shall have sole jurisdiction in determining the recipient of financial assistance and the terms and conditions of the award;
(c) The organization may recommend candidates to the preparatory school; athletics staff members of the academy may not; and

(c) Expenses (e.g., transcript fee, express delivery charges) for a prospective student-athlete’s educational institution to send his or her academic transcript to the Eligibility Center or for his or her ACT or SAT score to be sent from the testing agency to the Eligibility Center, provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission.

13.15.2.2 Collect and Toll-Free Telephone Calls. Institutional coaching staff members (see Bylaw 13.1.3.4.1) may accept collect and toll-free (e.g., 1-800, 1-888) telephone calls placed by prospective student-athletes and prospective student-athletes’ parents and legal guardians pursuant to Bylaw 13.1.3.6. (Adopted: 11/10/91 effective 7/11/91, Revised: 1/10/92, 1/11/94, 12/12/06, 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11)

13.15.2.3 Institution Providing Items to Athletics Youth Groups for Fundraising. An institution may provide items to assist in the fundraising efforts of athletics youth groups composed of individuals who have not started classes for the ninth grade without causing such individuals to become prospective student-athletes per Bylaw 13.02.12. (Adopted: 1/10/95)

13.15.2.4 Student Orientation Sessions. An institution may pay on-campus expenses (e.g., meals, lodging) for prospective student-athletes to attend institutional orientation sessions conducted for all students. However, an institution may provide on-campus expenses to student-athletes to attend orientation sessions for a particular group of students selected on a basis unrelated to athletics ability only if the institution is providing expenses on a uniform basis to all members of that particular group. An institutional staff member may provide transportation from and to the nearest bus or train station or major airport to the campus on the occasion of the prospective student-athlete’s arrival or departure from the institution to attend the institution’s required new-student orientation, provided the prospective student-athlete has been accepted for admission to the institution. [R] (Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 1/9/96, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 8/7/14)

13.15.2.5 Use of Bands Comprised of Prospective Student-Athletes. An institution may hire a band (e.g., marching band, pep band) comprised of prospective student-athlete-aged individuals to perform at its regular-season home contests and/or postseason home or away-from-home contests, provided the band is paid commensurate with the going rate in that locale for similar services and the organization providing the band is located within 150 miles of the competition site. (Adopted: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02)
(d) Such a foundation shall provide preparatory education assistance for prospective candidates who do not have specialized athletics abilities as well as those who do. The number of candidates with recognized ability assisted each year as the result of the organization’s program shall be in equal ratio to the number of student-athletes on the regular intercollegiate squads of the academy compared with the total enrollment of the academy.

13.16.4 Precollege Expenses/Preparatory School Assistance—Waiver. The Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief may approve waivers of Bylaw 13.15, provided such waivers are limited to procedures involving preparation for entrance into one of the U.S. service academies. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 7/30/10, 8/7/14)*

13.17 Recruiting Calendars.

13.17.10 Contact Period Exception. An institution that does not subscribe to the National Letter of Intent in a particular sport and has an official admissions notification date (the date when all applicants are notified whether they are admitted) that occurs after the end of the final contact period of the academic year may extend the final contact period of the academic year through 30 days after the institution’s official admissions notification date. The institution remains subject to all dead periods that occur during the extended contact period and may not exceed the maximum number of contacts permitted in the particular sport. *(Revised: 7/30/10)*

13.17.11 Recruiting Periods—Other Sports. There are no specified recruiting periods in sports for which no recruiting calendars have been established, except for the following dead and quiet periods. *(Revised: 10/27/05, 12/5/05, 7/30/10)*

13.17.11.1 Dead Periods.

13.17.11.1.1 National Letter of Intent Signing Date. Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the fall or spring signing of the National Letter of Intent in the applicable sport. *(Revised: 1/10/91, 8/2/91, 8/14/96, 7/30/10)*

13.17.11.1.2 Exception—North American Cup Fencing Championship. During any year in which the National Letter of Intent signing date dead period occurs during the North American Cup Fencing Championship, it shall be permissible for authorized coaching staff members to observe prospective student-athletes participating in that event. *(Adopted: 4/30/09, Revised: 7/30/10)*
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Academic Eligibility

14.01 General Principles.

14.01.1 Institutional Responsibility. An institution shall not permit a student-athlete to represent it in intercollegiate athletics competition unless the student-athlete meets all applicable eligibility requirements, and the institution has certified the student-athlete's eligibility. A violation of this bylaw in which the institution fails to certify the student-athlete's eligibility prior to allowing him or her to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such a violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility, provided all the necessary information to certify the student-athlete's eligibility was available to the institution and the student-athlete otherwise would have been eligible for competition. (Revised: 1/14/08)

14.01.2 Academic Status. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time program of studies, be in good academic standing and maintain progress toward a baccalaureate or equivalent degree. (Revised: 5/29/08)

14.01.2.1 Good Academic Standing. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall be in good academic standing as determined by the academic authorities who determine the meaning of such phrases for all students of the institution, subject to controlling legislation of the conference(s) or similar association of which the institution is a member. (Revised: 5/29/08)

14.01.3 Compliance With Other NCAA and Conference Legislation. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall be in compliance with all applicable provisions of the constitution and bylaws of the Association and all rules and regulations of the institution and the conference, if any, of which the institution is a member. A violation of this bylaw that relates only to a violation of a conference rule shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such a violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. (Revised: 10/27/06, 5/29/08)

14.01.4 Purpose of the Academic Performance Program. The central purpose of the academic performance program is to ensure that the Division I membership is dedicated to providing student-athletes with exemplary educational and intercollegiate-athletics experiences in an environment that recognizes and supports the primacy of the academic mission of its member institutions, while enhancing the ability of male and female student-athletes to earn a four-year degree. (Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 7/31/13)

14.01.5 Nature of Reward and Penalty Structure—Academic Performance Program. The Division I membership is committed to providing higher education for a diverse body of male and female student-athletes within the context of an institution's academic and admissions standards for all students through a system that rewards those institutions and teams that demonstrate commitment toward the academic progress, retention and graduation of student-athletes and penalizes those that do not. (Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 7/31/13)

14.01.6 Disclosure Requirements—Academic Performance Program.

14.01.6.1 Academic Progress Rate—Disclosure. An institution shall not be eligible to enter a team or individual competitor in postseason competition (including NCAA championships and bowl games) unless it has submitted, by the applicable deadline, its academic progress rate (APR) in a form approved and administered by the Committee on Academics. (Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 9/14/07, 7/31/13, 8/7/14)

14.01.6.2 Academic Performance Census—Disclosure. An institution shall not be eligible to enter a team or individual competitor in postseason competition (including NCAA championships and bowl games) unless it has submitted, by the applicable deadline, its academic performance census (APC) in a form administered by the Committee on Academics. (Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 9/14/07, 7/31/13, 8/7/14)

14.01.6.3 Graduation Success Rate—Disclosure. An institution shall not be eligible to enter a team or individual competitor in a postseason competition (including NCAA championships and bowl games) unless it has submitted, by the applicable deadline, its graduation success rate (GSR) in a form approved and administered by the Committee on Academics. (Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 9/14/07, 7/31/13, 8/7/14)

14.02 Definitions and Applications.

14.02.1 Academic Progress Rate. The Committee on Academics shall have the authority to determine the minimum acceptable academic progress rate (APR), which shall include a calculation that accounts for currently enrolled student-athletes. The rate shall account for the institution's success in retaining and graduating all such student-athletes. Further, the rate shall account for the academic eligibility of the student-athletes, including all applicable
NCAA, conference and institutional academic eligibility requirements. The committee shall publish an explanation of the APR calculation to the membership annually. (Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 8/6/09, 7/31/13, 8/7/14)

14.02.2 Branch School. A branch school is an educational institution that usually offers two years of college work, does not award degrees independently, and is wholly controlled and operated by a four-year, degree-granting parent institution. (Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 8/6/09, 7/31/13, 8/7/14)

14.02.3 Business Day. A business day is any weekday that is not recognized as a national holiday, including any weekday during which an institution is closed for other reasons (e.g., holiday break). (Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)

14.02.4 Collegiate Institution. A collegiate institution (for purposes of NCAA legislation) is an institution of higher education that:

(a) Is accredited at the college level by an agency or association recognized by the secretary of the Department of Education and legally authorized to offer at least a one-year program of study creditable toward a degree; or (Revised: 1/10/90, 8/8/02)

(b) Conducts an intercollegiate athletics program, even though the institution is not accredited at the college level and authorized to offer at least a one-year program of study creditable toward a degree; or (Revised: 8/8/02)

(c) Is located in a foreign country. (Revised: 8/8/02)

14.02.5 Education-Impacting Disability. An education-impacting disability is a current impairment that has a substantial educational impact on a student’s academic performance and requires accommodation. (Adopted: 8/8/08)

14.02.6 Exception. An exception is the granting of relief from the application of a specific regulation (e.g., the residence requirement for a transfer student to become eligible for competition). The action granting the exception may be taken solely by the certifying institution, based on evidence that the conditions on which the exception is authorized have been met (see Bylaw 14.02.13). (Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)

14.02.7 Good Academic Standing and Progress Toward Degree. The phrases “good academic standing” and “progress toward degree” are to be interpreted at each member institution by the academic officials who determine the meaning and application of such phrases for all students, subject to the controlling regulations of the institution; the conference(s) (or similar associations), if any, of which the institution is a member; and applicable NCAA legislation (see Bylaw 14.4).

14.02.8 Graduation Success Rate. The Committee on Academics shall determine the minimum acceptable graduation success rate (GSR). The Committee on Academic Performance shall publish an explanation of the GSR calculation to the membership annually. (Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 7/31/13, 8/7/14)

14.02.9 Participation in Intercollegiate Athletics. Participation in intercollegiate athletics occurs when a student-athlete either practices in a sport (see Bylaw 17.02.1) or competes in a sport, as defined in Bylaw 17.02.8. Eligibility rules for competition may differ from those for practice.

14.02.10 Qualification Status.

14.02.10.1 Qualifier. A qualifier is a student who, for purposes of determining eligibility for financial aid, practice and competition, has met all of the following requirements (see Bylaw 14.3):

(a) Graduation from high school;
(b) Successful completion of a required core curriculum consisting of a minimum number of courses in specified subjects;
(c) Specified minimum grade-point average in the core curriculum; and
(d) Specified minimum SAT or ACT score.

14.02.10.2 Nonqualifier. A nonqualifier is a student who has not graduated from high school or who, at the time specified in the regulation (see Bylaw 14.3), has not successfully completed the required core curriculum or has not presented the required minimum core-curriculum grade-point average and/or the corresponding SAT/ACT score required for a qualifier.

14.02.10.2 Academic Redshirt. An academic redshirt is defined as one who is a high school graduate and who presented the same academic qualifications applicable to qualifiers (see Bylaw 14.3.1.1) except for the following: (Adopted: 10/27/11, Revised: 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16; for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)

(a) The required minimum core-curriculum grade-point average and minimum combined score on the SAT critical reading and math sections or a minimum sum score on the ACT as specified in Bylaw 14.3.1.2.1; and
(b) Bylaw 14.3.1.1-(c) shall not apply.
14.02.11 Residence. Residence is enrollment in a full-time academic program (as defined by the institution) at a collegiate institution during a regular term of an academic year. A summer term may not be used to satisfy an academic term of residence. Any student-athlete (e.g., qualifier, nonqualifier, transfer student) admitted after the 12th class day may not use that semester or quarter for the purpose of satisfying an academic term or year of residence. (Revised: 4/14/10)

14.02.11.1 Academic Year of Residence. To satisfy an academic year of residence, a student shall: (Revised: 4/14/10, 5/14/13)

(a) Be enrolled in and complete a minimum full-time program of studies for two full semesters or three full quarters; or

(b) Be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies for two semesters or three quarters and pass a number of hours (including hours earned at the certifying institution during a summer term) that is at least equal to the sum total of the minimum load of each of the required terms.

14.02.12 Transfer Student. A transfer student, in the application of NCAA eligibility requirements, is a student who transfers from any collegiate institution after having met any one of the conditions set forth in Bylaw 14.5.2.

14.02.13 Waiver. A waiver is an action exempting an individual or institution from the application of a specific regulation. A waiver requires formal approval (e.g., an NCAA committee or a conference, as specified in the legislation) based on evidence of compliance with the specified conditions or criteria under which the waiver is authorized or extenuating circumstances (see Bylaw 14.02.6). (Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)

14.1 Admission, Enrollment and Academic Credentials.

14.1.1 Admission. A student-athlete shall not represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition unless the student has been admitted as a regularly enrolled, degree-seeking student in accordance with the regular, published entrance requirements of that institution.

14.1.1.1 Special Admission. A student-athlete may be admitted under a special exception to the institution's normal entrance requirements if the discretionary authority of the president or chancellor (or designated admissions officer or committee) to grant such exceptions is set forth in an official document published by the university (e.g., official catalog) that describes the institution's admissions requirements. (Revised: 3/8/06)

14.1.2 Validity of Academic Credentials. As a condition and obligation of membership, it is the responsibility of a member institution to determine the validity of the information on which the eligibility of a student-athlete is based. Therefore, it is the responsibility of a member institution to determine whether a transcript is valid for purposes of applying appropriate NCAA legislation to the eligibility of a student-athlete when the institution receives notification, or otherwise has cause to believe, that a student-athlete's high school, preparatory school or two-year college transcript is not valid.

14.1.2.1 Invalidation of Academic Credentials After Initial-Eligibility Certification. If a student-athlete's academic credentials (e.g., transcript, test scores) are invalidated after his or her initial eligibility has been certified, the institution must report any violation that may have occurred as a result of the student-athlete's receipt of financial aid or participation in practice or competition and declare the student-athlete ineligible for competition. If such a violation occurred, the student-athlet remains ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement regardless of whether an initial-eligibility waiver is granted after the invalidation of the academic credentials. (Adopted: 5/3/11)

14.1.2.2 High School Review Committee. The High School Review Committee shall have the authority to establish policies and procedures related to the academic review of high schools and to determine the validity of a high school (e.g., core courses, curriculum, grades) for the purpose of meeting initial-eligibility requirements. A review may result in a determination that a high school shall not be used for the purpose of meeting initial-eligibility requirements. The policies and procedures for the review and determination of the validity of a high school shall be approved by the Committee on Academics. (See Bylaw 21.6.4.) (Adopted: 1/8/07, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)

14.1.2.3 Student Records Review Committee. The Student Records Review Committee shall have the authority to establish policies and procedures related to the review of a prospective student-athlete's academic credentials and to determine the validity of a prospective student-athlete's academic credentials for the purpose of meeting initial-eligibility requirements. A review may result in a determination that a prospective student-athlete's academic credentials shall not be used for the purpose of meeting initial-eligibility requirements. The policies and procedures for the review of academic credentials and the determination of the validity of such
14.2 Full-Time Enrollment.

14.2.1 Requirement for Practice. To be eligible to participate in organized practice sessions, a student-athlete shall be 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. [D] (Adopted: 1/10/92, 10/28/99)

14.2.1.1 Practice Prior to Initial Enrollment. A student-athlete may practice during the official vacation period immediately preceding initial enrollment, provided the student has been accepted by the institution for enrollment in a regular, full-time program of studies at the time of the individual’s initial participation; is no longer enrolled in the previous educational institution; and is eligible under all institutional and NCAA requirements.

14.2.1.1.1 Prohibited Practice Activities. A prospective student-athlete shall not engage in any practice activities (e.g., review of playbook, chalk talk, film review) with a coaching staff member prior to his or her enrollment. A prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid, or has submitted a financial deposit to the institution in response to the institution's offer of admission shall not observe an institution's off-field or off-court practice session (e.g., meeting, film review) that is closed to the general public. A prospective student-athlete may observe an institution's on-field or on-court practice session (including a session that is closed to the general public), regardless of whether he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid, or has submitted a financial deposit to the institution in response to the institution's offer of admission. (Adopted: 12/12/06, Revised: 3/3/11, 5/30/13)

14.2.1.2 Drop/Add Course. A student-athlete no longer shall be considered enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies (after dropping a course that places the student below full-time status) when the dropped course becomes official in accordance with procedures determined by the institution for all students. A student who is adding a course to reach full-time status shall become eligible for practice and competition once the course becomes official in accordance with procedures determined by the institution for all students. A student-athlete who is adding a course to reach full-time status shall become eligible for practice and competition once the course becomes official in accordance with procedures determined by the institution for all students. (Adopted: 1/10/92)

14.2.1.3 Exception—Final Semester/Quarter. A student-athlete with athletics eligibility remaining may participate in organized practice sessions while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, provided the student is enrolled in the final semester or quarter of the baccalaureate program and the institution certifies that the student is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements, as determined by the faculty of the institution.

14.2.1.4 Withdrawal or Dismissal. A student-athlete who withdraws or is dismissed from an institution is considered to be a prospective student-athlete eligible for recruitment by other NCAA member institutions and may not continue to practice with the original institution’s team.

14.2.1.5 Exception—Practice During First Week of Class. A student-athlete may practice, but may not compete, during the institution's first five days of classes if the student-athlete is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, provided the student is otherwise eligible under all institutional, conference, and NCAA requirements. (Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95)

14.2.1.6 Exception—Former Student Participating in Practice on an Occasional Basis. A former student at the certifying institution (e.g., former student-athlete) may participate in an organized practice session on an occasional basis, provided the institution does not publicize the participation of the former student at any time before the practice session. (Adopted: 3/3/11)

14.2.2 Requirement for Competition. To be eligible for competition, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree, which shall not be less than 12 semester or quarter hours. (Revised: 6/1/07)

14.2.2.1 Exceptions. The following exceptions to the minimum 12-semester or 12-quarter-hour enrollment requirement are permitted:

14.2.2.1.1 Competition Prior to Initial Enrollment. A student-athlete may compete during the official vacation period immediately preceding initial enrollment, provided the student has been accepted by the institution for enrollment in a regular, full-time program of studies at the time of the individual’s initial
participation; is no longer enrolled in the previous educational institution; and is eligible under all institutional and NCAA requirements. (See Bylaw 16.8.2.1.)

14.2.2.1.2 Eligibility Between Terms. To be eligible for competition that takes place between terms, the student-athlete shall: (Revised: 1/11/89)

(a) Have been registered for the required minimum full-time load (see Bylaw 14.2.2) at the conclusion of the term immediately preceding the date of competition, if the student is continuing enrollment; or

(b) Be accepted for enrollment as a regular full-time student for the regular term immediately following if the student is either continuing enrollment or beginning enrollment (see Bylaw 14.4.3.4).

14.2.2.1.3 Final Semester/Quarter. A student-athlete may compete while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, provided the student is enrolled in the final semester or quarter of the baccalaureate program and the institution certifies that the student is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete degree requirements. The student granted eligibility under this provision shall be eligible for any postseason event that begins within 60 days following said semester or quarter, provided the student has not exhausted the five years for completion of the individual's maximum permissible number of seasons of eligibility (see Bylaw 12.8). Thereafter, the student shall forfeit eligibility in all sports, unless the student completes all degree requirements during that semester or quarter and is eligible to receive the baccalaureate diploma on the institution’s next degree-granting date. (Revised: 1/10/92, 1/16/93, 1/10/95, 2/1/05, 1/11/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/14/12, 8/21/12)

14.2.2.1.3.1 Exception—Quarter Institutions. A student-athlete who attends a quarter-system institution and who graduates at the end of the winter quarter may compete in an NCAA championship or a National Invitation Tournament that occurs during the same academic year following the completion of the winter quarter. (Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)

14.2.2.1.4 Graduate Program. A student may compete while enrolled in a full-time graduate program as defined by the institution (see Bylaw 14.6). (Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)

14.2.2.2 Noncredit Work. Hours of noncredit work (including remedial courses) may be counted toward fulfilling the minimum full-time enrollment requirement, provided the noncredit work is given the same academic load value and is considered by the institution to be a requirement for the degree currently being pursued by the student.

14.2.2.3 Concurrent Courses at Two Institutions. Courses taken concurrently at a second institution may be counted toward meeting the minimum 12-hour enrollment requirement, provided:

(a) The certifying institution officially recognizes the student’s combined hours as full-time enrollment for a minimum of 12 hours; and

(b) Courses taken at the second institution will be included on the student’s transcript at the institution where the student is seeking the degree.

14.2.2.4 Cooperative Educational Exchange Program. A student-athlete may represent the certifying institution in intercollegiate athletics even though at the time of competition the student is enrolled in another institution in a cooperative educational exchange program, provided:

(a) The certifying institution considers the student to be regularly enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies; and

(b) All work is placed on the student's transcript and accepted toward his or her undergraduate degree at the certifying institution.

14.2.2.5 Cooperative Educational Work Experience Program. A student-athlete may represent the certifying institution in intercollegiate athletics while he or she is enrolled in a cooperative educational work experience program (e.g., co-op, internship, practicum, student-teaching) offered by the institution, provided the student is considered to be enrolled in a full-time program of studies, regardless of the credit value of the program. However, a student who participates in a cooperative educational work experience program that is not a required element of his or her degree program must be enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours, which may include the credit value of the cooperative educational work experience program, at the certifying institution during the same term. (Adopted: 10/28/10)

14.2.2.6 Nontraditional Courses. Enrollment in a nontraditional course (e.g., distance-learning, correspondence, extension, Internet/virtual courses, independent study or any other course or credit that is not earned in a face-to-face classroom environment with regular interaction between the instructor and the student) offered by the certifying institution may be used to satisfy the full-time enrollment requirement for competition, provided the following conditions are met: (Adopted: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11)

(a) The course is available to any student at the institution;

(b) The student-athlete enrolls in the course in the same manner as is available to any student;
(c) Enrollment in the course occurs within the institution’s regular enrollment periods (pre-registration or drop-add period) in accordance with the institution’s academic calendar and applicable policies and procedures; and

(d) The course is conducted during the institution’s regular academic schedule (term time) in accordance with the institution’s academic calendar and applicable policies and procedures.

14.2.3 Waivers. Waivers may be granted to the minimum 12-semester or 12-quarter hour enrollment requirement as follows: (Revised: 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10)

14.2.3.1 Nontraditional Academic Calendars. A student-athlete at an institution that determines enrollment hours on a basis other than traditional semester or quarter hours or that conducts a cooperative educational work experience program (e.g., co-op, internship, practicum, student-teaching) may practice and compete, if the student is enrolled for a comparable minimum academic load as determined by the Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee (see Bylaw 21.7.5.1.3.2). (Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10, 10/8/10)

14.2.3.2 U.S. Olympic Committee/National Governing Body—Practice. A student with eligibility remaining who is not enrolled or who is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, or a former student-athlete may participate on a regular basis in organized practice sessions, provided the following conditions are met: (Adopted: 1/9/96, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, )

(a) The practice sessions take place at the institution the individual previously attended as an undergraduate or currently attends or previously attended as a graduate student, except that a former student-athlete who has graduated and has no eligibility remaining may participate in practice sessions at an institution other than the one he or she previously attended;

(b) In the case of a former student-athlete, the practice sessions involve an individual sport or women's rowing;

(c) In the case of a current student-athlete with eligibility remaining, the practice sessions involve an individual or team sport;

(d) The U.S. Olympic Committee or national governing body in the sport has recommended the individual’s participation;

(e) The individual does not participate in any coaching activities unless the institution designates the individual in the appropriate coaching limits;

(f) In the case of a student-athlete with NCAA eligibility remaining in the sport, such participation occurs only during the academic year immediately preceding the Olympic Games; and

(g) In the case of a former student-athlete, such participation shall be limited to the number of years that allows the individual to practice with the institution's team in preparation for two consecutive Olympic Games following exhaustion of eligibility or completion of degree, whichever is earlier. A student-athlete who has not graduated must be enrolled (full or part time) and making progress toward a degree.

14.2.3.2.1 Administration. This waiver shall be approved by the conference members of the Association or, in the case of independent institutions, by the Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee. A member institution shall submit a waiver request that includes documentation that demonstrates that the conditions of Bylaw 14.2.3.2 have been met for each individual who wishes to participate in the institution’s practice sessions. (Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10)

14.2.3.3 Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games, World University Championships or World Youth Championships—Competition. The Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee (see Bylaw 21.7.5.1.3.2) may waive the minimum full-time enrollment requirement for any participant in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games, World University Championships or World Youth Championships (including junior levels of such events) who, because of such participation, may lose eligibility for practice and competition in any sports. (Revised: 1/10/91, 1/9/96, 9/12/03, 12/13/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10, 1/14/12)

14.2.3.4 Student-Athletes With Education-Impacting Disabilities. The Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee (see Bylaw 21.7.5.1.3.2) may waive the 12-hour requirement for a student-athlete when objective evidence demonstrates that an institution defines full-time enrollment for that student-athlete to be less than 12 hours to accommodate for the education-impacting disability. (Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/08, 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10)

14.2.3.5 Full-Time Enrollment—Practice and Competition. Unless otherwise specified under this bylaw, the Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee (see Bylaw 21.7.5.1.3.2) may waive the 12-hour requirement for practice and competition. (Adopted: 8/4/05, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 5/1/08, 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10)
14.3 Freshman Academic Requirements.

14.3.1 Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition. A student-athlete who enrolls in a member institution as an entering freshman with no previous full-time college attendance shall meet the following academic requirements, as certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center, as approved by the Board of Governors, and any applicable institutional and conference regulations, to be considered a qualifier and thus be eligible for financial aid, practice and competition during the first academic year in residence. (Revised: 1/16/93 effective 8/1/94, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 3/22/06, 5/9/07, 10/30/14)

Delayed effective date. See specific date below.

14.3.1 Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition. A student-athlete who enrolls in a member institution as an entering freshman with no previous full-time college attendance shall meet the following academic requirements, as certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center, as approved by the Board of Governors, and any applicable institutional and conference regulations, to be considered a qualifier or an academic redshirt. (Revised: 1/16/93 effective 8/1/94, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, 3/22/06, 5/9/07, 10/27/11, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16; for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16, 10/30/14)

14.3.1.1 Qualifier. A qualifier is defined as one who is a high school graduate and who presented the following academic qualifications: (Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/95, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/90, 1/10/90, 1/10/92, 1/16/93, 1/14/94 effective 8/1/96, 2/9/95, 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00, 1/11/01 effective 8/1/05, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03 and 8/1/05, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/08 for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/08, 4/27/06, 5/31/06, 5/9/07)

(a) A minimum cumulative grade-point average as specified in Bylaw 14.3.1.1.2 (based on a maximum 4.000) in a successfully completed core curriculum of at least 16 academic courses per Bylaw 14.3.1.2, including the following:

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(b) A minimum combined score on the SAT critical reading and math sections or a minimum sum score on the ACT as specified in Bylaw 14.3.1.1.2. The required SAT or ACT score must be achieved under national testing conditions on a national testing date [no residual (campus) testing or regional testing dates] except that a state-administered ACT may be used to meet the test-score requirement.

Delayed effective date. See specific date below.

14.3.1.1 Qualifier. A qualifier shall be eligible for financial aid, practice and competition during the first academic year in residence. A qualifier is defined as one who is a high school graduate and who presented the following academic qualifications: (Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/92 effective 8/1/95, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/90, 1/14/94 effective 8/1/96, 2/9/95, 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00, 1/11/01 effective 8/1/05, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03 and 8/1/05, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/08, 4/27/06, 5/31/06, 5/9/07, 10/27/11, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16; for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)

(a) A minimum cumulative grade-point average as specified in Bylaw 14.3.1.1.2 (based on a maximum 4.000) in a successfully completed core curriculum of at least 16 academic courses per Bylaw 14.3.1.2, including the following:
English 4 years

Mathematics (Three years of mathematics courses at the level of Algebra I or higher). (Computer science courses containing significant programming elements that meet graduation requirements in the area of mathematics also may be accepted.) 3 years

Natural or physical science (including at least one laboratory course if offered by the high school). (Computer science courses containing significant programming elements that meet graduation requirements in the area of natural or physical science also may be accepted.) 2 years

Additional courses in English, mathematics, or natural or physical science 1 year

Social science 2 years

Additional academic courses [in any of the above areas or foreign language, philosophy or nondoctrinal religion (e.g., comparative religion) courses] 4 years

The record of the above courses and course grades must be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center using either an official high school transcript forwarded directly from the high school or a high school transcript forwarded by an institution’s admissions office;

(b) A minimum combined score on the SAT critical reading and math sections or a minimum sum score on the ACT as specified in Bylaw 14.3.1.1.2. The required SAT or ACT score must be achieved under national testing conditions on a national testing date [no residual (campus) testing or regional testing dates] except that a state-administered ACT may be used to meet the test-score requirement; and

(c) Completion of 10 of the required 16 core courses before the start of his or her seventh semester (or the equivalent) of high school. Seven of the 10 core courses must include English, mathematics and natural or physical science. The 10 core courses used to fulfill this requirement and the grades achieved in such courses shall be used in determining the student-athlete’s eligibility for financial aid, practice and competition during his or her first academic year in residence and shall not be replaced by courses or grades achieved in subsequently completed core courses, including courses completed after the core-curriculum time limitation pursuant to Bylaws 14.3.1.2.1.2. (See Bylaw 14.3.1.2.6.)

14.3.1.1.1 Exception—Early Academic Certification. A student-athlete shall be certified as a qualifier, provided he or she has achieved the following academic criteria: (Adopted: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 10/27/11, 4/26/12; 8/2/12 effective 8/1/13; for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/13)

(a) A minimum combined score on the SAT critical reading and math sections of 900 or a minimum sum score on the ACT of 75, per the requirements of Bylaw 14.3.1.3; and

(b) A core-course grade-point average of 3.000 or higher (based on a maximum of 4.000) in a minimum of 14 core courses on completion of six semesters (or the equivalent). The 14 core courses shall include three core courses in English, two in mathematics, two in natural or physical science (including at least one laboratory course, if offered), two additional core courses in English, mathematics, or natural or physical science and five additional core courses in any NCAA core area. The record of the courses and course grades must be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center using either an official high school transcript forwarded directly from the high school or a high school transcript forwarded by an institution’s admissions office.

14.3.1.1.1.1 Submission of Final Transcript. If a student-athlete is certified as a qualifier pursuant to the early academic certification exception and his or her initial full-time collegiate enrollment occurs at the certifying institution during the first term of the academic year, the institution shall ensure submission of his or her final high school transcript (official or unofficial) to the NCAA Eligibility Center by February 1 following the student-athlete’s initial full-time enrollment. If a student-athlete is certified as a qualifier pursuant to the early academic certification exception and his or her initial full-time collegiate enrollment occurs at the certifying institution after the conclusion of the first term of the academic year, the institution shall ensure submission of his or her final high school transcript (official or unofficial) to the NCAA Eligibility Center by February 1 of the following academic year. [D] (Adopted: 4/30/09 effective 8/1/09)

14.3.1.1.1.1 Waiver. The Committee on Academics may waive the requirements of this legislation based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances for which a waiver is warranted. The cabinet shall establish the process for reviewing such waiver requests. (Adopted: 4/30/09 effective 8/1/09, Revised: 8/7/14)
14.3.1.1 Exception—International Prospective Student-Athletes. The provisions of Bylaw 14.3.1.1-(c) do not apply to a prospective student-athlete whose initial-eligibility certification is based entirely on international credentials. *(Adopted: 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16; for students initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)*

### 14.3.1.1.2 Initial-Eligibility Index

Freshmen may establish eligibility using the following eligibility index: *(Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/96, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03 and 8/1/05)*

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14.3.1.2 Core-Curriculum Requirements. For purposes of meeting the core-curriculum requirement to establish eligibility at a member institution, a “core course” must meet all of the following criteria: (Revised: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00, 11/1/01 effective 8/1/05 for those students first entering a collegiate institution or after 8/1/05, 8/7/08, 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12)

(a) A course must be a recognized academic course and qualify for high school graduation credit in one or a combination of the following areas: English, mathematics, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy;

(b) A course must be considered college preparatory by the high school. College preparatory is defined for these purposes as any course that prepares a student academically to enter a four-year collegiate institution upon graduation from high school;

(c) A mathematics course must be at the level of Algebra I or a higher-level mathematics course;

(d) A course must be taught by a qualified instructor as defined by the appropriate academic authority (e.g., high school, school district or state agency with authority of such matters); and

(e) A course must be taught at or above the high school’s regular academic level (remedial, special education or compensatory courses shall not be considered core courses). However, the prohibition against the use of remedial or compensatory courses is not applicable to courses designed for students with education-impacting disabilities (see Bylaw 14.3.1.2.1.2).

Delayed effective date. See specific date below.

14.3.1.2 Academic Redshirt. An academic redshirt may receive institutional athletically related financial aid but may not compete during the first academic year in residence. An academic redshirt may practice only on campus or at the institution’s regular practice facility during the first regular academic term in residence. An academic redshirt must successfully complete nine semester or eight quarter hours of academic credit in each applicable regular academic term in order to be eligible for practice in the immediately subsequent term of the first academic year (see Bylaw 14.4.2.1). An academic redshirt is defined as one who is a high school graduate and who presented the same academic qualifications applicable to qualifiers (see Bylaw 14.3.1.1) except for the following: (Adopted: 10/27/11, Revised: 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16; for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)

(a) The required minimum cumulative grade-point average and minimum combined score on the SAT critical reading and math sections or a minimum sum score on the ACT as specified in Bylaw 14.3.1.2.1; and

(b) Bylaw 14.3.1.1-(c) shall not apply.

14.3.1.2.1 Core-Curriculum Time Limitation. A prospective student-athlete must complete his or her core-curriculum requirements not later than the high school graduation date of the prospective student-athlete’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]. Graduation from high school or secondary school shall be based on the prospective student-athlete’s prescribed educational path in his or her country. The eligibility of an international student-athlete whose prescribed educational path culminates with a leaving examination (e.g., General Certificate of Secondary Education, Baccalaureat, Arbitur) shall be determined based on the leaving examination, regardless of a delay in graduation or completion of the leaving examination. (Revised: 1/10/90, 9/15/97, 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/12; applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/12)

Delayed effective date. See specific date below.

14.3.1.2.1 Initial-Eligibility Index for Academic Redshirts. A student-athlete must meet the requirements of the following eligibility index to be certified as an academic redshirt: (Adopted: 10/27/11, Revised: 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16; for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)

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14.3.1.2.1.1 Exception—One Core Course after High School Graduation. If a prospective student-athlete graduates from high school within the core-curriculum time limitation, 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 prospective student-athlete's class, to satisfy the core-curriculum or minimum grade-point average requirements or both. The prospective student-athlete may complete the core course at a location other than the high school from which he or she graduated and may initially enroll full time at a collegiate institution at any time after completion of the core course. (Adopted: 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 9/24/09)

14.3.1.2.1.1.1 Receipt of Athletically Related Financial Aid While Enrolled in Core Courses. A prospective student-athlete may not use a core course completed after high school graduation to satisfy initial-eligibility requirements if the prospective student-athlete is enrolled in the core course while concurrently receiving athletically related financial aid to attend an institution's summer term. A prospective student-athlete may use a core course completed after high school graduation, provided the prospective student-athlete either completes the core course prior to receiving athletically related financial aid to attend an institution's summer term or does not enroll in the core course until after he or she completes the institution's summer term for which he or she is receiving athletically related financial aid (see Bylaw 15.2.8.1.4). (Adopted: 9/24/09)

14.3.1.2.1.2 Exception—Students with Education-Impacting Disabilities. If a prospective student-athlete with a diagnosed education-impacting disability graduates from high school within the core-curriculum time limitation, he or she may use up to three core courses completed after high school graduation to satisfy the core-curriculum or minimum grade-point average requirements or both. The prospective student-athlete may complete the core courses at a location other than the high school from which he or she graduated and may initially enroll full time at a collegiate institution at any time after completion of the core courses. A prospective student-athlete may not use a core course completed after graduation if he or she receives institutional financial aid while enrolled in a course during the summer after the high school graduation date of his or her class (see Bylaw 15.2.8.1.4). (Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 11/11/07 effective 8/1/08, 4/17/08, 8/7/08, 4/30/09 effective 8/1/10 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/10)

14.3.1.2.2 Nontraditional Courses. Courses taught via the Internet, distance learning, independent study, individualized instruction, correspondence, and courses taught by similar means may be used to satisfy NCAA core-course requirements if all of the following conditions are satisfied: (Adopted: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00, Revised: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10; for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/10, 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12)

(a) The course meets all requirements for a core course as defined in Bylaw 14.3.1.2;
(b) The instructor and the student have ongoing access to one another for purposes of teaching, evaluating and providing assistance to the student throughout the duration of the course;
(c) The instructor and the student have regular interaction with one another for purposes of teaching, evaluating and providing assistance to the student throughout the duration of the course;
(d) The student's work (e.g., exams, papers, assignments) is available for evaluation and validation;
(e) Evaluation of the student's work is conducted by the appropriate academic authorities in accordance with the high school's established academic policies;
(f) The course includes a defined time period for completion; and
(g) The course is acceptable for any student and is placed on the high school transcript.
Delayed effective date. See specific date below.

14.3.1.2.2 Outside Competition—Academic Redshirt. An academic redshirt may participate in the institution’s intramural program (provided the intramural team is not coached by a member of the institution’s athletics department staff), but during the first year of enrollment, such an individual is not permitted to practice or compete on an institutional club team or on an outside sports team. (Adopted: 10/27/11, Revised: 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16; for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)

14.3.1.2.3 College Courses. College courses may be used to satisfy core-curriculum requirements if accepted by the high school, provided the courses are accepted for any other student, meet all other requirements for core courses and are placed on the student’s high school transcript. (Revised: 4/26/12)

14.3.1.2.4 English as a Second Language Course. It is permissible to use an advanced-level English as a Second Language (ESL) course to satisfy core-curriculum requirements, provided it is reviewed through the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Waiver process. Other ESL courses taught in disciplines other than English (e.g., social studies) may satisfy a core-course requirement, provided they are qualitatively and quantitatively the same as the comparison course in the regular-course offering. (Adopted: 11/17/98, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12)

14.3.1.2.5 Courses for Students With Education-Impacting Disabilities. High school courses for students with education-impacting disabilities may be used to fulfill the core-curriculum requirements, even if such courses appear to be taught at a level below the high school’s regular academic instructional level (e.g., special education courses), if the high school principal submits a written statement to the NCAA Eligibility Center indicating that the courses are substantially comparable, quantitatively and qualitatively, to similar core course offerings in that academic discipline and the courses appear on the high school’s list of approved core courses. Students with education-impacting disabilities still must complete the required core courses and achieve the minimum required grade-point average in the core curriculum. The fact that the title of a course includes a designation such as “remedial,” “special education,” “special needs,” or other similar titles used for courses designed for students with education-impacting disabilities does not, in and of itself, disqualify a course from satisfying core-curriculum requirements. (Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 2/11/98, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 8/7/08, 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12)

14.3.1.2.6 Grade Value of Core Courses. The following grade values are to be used in determining a student’s grade-point average in the core courses: A = 4 quality points, B = 3 quality points, C = 2 quality points, D = 1 quality point. In determining the core-curriculum grade-point average, each grade earned in a course (including all numerical grades) must be converted to this 4.000 scale on an individual-course basis. Pluses or minuses within a grade level shall not receive greater or lesser quality points. A school’s normal practice of weighting honors or advanced courses may be used to compute the quality points awarded in those courses and the cumulative grade-point average, provided a written statement verifying the grading policy accompanies the prospective student-athlete’s official grade transcript. An honors or advanced course shall receive no greater than 1.000 additional quality point (e.g., A=5.000). In calculating the grade in a weighted honors or advanced course, if a high school does not assign quality points to its courses, quality points shall be added to each course before calculating the student’s grade-point average and not added to a student’s cumulative core-course grade-point average. The core-curriculum grade-point average may be calculated using the student’s 16 best grades from courses that meet the distribution requirements of the core curriculum. Additional core courses (beyond the 16 required) may be used to meet the core-curriculum grade-point average, provided the distribution requirements are met. (Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97, 4/15/98, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/05, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/08, 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12)

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14.3.1.2.7 **Pass-Fail Grades.** Courses that are awarded pass-fail grades may be used to satisfy core-curriculum requirements. The NCAA Eligibility Center shall assign the course the lowest passing grade that the high school assigns for a pass-fail course. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/15/97, 5/9/07, 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12)*

14.3.1.2.8 **Repeat Courses.** A repeated course may be used only once to satisfy core-curriculum requirements. The best grade in that course may be used to calculate the grade-point average in the core curriculum. *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12)*

14.3.1.2.9 **Multiple High School Attendance.** For a student-athlete who attends more than one high school, a Form 48-H (core-course form) and an official transcript from each high school the student-athlete attended must be used. However, the NCAA Eligibility Center may receive the official transcript from either the student-athlete's original high school or the high school from which the student-athlete graduated, or an institution's admissions office. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 4/22/98 effective 8/1/98, 3/30/06, 5/9/07, 4/26/12)*

14.3.1.3 **Test-Score Requirements.** The minimum required SAT or ACT score (see Bylaw 14.3.1.1) must be achieved under national testing conditions on a national testing date [no residual (campus) testing, or regional testing dates] except that a state-administered ACT may be used to meet the test-score requirement. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12)*

14.3.1.3.1 **Test-Score Time Limitation.** The minimum required SAT or ACT score shall be achieved prior to registering for a minimum full-time program of studies (as determined by the institution) and attending classes in a regular term (e.g., semester or quarter) of an academic year at a collegiate institution. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/16/93, 1/10/95, 6/10/04)*

14.3.1.3.2 **Combined Test Scores.** For students using the SAT examination, the highest scores achieved on the critical reading and mathematics sections of the SAT from two different national testing dates may be combined in determining whether the student has met the minimum test-score requirements. For students using the ACT examination, the highest scores achieved on the individual subtests of the ACT from more than one national testing date or state-administered examination may be combined in determining whether the student's sum score has met the minimum test-score requirement. *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12)*

14.3.1.3.3 **Nonstandard Test Administration.** Students with education-impacting disabilities may use scores achieved during a nonstandard administration of the SAT or ACT. A student who takes a nonstandard SAT or ACT still must achieve the minimum required test score; however, the test is not required to be administered on a national testing date. *(Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 8/7/08, 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12)*

14.3.1.3.4 **Test-Score Report.** The minimum SAT or ACT score(s) used for initial-eligibility purposes must be provided to the NCAA Eligibility Center by the appropriate testing agency through an official test-score report. *(Adopted: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 5/9/07, 1/15/11 effective 1/14/12)*

14.3.1.4 **Initial-Eligibility Waivers.** The Initial-Eligibility Waivers Committee (see Bylaw 21.7.5.1.3.1) shall have the authority to waive the initial-eligibility requirements based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances in which a student's overall academic record warrants a waiver of the normal application of this regulation. The committee shall oversee the process for reviewing such waivers and shall report annually to the Committee on Academics and to the membership the actions taken in summary, aggregate form. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10, 8/7/14)*

14.3.2 **Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition—Nonqualifier.**

14.3.2.1 **Nonqualifier.** A nonqualifier is a student who has not graduated from high school or who, at the time specified in the regulation (see Bylaw 14.3), did not present the core-curriculum grade-point average and/or SAT/ACT score required for a qualifier. *Delayed effective date. See specific date below.*

14.3.2.1.1 **Eligibility for Aid, Practice and Competition.** An entering freshman with no previous college attendance who was a nonqualifier at the time of enrollment in a Division I institution shall not be eligible for competition or practice during the first academic year of residence. However, such a student shall be eligible for nonathletics institutional financial aid that is not from an athletics source and is based on financial need only, consistent with institutional and conference regulations. *(Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/96)*

14.3.2.2 **Practice-Session Attendance.** A student-athlete who is a nonqualifier and who, therefore, is not eligible for practice, may not attend any practice sessions in any capacity, nor may the student-athlete attend any meeting characterized as practice (see Bylaw 17.02.1). *(Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/96, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)*
14.3.2.3 Outside Competition—Nonqualifier. A nonqualifier may participate in the institution’s intramural program (provided the intramural team is not coached by a member of the institution’s athletics department staff), but during the first year of enrollment [including an institution’s term-time official vacation periods (e.g., midterm break, Labor Day weekend) and between terms when classes are not in session (e.g., winter break)], such an individual is not permitted to practice or compete on an institutional club team or on an outside sports team, including a national team. (Revised: 1/10/13)

14.3.3 Seasons of Competition—Nonqualifier. Nonqualifiers, recruited or nonrecruited, shall not engage in more than three seasons of competition in any one sport. A student who transfers to a Division I member institution from another collegiate institution shall not engage in more than four seasons of competition with not more than three of those seasons in Division I.

14.3.3.1 Fourth Season of Competition—Not a Qualifier. A fourth season of intercollegiate competition shall be granted to a student-athlete who is not a qualifier, provided that at the beginning of the fifth academic year following the student-athlete’s initial, full-time collegiate enrollment, the student-athlete has completed at least 80 percent of his or her designated degree program. (Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/13/06)

Delayed effective date. See specific date below.

14.3.3.1 Fourth Season of Competition—Nonqualifiers. A fourth season of intercollegiate competition shall be granted to a student-athlete who is a nonqualifier, provided that at the beginning of the fifth academic year following the student-athlete’s initial, full-time collegiate enrollment, the student-athlete has completed at least 80 percent of his or her designated degree program. (Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/3/06, 10/27/11, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16; for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)

14.3.3.1.1 Waiver. The Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee (see Bylaw 21.7.5.1.3.2) shall have the authority to grant a fourth season of intercollegiate competition to a student-athlete who is not a qualifier based on objective evidence of extraordinary circumstances that warrant a waiver of the normal application of this regulation. (Adopted: 1/13/98 effective 8/1/98, Revised: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, 8/4/05, 1/3/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 11/16/10 effective 5/1/10)

Delayed effective date. See specific date below.

14.3.3.1.1 Waiver. The Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee (see Bylaw 21.7.5.1.3.2) shall have the authority to grant a fourth season of intercollegiate competition to a student-athlete who is a nonqualifier based on objective evidence of extraordinary circumstances that warrant a waiver of the normal application of this regulation. (Adopted: 1/13/98 effective 8/1/98, Revised: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, 8/4/05, 1/3/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 11/16/10 effective 5/1/10, 10/27/11, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16; for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)

14.3.4 Residence Requirement—Nonqualifier. A nonqualifier must fulfill an academic year of residence in order to be eligible for practice, competition and athletically related financial aid (see Bylaw 14.3.2.1.1). (Revised: 1/11/90 effective 8/1/90, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/96, 1/3/06, 4/14/10)

Delayed effective date. See specific date below.

14.3.4 Residence Requirement—Academic Redshirts and Nonqualifiers. An academic redshirt must fulfill an academic year of residence in order to be eligible to compete and to practice away from the institution. A nonqualifier must fulfill an academic year of residence in order to be eligible for practice, competition and athletically related financial aid (see Bylaw 14.3.2.1.1). (Revised: 1/11/90 effective 8/1/90, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/96, 1/3/06, 4/14/10, 10/27/11, 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16; for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)

14.3.5 Determination of Freshman Eligibility.

14.3.5.1 Participation Prior to Certification. If a student-athlete reports for athletics participation before his or her qualification status has been certified, the student may practice, but not compete, during a 45-day period, provided the student meets all other requirements to be eligible to practice. An institution shall not provide athletically related financial aid to the student during this period. After the 45-day period, the student shall have established minimum requirements (as certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center) to continue practicing or to compete and receive athletically related financial aid. (Revised: 1/11/89, 10/7/05, 5/9/07, 9/18/07, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

14.3.5.2 High School Graduate. In order to be considered a high school graduate, a prospective student-athlete shall meet all graduation requirements, including academic and nonacademic (e.g., state exit exams, community service, senior project) requirements, as defined for all students by his or her high school or secondary school. (Adopted: 4/23/08)

14.3.5.2.1 Equivalency Test/Diploma. A prospective student-athlete who does not graduate from high school but completes a state high school equivalency test [e.g., General Educational Development
(GED) and obtains a state high school equivalency diploma may satisfy the graduation requirement, provided the equivalency test is completed on or after the high school graduation date of the prospective student-athlete's class [as determined by his or her 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]. (Revised: 6/16/04, 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05, 6/15/15)

14.3.5.3 Advanced Placement. If the student-athlete is admitted with a minimum of 24 semester hours or a minimum of 36 quarter hours of advanced placement from a College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) examination (or from a similar proficiency examination) and/or concurrent high school/college credit without previous enrollment at a collegiate institution, the student-athlete shall be immediately eligible. Credits earned from extension or summer-session courses may not be counted in satisfaction of this requirement. A “similar proficiency examination” must be an advanced or higher level, nationally administered proficiency exam with a uniform grading scale that is taken after high school graduation. (Revised: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12)

14.3.5.3.1 International Certification. An institution shall use the NCAA Eligibility Center to determine whether a “similar proficiency examination” taken by an international student-athlete is an advanced or higher level, nationally administered proficiency exam with a uniform grading scale that is taken after high school graduation. In addition, the Eligibility Center shall certify the eligibility of an international student-athlete based on the number of advanced placement hours accepted by the certifying institution. (Adopted: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12)

14.3.5.4 International Academic Standards. A student from a foreign country shall satisfy both the requirements outlined in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility and the test-score requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1.1-(b).

14.4 Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements.

14.4.1 Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall maintain progress toward a baccalaureate or equivalent degree at that institution as determined by the regulations of that institution subject to controlling legislation of the conference(s) or similar association of which the institution is a member and applicable NCAA legislation. (See Constitution 3.2.4.13 regarding the obligations of members to publish their progress-toward-degree requirements for student-athletes.) (Revised: 5/29/08, 4/15/09)

14.4.1.1 Bona Fide International Exchange Student. The eligibility for competition of a bona fide international exchange student, as defined in Bylaw 14.5.1.5.1, shall be based on satisfactory completion of at least: (Revised: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 4/14/09)

(a) Six semester or six quarter hours of academic credit during the preceding regular academic term in which the student has enrolled full time at the certifying institution;

(b) Eighteen semester or 27 quarter hours of academic credit since the beginning of the previous fall term or since the beginning of the certifying institution's preceding regular two semesters or three quarters (hours earned during the summer may not be used to fulfill this requirement) (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1.4); and

(c) A minimum grade-point average per academic term of enrollment as set forth in Bylaw 14.4.3.3.1.

14.4.1.2 Temporary Student. A student-athlete having the status of temporary, transient or exchange student shall not represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition unless such status is specifically allowed and governed by provisions adopted by the membership.

14.4.2 Eligibility for Financial Aid and Practice. Eligibility for institutional financial aid and practice during each academic year after a student-athlete's initial year in residence or after the student-athlete has used one season of eligibility in a sport shall be based upon the rules of the institution and the conference(s), if any, of which the institution is a member.

Delayed effective date. See specific date below.

14.4.2.1 Eligibility for Practice During Initial Year of Residence—Academic Redshirt. An academic redshirt must successfully complete nine semester or eight quarter hours of academic credit during each applicable regular academic term of his or her initial year of residence in order to be eligible for practice in the immediately subsequent term of his or her initial year in residence. (Adopted: 10/27/11, Revised: 4/26/12 effective 8/1/16; for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)

14.4.3 Eligibility for Competition.

14.4.3.1 Fulfillment of Credit-Hour Requirements. Eligibility for competition shall be determined based on satisfactory completion of at least: (Revised: 1/10/92, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 3/10/04, 4/28/05)

(a) Twenty-four semester or 36 quarter hours of academic credit prior to the start of the student-athlete’s second year of collegiate enrollment (third semester, fourth quarter);
(b) Eighteen semester or 27 quarter hours of academic credit since the beginning of the previous fall term or since the beginning of the certifying institution's preceding regular two semesters or three quarters (hours earned during the summer may not be used to fulfill this requirement) (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1.4); and

(c) Six semester or six quarter hours of academic credit during the preceding regular academic term (e.g., fall semester, winter quarter) in which the student-athlete has been enrolled full time at any collegiate institution (see Bylaw 14.4.3.4 for postseason certification).

14.4.3.1.1 Regular Academic Year. For purposes of Bylaw 14.4.3.1, the regular academic year shall be defined as the time beginning with the opening of the institution's fall term and concluding with the institution's spring commencement exercises. (Adopted: 4/2/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 6/1/06)

14.4.3.1.2 Transfer. To be eligible for competition, a transfer student-athlete must meet the following credit-hour requirements based on attendance at the previous institution(s) for the specified time and may use any hours of academic credit earned at any collegiate institution: (Adopted: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 5/12/05)

(a) Equivalent of one semester/one quarter: six semester or six quarter hours of academic credit;
(b) Equivalent of one academic year (e.g., two semesters/three quarters): 24 semester or 36 quarter hours of academic credit;
(c) Equivalent of three semesters/four quarters: 30 semester or 42 quarter hours of academic credit;
(d) Equivalent of four semesters/six quarters and thereafter: six semester or six quarter hours of academic credit during the previous term of full-time enrollment, if applicable (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1.2.1).

14.4.3.1.2.1 Six-Hour Requirement for Transfer. A transfer student-athlete from a domestic two-year or four-year collegiate institution must complete six hours of academic credit during the previous term of full-time enrollment regardless of when the student-athlete enrolls in the certifying institution. A transfer student-athlete from a foreign collegiate institution is not required to complete six hours of academic credit in the previous term of full-time enrollment. (Adopted: 5/12/05)

14.4.3.1.3 Regaining Eligibility. For purposes of Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(a), a student-athlete who does not meet the 24 semester or 36 quarter credit-hours requirement prior to the start of his or her second year of collegiate enrollment (third semester, fourth quarter), may become eligible at the beginning of the next academic term by successfully completing 24 semester or 36 quarter hours during the previous two semesters or three quarters. (Adopted: 4/14/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 4/28/05)

14.4.3.1.4 Application of Rule. For purposes of Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(b), once a student-athlete initially enrolls as a full-time student [including a midyear enrollee (freshman or transfer)], he or she must meet the 18 semester/27 quarter credit-hours requirement prior to the start of the institution's third semester or fourth quarter following the student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment. Further, the 18 semester/27 quarter credit hours requirement applies to each academic year in which a student-athlete is enrolled as a full-time student during any term of that academic year. Credits earned during a term in which a student-athlete is enrolled in less than a full-time program of studies may be used to satisfy the 18 semester/27 quarter credit-hours requirement only if such credits are combined with credits earned during a term that immediately precedes or immediately follows a term in which the student-athlete is enrolled as a full-time student. Credits earned during a part-time term may be completed at an institution other than the certifying institution. (Adopted: 4/14/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 9/18/07, 4/8/09)

14.4.3.1.4.1 Application to a Midyear Enrollee. After a midyear enrollee's initial certification, (prior to the start of the institution's third semester or fourth quarter following the student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment), the student-athlete's completion of the 18 semester/27 quarter hour requirement shall be certified prior to the start of each academic year based on the student-athlete's record since the beginning of the previous fall term. (Adopted: 4/8/09)

14.4.3.1.7 Hours Earned or Accepted for Degree Credit. The provision that the calculation of credit hours under the progress-toward-degree regulation shall be based on hours earned or accepted for degree credit at the certifying institution in a student-athlete's specific baccalaureate degree program (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1) shall be met as follows: (Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 1/14/97, 3/12/12)

(a) During the first two years of enrollment, a student-athlete may use credits acceptable toward any of the institution's degree programs;

(b) By the beginning of the third year of enrollment (fifth semester or seventh quarter), a student-athlete shall be required to have designated a program of studies leading toward a specific baccalaureate degree. From that point, the credits used to meet the progress-toward-degree requirements must be degree credit toward the student's designated degree program;

(c) A student-athlete who changes his or her designated degree program may comply with the progress-toward-degree requirements if:

1. The change in programs is documented appropriately by the institution's academic authorities;
2. The credits earned prior to the change are acceptable toward the degree previously sought; and
3. The credits earned from the time of the change are acceptable toward the new desired degree.
14.4.3.2 Fulfillment of Percentage of Degree Requirements. A student-athlete who is entering his or her third year of collegiate enrollment shall have completed successfully at least 40 percent of the course requirements in the student’s specific degree program. A student-athlete who is entering his or her fourth year of collegiate enrollment shall have completed successfully at least 60 percent of the course requirements in the student’s specific degree program. A student-athlete who is entering his or her fifth year of collegiate enrollment shall have completed successfully at least 80 percent of the course requirements in the student’s specific degree program. The course requirements must be in the student’s specific degree program (as opposed to the student’s major). (Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 1/9/96, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03)

14.4.3.2.1 Five-Year Degree Program. If the student-athlete’s degree is identified in the institution’s official catalog as a five-year program or otherwise requires the completion of a minimum of 150 semester or 225 quarter hours, the student-athlete who is entering his or her third year of collegiate enrollment shall have completed successfully 33 percent of the course requirements in the student’s specific degree program. A student-athlete who is entering his or her fourth year of collegiate enrollment shall have completed successfully 50 percent of the course requirements in the student’s specific degree program. A student-athlete who is entering his or her fifth year of collegiate enrollment shall have completed successfully 67 percent of the course requirements in the student’s specific degree program. (Adopted: 1/14/97, Revised: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03)

14.4.3.2.2 Application of Rule to Transfer Student. The provisions of Bylaw 14.4.3.2 shall be applicable to the eligibility of a transfer student from a two-year or four-year collegiate institution, even if the student has not yet completed an academic year in residence or used a season of eligibility in a sport at the certifying institution. (Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92)

14.4.3.2.2.1 Exception—National Service Academies. The provisions of Bylaw 14.4.3.2 shall only apply to the eligibility of a student-athlete for those years in which the student-athlete is enrolled at a national service academy. (Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92)

14.4.3.2.3 Timing of Certification. A student-athlete’s eligibility under this provision shall be determined on the basis of the student’s academic record in existence at the beginning of that student’s third or later academic year (fifth semester or seventh quarter) of full-time enrollment. If the student-athlete is ineligible under the provisions of the progress-toward-degree legislation at the beginning of that term, eligibility may be reinstated at the beginning of any other regular term of that student’s specific academic year, based on the student’s later fulfillment of the necessary degree requirements. (Adopted: 1/1/94, Revised: 1/10/95)

14.4.3.2.4 Hours Earned or Accepted Toward a Minor. Credit hours earned or accepted toward a voluntary or optional minor (a minor that is not a required element of the original baccalaureate degree program for all students) may not be used to satisfy the credit-hour requirements after the first two years of enrollment even if the student-athlete must complete the requirements of the voluntary or optional minor to graduate. A student-athlete may use credits earned in a minor only if the minor is a required element for all students to obtain the original baccalaureate degree. (Adopted: 9/24/09)

14.4.3.3 Fulfillment of Minimum Grade-Point Average Requirements. A student-athlete who is entering his or her second year of collegiate enrollment shall present a cumulative minimum grade-point average (based on a maximum 4.000) that equals at least 90 percent of the institution’s overall cumulative grade-point average required for graduation. A student-athlete who is entering his or her third year of collegiate enrollment shall present a cumulative minimum grade-point average (based on a maximum 4.000) that equals 95 percent of the institution’s overall cumulative minimum grade-point average required for graduation. A student-athlete who is entering his or her fourth or later year of collegiate enrollment shall present a cumulative minimum grade-point average (based on a maximum 4.000) that equals 100 percent of the institution’s overall cumula-
tive grade-point average required for graduation. If the institution does not have an overall grade-point average required for graduation, it is permissible to use the lowest grade-point average required for any of the institution's degree programs in determining the cumulative minimum grade-point average. The minimum grade-point average must be computed pursuant to institutional policies applicable to all students. (Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 4/15/09)

14.4.3.1 Application of Rule to Transfer Student. The provisions of Bylaw 14.4.3.3 shall be applicable to the eligibility of a transfer student from a two-year or four-year collegiate institution who has completed an academic term in residence at the certifying institution. A student-athlete who attends the certifying institution as a full-time student, transfers to another institution and later returns to the original institution is immediately subject to the provisions of Bylaw 14.4.3.3 on re-enrollment. (Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 11/16/93, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 4/15/09, 9/24/09)

14.4.3.2 Timing of Certification. A student-athlete’s eligibility under this provision shall be certified by the first date of competition or contest of each regular term of an academic year beginning with that student’s second or later academic year (third semester or fourth quarter) of full-time enrollment. The certification shall be based on the student-athlete’s academic record in existence at the beginning of the applicable term. (Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 1/10/95, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 5/9/08, 4/15/09)

14.4.3.4 Change in Eligibility Status. If a student-athlete’s academic eligibility changes at the end of a quarter or semester, the student-athlete shall become eligible or ineligible to compete on the date his or her eligibility officially is certified by the appropriate institutional authority. In a case in which the student becomes eligible at the end of the term, the earliest date on which the student can become eligible to compete is the day after the date of the last scheduled examination listed in the institution’s official calendar for the term that is ending. In a case in which the student becomes ineligible, the ineligibility shall become effective not later than the first day of classes of the following semester or quarter. In any case, if the student-athlete is academically eligible to compete at the time of the student-athlete’s or the institution’s first participation in an NCAA championship, he or she shall remain eligible for the remainder of the championship. (Revised: 7/31/14)

14.4.3.4.1 Exception.

14.4.3.4.1.1 Institutions With Official Posting Date for Grades. An institution whose official posting date for grades falls within three days of the first day of classes for the following academic term shall have three business days from the official date on which grades must be posted to certify that student-athletes have satisfactorily completed at least six semester or six quarter hours of academic credit during the preceding regular academic term (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1) and to certify that student-athletes have satisfied the grade-point average requirements per Bylaw 14.4.3.3. For those institutions that post grades on a rolling basis, the three-business-day period shall begin within the first week of classes. (Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 7/31/14)

14.4.3.4.1.2 Institutions With no Official Posting Date for Grades. An institution whose official submission date for grades falls on or after the first day of classes for the following academic term shall have five business days from the date on which grades are submitted to certify that student-athletes have satisfactorily completed at least six semester or six quarter hours of academic credit during the preceding regular academic term (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1) and to certify that student-athletes have maintained grade-point average requirements per Bylaw 14.4.3.3. (Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 7/31/14)

14.4.3.4.1.3 Certification of Eligibility. During the three-business-day or five-business-day period, a student-athlete who is otherwise eligible under NCAA, conference and institutional requirements, shall be permitted to compete. If during the exception period, a student-athlete is certified ineligible, the student-athlete shall be declared immediately ineligible for competition. If the three-business-day or five-business-day period concludes prior to the certification of eligibility for any student-athlete, the student-athlete shall be ineligible until such time the student-athlete is declared eligible for competition. (Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 7/31/14)

14.4.3.4.1.4 Notification to NCAA National Office. As a condition of the exception, an institution shall provide to the NCAA national office, the number of student-athletes who were ultimately declared ineligible for the academic term but competed during the exception period. (Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 7/31/14)

14.4.3.4.2 Eligibility for Postseason Competition—Between Terms. To be eligible to compete in a postseason event (e.g., conference tournament, bowl game, National Invitation Tournament, NCAA championship) that occurs between regular terms (including summer) a student-athlete shall have satisfactorily completed six semester or six quarter hours of academic credit during the preceding regular academic term of full-time enrollment (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1). (Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 12/12/06, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, 7/31/14)

14.4.3.4.2.1 Less Than Full-Time Enrollment. A student-athlete who was enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies pursuant to an exception or waiver during the term immedi-
ately prior to the postseason event is subject to the following requirements: (*Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 7/31/14*)

(a) If the student-athlete was enrolled in at least six credit hours, he or she shall have satisfactorily completed six semester or six quarter hours of academic credit; or

(b) If the student-athlete was enrolled in less than six credit hours, he or she shall have satisfactorily completed the number of semester or quarter hours of academic credit in which he or she was enrolled.

14.4.3.4.2.2 Timing of Certification. A student-athlete’s eligibility under this provision shall be determined within 14 business days (see Bylaw 14.02.3) (regardless of the date on which grades are posted or submitted) after the date of the last scheduled examination listed in the institution’s official calendar for the term that is ending. If the postseason event occurs prior to the conclusion of the 14 business days, eligibility shall be determined by using grades from the immediately preceding regular academic term (e.g., fall term if certifying for a bowl game), provided a sufficient number of grades from the term have been posted. All grades posted in accordance with institutional procedures by 5 p.m. local time (where the institution is located) on the day prior to the postseason event must be considered. If the postseason event occurs prior to the conclusion of the 14 business days and an insufficient number of grades from the immediately preceding term have been posted, eligibility shall be determined by using grades from the most recent regular academic term for which a sufficient number of grades have been posted. (*Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 7/31/14*)

14.4.3.4.2.2.1 Certification for Multiday Events. A student-athlete who is certified eligible for the first day of a multiday event (e.g., conference track and field championship) remains eligible for the entire event regardless of whether additional grades are posted after the certification deadline, provided the event concludes prior to the start of the next regular academic term. If an insufficient number of grades are posted for a student-athlete to be certified eligible based on the immediately preceding term and he or she will participate in another postseason event (e.g., NCAA championship) that occurs during the same period between regular terms, the institution must recertify the student-athlete with grades available by 5 p.m. local time (where the institution is located) on the day prior to the start of the additional postseason event. (*Adopted: 10/21/13, Revised: 7/31/14*)

14.4.3.5 Regulations for Administration of Progress Toward Degree.

14.4.3.5.1 Nontraditional Terms. An institution that determines registration other than on a traditional semester- or quarter-hour basis shall submit a statement describing the continuing-eligibility requirements applicable to its student-athletes for approval by the Committee on Academics. (*Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14*)

14.4.3.5.2 Advanced-Placement Tests/Credit by Examination. Credit received through advanced-placement tests or by examination may be used by the student to meet the minimum progress-toward-degree requirement, provided the subject for which the examination is an alternative is offered by the institution as acceptable degree credit.

14.4.3.5.3 Nontraditional Courses From Another Institution. Nontraditional courses (e.g., distance-learning, correspondence, extension, Internet/virtual courses, independent study or any other course or credit that is not earned in a face-to-face classroom environment with regular interaction between the instructor and the student) completed at an institution other than the certifying institution, may be used to meet credit-hour and percentage-of-degree requirements, provided the following conditions are met: (*Revised: 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11*)

(a) The course is available to any student at the certifying institution;

(b) The student-athlete enrolls in the course in the same manner as is available to any student; and

(c) Enrollment in the course occurs within the offering institution’s regular enrollment periods (pre-registration or drop-add period) in accordance with the institution’s academic calendar and applicable policies and procedures.

14.4.3.5.3.1 Summer Courses. A student-athlete may enroll in a nontraditional course during the certifying institution’s summer vacation period at a time other than during the offering institution’s regular enrollment periods for traditional courses and may use credits from such courses to meet the 24 semester or 36 quarter credit-hours requirement and percentage-of-degree requirements, provided the course is completed before the first day of the certifying institution’s regular fall term. (*Adopted: 10/21/13*)

14.4.3.5.4 Remedial, Tutorial or Noncredit Courses. Remedial, tutorial or noncredit courses may be used by the student to satisfy the minimum academic progress requirement of Bylaw 14.4.3.1 only if they meet all of the following conditions: (*Revised: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03*)

(a) The courses must be considered by the institution to be prerequisites for specific courses acceptable for any degree program;
(b) The courses must be given the same weight as others in the institution in determining the student’s status for full-time enrollment;
(c) Noncredit courses may not exceed the maximum institutional limit for such courses in any baccalaureate degree program (or the student’s specific baccalaureate degree program once a program has been designated); and
(d) Credit in such courses shall not exceed six-semester or nine-quarter hours, and the courses must be taken during the student’s first academic year of collegiate enrollment.

14.4.3.5.5 Incomplete Grades. A student who receives an incomplete grade in a course may use the course in question to fulfill the minimum progress-toward-degree requirements, subject to the following conditions:
(a) The incomplete grade must have been removed in accordance with the institution’s regulations applicable to all students;
(b) Such a course may be counted only once after a grade has been achieved that is acceptable to the institution for determining progress toward degree; and
(c) The course with the acceptable grade shall be counted either during the term in which the student initially enrolled in the course or during the term in which the incomplete grade was removed and acceptable credit was awarded.

14.4.3.5.6 Repeated Courses. Credit for courses that are repeated may be used by a student to satisfy the minimum academic progress requirements only under the following conditions:
(a) A course repeated due to an unsatisfactory initial grade may be used only once, and only after it has been satisfactorily completed;
(b) Credit for a course that may be taken several times (e.g., a physical education activities course) shall be limited by institutional regulations; and
(c) Credits earned in courses that may be taken several times may not exceed the maximum institutional limit for credits of that type for any baccalaureate degree program (or for the student’s specific baccalaureate degree program once a program has been designated).

14.4.3.5.7 Credit From Other Institutions. Credit hours earned at another institution while enrolled as a full-time student may be used to satisfy academic progress requirements specified in Bylaws 14.4.3.1 and 14.4.3.2 (see Bylaw 14.4.3.5.3). Credit hours earned prior to initial full-time enrollment may be used to fulfill the 24-semester or 36-quarter hours requirement specified in Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(a) and the percentage-of-degree requirements specified in Bylaw 14.4.3.2. (Revised: 1/16/93, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 4/5/06)

14.4.3.5.8 Cooperative Educational Work Experience and Study-Abroad Programs. A student-athlete shall not be required to complete six semester or six quarter hours of academic credit during a regular academic term or terms of full-time enrollment in a cooperative educational work experience program (e.g., co-op, internship, practicum, student-teaching) or an institutionally approved study-abroad program. (Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 10/8/10)

14.4.3.6 Exceptions to Progress-Toward-Degree Rule.
(a) Missed Term. One time during a student-athlete’s entire period of collegiate enrollment, the provisions of Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(b) may be prorated at nine hours per term of actual attendance if the student-athlete misses a complete term or consecutive terms during an academic year, subject to the following conditions: (Revised: 1/10/90, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 4/29/04, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)
(1) The student-athlete engaged in no outside competition in the sport during the academic term or terms in which the student was not in attendance; and
(2) At the time of certification, the student has fulfilled the progress-toward-degree requirements (per Bylaw 14.4.3.1) for the terms in which the student was in attendance.
(3) A transfer student from a two-year college is not eligible to use this one-time exception during the first academic year of residence at the certifying institution in order to maintain eligibility during the second year in residence. Hours earned while enrolled as a part-time student during the “missed term” may be used to satisfy the 24/36 credit-hours [see Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(a)], percentage-of-degree (see Bylaw 14.4.3.2) and grade-point average requirements (see Bylaw 14.4.3.3).
(b) Nonrecruited, Nonparticipant. A student-athlete may qualify for an exception to the application of the progress-toward-degree regulation for the initial season of eligibility if the student was not recruited; has not received athletically related financial assistance; has never practiced or participated in intercollegiate athletics, except that a student may have participated in limited preseason tryouts; and is otherwise eligible under all institutional, conference and NCAA rules. The student-athlete’s eligibility in following seasons would be governed by the provisions of the progress-toward-degree rule, which would be applied from the beginning of the first term the student began participation. This exception shall not apply to the percentage-of-degree (see Bylaw 14.4.3.2) and minimum grade-point average (see Bylaw 14.4.3.3) requirements. (Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/92, 1/9/96, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)
14.5.1 Residence Requirement—General Principle. A student who transfers (see Bylaw 14.5.2) to a member institution from any collegiate institution is required to complete one full academic year of residence (see Bylaw 14.02.11) at the certifying institution before being eligible to compete for or to receive travel expenses from the member institution (see Bylaw 16.8.1), unless the student satisfies the applicable transfer requirements or qualifies for an exception as set forth in this bylaw. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/27/00 effective 8/1/01, 5/19/08, 6/24/09, 4/14/10)

14.5 Transfer Regulations.

14.5.1 Residence Requirement—General Principle. A student who transfers (see Bylaw 14.5.2) to a member institution from any collegiate institution is required to complete one full academic year of residence (see Bylaw 14.02.11) at the certifying institution before being eligible to compete for or to receive travel expenses from the member institution (see Bylaw 16.8.1), unless the student satisfies the applicable transfer requirements or qualifies for an exception as set forth in this bylaw. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/27/00 effective 8/1/01, 5/19/08, 6/24/09, 4/14/10)

14.5.1.1 Fulfillment of Residence Requirement in Night School. When a student transfers to a member institution and is required to fulfill a residence requirement before being eligible to participate in competition, it is permissible for the transfer student to meet the requirement by attending an institution's night school, provided the following conditions are met:
14.5.1.2 Disciplinary Suspension. A student who transfers to any NCAA institution from a collegiate institution while the student is disqualified or suspended from the previous institution for disciplinary reasons (as opposed to academic reasons) must complete one calendar year of residence at the certifying institution. (Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)

14.5.1.3 Outside Competition—Not a Qualifier. A two-year college transfer student who is not a qualifier and does not meet the applicable transfer requirements may participate in the institution's intramural program (provided the intramural team is not coached by a member of the institution's athletics department staff), but such an individual is not permitted to practice or compete on an institution's club team or an outside sports team during the first academic year in residence. A four-year college transfer student who is not a qualifier and who has not completed an academic year in residence may participate in the institution's intramural program (provided the intramural team is not coached by a member of the institution's athletics department staff), but such an individual is not permitted to practice or compete on an institution's club team or an outside sports team during the first academic year in residence. (Adopted: 1/14/97, Revised: 1/3/06)

14.5.1.4 Eligibility for Championship in Progress. A transfer student shall be eligible for any NCAA championship that is in progress after a full calendar year has elapsed and at the time he or she has completed two full semesters or three full quarters of academic work.

14.5.1.5 Foreign Institution Transfers. A transfer student from a foreign collegiate institution (college, university or two-year college), except one entering as a bona fide exchange student, shall comply with the one-year residence requirement set forth in Bylaw 14.5.1.

14.5.1.5.1 Bona Fide International Exchange Student Exception. A bona fide international exchange student is an individual who is sponsored by his or her nation's government, or is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Rotary International, the Ford Foundation, the Institute of International Education or a similar organization. For a student to be considered a bona fide exchange student, the sponsoring organization shall identify the student prior to the student's departure from his or her home country and make the necessary arrangements to finance the student's education under the international exchange program. If these arrangements have not been completed before the student's enrollment at the certifying institution, the student is considered to be a transfer student and may not represent the institution in competition until the individual has met the required residence requirement.

14.5.2 Conditions Affecting Transfer Status. A transfer student is an individual who transfers from a collegiate institution after having met any one of the following conditions at that institution:

(a) The student was officially registered and enrolled in a minimum, full-time program of studies in any quarter or semester of an academic year, as certified by the registrar or admissions office, provided the student was present at the institution on the opening day of classes;

(b) The student attended a class or classes in any quarter or semester in which the student was enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies, even if the enrollment was on a provisional basis and the student was later determined by the institution not to be admissible;

(c) The student is or was enrolled in an institution in a minimum full-time program of studies in a night school that is considered to have regular terms (semesters or quarters) the same as the institution's day school, and the student is or was considered by the institution to be a regularly matriculated student;

(d) The student attended a branch school that does not conduct an intercollegiate athletics program, but the student had been enrolled in another collegiate institution prior to attendance at the branch school;

(e) The student attended a branch school that conducted an intercollegiate athletics program and transfers to an institution other than the parent institution;

(f) The student reported for a regular squad practice (including practice or conditioning activities that occur prior to certification per Bylaws 14.3.5.1 and 14.5.4.5.7), announced by the institution through any member of its athletics department staff, prior to the beginning of any quarter or semester, as certified by the athletics director. Participation only in picture-day activities would not constitute "regular practice";

(g) The student participated in practice or competed in a given sport even though the student was enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies; or

(h) The student received institutional financial aid while attending a summer term, summer school or summer-orientation program (see Bylaws 15.2.8.1.3 and 15.2.8.1.4). A recruited student who receives institutional aid pursuant to Bylaw 15.2.8.1.4 is subject to the transfer provisions, except that a prospective student-athlete (recruited or nonrecruited) who is denied admission to the institution for full-time enrollment shall be permitted to enroll at another institution without being considered a transfer student. (Adopted: 1/10/90, Revised: 4/26/01, 4/14/03)
14.5.3 Conditions Not Constituting Transfer Status. Unless otherwise covered by conditions set forth in Bylaw 14.5.2, a student-athlete is not considered a transfer under the following enrollment conditions:

14.5.3.1 Summer School, Extension Courses or Night School. The student has been enrolled in or attended classes only in a summer school, extension course or night school, unless the night school is considered by the institution to be a regular term (semester or quarter) the same as its day school, the student is enrolled for a minimum full-time load in this regular night term, and the student is considered by the institution to be a regularly enrolled student.

14.5.3.2 Prospective Student-Athlete Attending Summer School Prior to Initial Full-Time Enrollment. A prospective student-athlete receiving financial aid to attend summer school prior to initial full-time enrollment who is denied admission to the institution for full-time enrollment. (Adopted: 4/26/01)

14.5.3.3 Branch School. The student has been enrolled in or attended classes only in a branch school, provided the branch school does not conduct an intercollegiate athletics program. If the branch school conducts an intercollegiate athletics program, the student shall not be considered a transfer only upon enrollment at the parent institution directly from the branch school. (For definition of “branch school,” see Bylaw 14.02.2.)

14.5.3.4 Second Campus of Institution. The student is in residence at an institution’s campus that is not in the same city as the institution’s main campus, provided the campus at which the student is in residence does not conduct an intercollegiate athletics program, classes on the campus are taught by the same instructors who teach classes on the main campus, the credits received by all class enrollees are considered as regular credits by the institution’s main campus, and the degrees awarded to all students come from the institution’s main campus.

14.5.3.5 Academic Exchange Program. The student participates in a regular academic exchange program between two four-year institutions that requires a participant to complete a specified period of time at each institution, and the program provides for the student-athlete to receive at least two baccalaureate or equivalent degrees at the conclusion of this joint academic program.

14.5.4 Two-Year College Transfers. A student who transfers to a member institution from a two-year college or from a branch school that conducts an intercollegiate athletics program must complete an academic year of residence unless the student meets the following eligibility requirements. (Revised: 1/10/92, 4/14/10)

14.5.4.1 Qualifier. A transfer student from a two-year college who was a qualifier (per Bylaw 14.3.1.1) is eligible for competition in the first academic year in residence only if the student: (Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12; for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/12)

(a) Has spent at least one full-time semester or one full-time quarter in residence at the two-year college (excluding summer sessions);

(b) Has presented a minimum grade-point average of 2.500 (see Bylaw 14.5.4.5.3.2); and

(c) Has satisfactorily completed an average of at least 12 semester or quarter hours of transferable-degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for each full-time academic term of attendance at the two-year college.

14.5.4.2 Not a Qualifier.

14.5.4.2.1 Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition. A transfer student from a two-year college who was not a qualifier (per Bylaw 14.3.1.1) is eligible for institutional financial aid, practice and competition the first academic year in residence only if the student: (Revised: 4/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 6/1/06, 4/24/08 effective 8/1/09 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/09, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12; for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/12)

(a) Has graduated from the two-year college;

(b) Has completed satisfactorily a minimum of 48 semester or 72 quarter hours of transferable-degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution, including six semester or eight quarter hours of transferable English credit, three semester or four quarter hours of transferable math credit and three semester or four quarter hours of transferable natural/physical science credit;

(c) Has attended a two-year college as a full-time student for at least three semesters or four quarters (excluding summer terms); and

(d) Has achieved a cumulative grade-point average of 2.500 (see Bylaw 14.5.4.5.3.2).

14.5.4.2.2 Eligibility for Financial Aid and Practice. A transfer student from a two-year college who was not a qualifier (per Bylaw 14.3.1.1) is eligible for institutional financial aid and practice the first academic year in residence only if the student: (Adopted: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12; for those student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/12)

(a) Has graduated from the two-year college;

(b) Has completed satisfactorily a minimum of 48 semester or 72 quarter hours of transferable-degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution, including six
semester or eight quarter hours of transferable English credit, three semester or four quarter hours of transferable math credit and three semester or four quarter hours of transferable natural/physical science credit;

(c) Has attended a two-year college as a full-time student for at least three semesters or four quarters (excluding summer terms); and

(d) Has achieved a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.000 (see Bylaw 14.5.4.5.3.2).

Delayed effective date. See specific date below.

14.5.4.2 Nonqualifier.

14.5.4.2.1 Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition. A transfer student from a two-year college who was a nonqualifier (per Bylaw 14.3.2.1) is eligible for institutional financial aid, practice and competition the first academic year in residence only if the student: (Revised: 8/2/12 effective 8/1/16; for students initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)

(a) Has graduated from the two-year college;

(b) Has completed satisfactorily a minimum of 48 semester or 72 quarter hours of transferable-degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution, including six semester or eight quarter hours of transferable English credit, three semester or four quarter hours of transferable math credit and three semester or four quarter hours of transferable natural/physical science credit;

(c) Has attended a two-year college as a full-time student for at least three semesters or four quarters (excluding summer terms); and

(d) Has achieved a cumulative grade-point average of 2.500 (see Bylaw 14.5.4.5.3.2).

14.5.4.2.2 Eligibility for Financial Aid and Practice. A transfer student from a two-year college who was a nonqualifier (per Bylaw 14.3.2.1) is eligible for institutional financial aid and practice the first academic year in residence only if the student: (Adopted: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, Revised: 8/2/12 effective 8/1/16; for students initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)

(a) Has graduated from the two-year college;

(b) Has completed satisfactorily a minimum of 48 semester or 72 quarter hours of transferable-degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution, including six semester or eight quarter hours of transferable English credit, three semester or four quarter hours of transferable math credit and three semester or four quarter hours of transferable natural/physical science credit;

(c) Has attended a two-year college as a full-time student for at least three semesters or four quarters (excluding summer terms); and

(d) Has achieved a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.000 (see Bylaw 14.5.4.5.3.2).

14.5.4.2.3 Use of Hours Earned During Summer Term. Not more than a total of 18 semester or 27 quarter hours of the transferable-degree credit may be earned during summer terms, and not more than nine semester or 13.5 quarter hours of the transferable-degree credit may be earned during the summer term(s) immediately prior to the transfer. (Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97)

14.5.4.2.4 Three-Semester/Four-Quarter Attendance Requirement. A student-athlete is not permitted to satisfy the three-semester/four-quarter attendance requirement during one academic year. (Adopted: 6/8/99)

14.5.4.3 Status as Qualifier or Nonqualifier. A prospective student-athlete who does not graduate from high school before enrolling as a regular student in a two-year college may not transfer work back to the high school, graduate from the high school and establish initial eligibility at a member institution on the basis of the revised high school record. Such a student is considered to be a two-year college transfer who was a nonqualifier.

Delayed effective date. See specific date below.

14.5.4.3 Academic Redshirt. A transfer student from a two-year college who was an academic redshirt (per Bylaw 14.3.1.2) is eligible for competition in the first academic year in residence only if the student: (Adopted: 8/1/12 effective 8/1/16; for students initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/16)

(a) Has graduated from the two-year college;

(b) Has completed satisfactorily a minimum of 48 semester or 72 quarter hours of transferable-degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution, including six semester or eight quarter hours of transferable English credit, three semester or four quarter hours of transferable math credit and three semester or four quarter hours of transferable natural/physical science credit;
14.5.4.4 Status of Nonqualifier, Nonrecruited. A two-year college student-athlete who transferred to a Division I institution without meeting the requirements of Bylaw 14.5.4.2 shall not be eligible for regular-season competition and practice during the first academic year in residence. However, such a student who was not recruited per Bylaw 13.02.13 and for whom admission and financial aid were granted without regard to athletics ability shall be eligible for nonathletics institutional financial aid, provided there is on file in the office of the athletics director certification by the faculty athletics representative, the admissions officer and the chair of the financial aid committee that admission and financial aid were so granted.

14.5.4.5 Two-Year College Transfer Regulations. The following regulations shall be applied in administering the eligibility requirements for two-year college transfers.

14.5.4.5.1 Multiple Two-Year Colleges. When a student-athlete has been in residence at two or more two-year colleges, the terms of residence at all two-year colleges may be combined in order to satisfy the residence requirement. All grades and all course credits that are transferable from the two-year colleges to the member institution shall be considered in determining the student-athlete’s eligibility under Bylaw 14.5 (see also Bylaw 14.5.6). In addition, at least 25 percent of the credit hours used to fulfill the student’s academic degree requirements must be earned at the two-year college that awards the degree per Bylaw 14.5. (Revised: 1/11/94)

14.5.4.5.2 Credit Earned at Four-Year Institution. If a student-athlete attends a two-year college and, prior to regular enrollment at a member institution, attains additional credits as a part-time student in a four-year collegiate institution, the hours accumulated at the four-year institution may be used by the member institution in determining the student-athlete’s eligibility under the two-year college transfer provisions, provided: (Revised: 4/28/14)

(a) The hours are accepted by the two-year college and are placed on the transcript by the two-year college from which the student-athlete transfers prior to the date of initial regular enrollment at the NCAA member institution; or

(b) The hours are accepted by the two-year college and are placed on any other official document (other than the student’s transcript) used by the two-year college for this purpose prior to the date of initial regular enrollment at the NCAA member institution. Such a document must include the official seal of the two-year college, be signed by the appropriate academic official of the two-year college and be forwarded directly from the two-year college to the appropriate admissions official of the certifying institution.

14.5.4.5.3 Determination of Transferable Degree. For the purpose of determining transferable degree credit, the institution may count those courses accepted as degree credit in any of its colleges, schools or departments.

14.5.4.5.3.1 Transferable Credit Unacceptable Grade. Credit hours for courses with grades not considered acceptable for transferable degree credit for all students at an institution shall not be counted in determining whether the transfer requirement for total number of hours is satisfied.

14.5.4.5.3.2 Calculation of Grade-Point Average for Transferable Credit. Grades earned in all courses that are normally transferable to an institution shall be considered in determining the qualitative grade-point average for meeting transfer requirements, regardless of the grade earned or whether such grade makes the course unacceptable for transferable degree credit. Only the last grade earned in a course that has been repeated shall be included in the grade-point-average calculation.

14.5.4.5.4 Use of Physical Education Activity Courses. Not more than two credit hours of physical education activity courses may be used to fulfill the transferable-degree credit and grade-point average requirements. However, a student-athlete enrolling in a physical education degree program or a degree program in education that requires physical education activity courses may use up to the minimum number of credits of physical education activity courses that are required for the specific degree program to fulfill the transferable-degree credit and grade-point average requirements. Additional credit hours of physical education activity courses may not be used to fulfill elective requirements. (Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 4/13/10, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12; for sports other than men’s basketball, applicable to student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/12)

14.5.4.5.5 Degree Requirement. In order to satisfy the two-year-college graduation requirement for eligibility immediately upon transfer from a two-year college to a member institution, a student-athlete must receive an associate or equivalent degree in an academic or technical, rather than a vocational, curriculum. The Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee (see Bylaw 21.7.5.1.3.2) shall have the authority to determine whether a two-year college degree is academic or technical, rather than vocational, in nature. (Revised: 1/10/95, 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/16/10 effective 5/1/10)
14.5.4.6 Transfer to Four-Year College Prior to Completion of Requirements. The requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4 must be met prior to a student-athlete’s transfer to the certifying institution. Thus, if a two-year college student transfers (as defined in Bylaw 14.5.2) to a member institution prior to the completion of all necessary transfer requirements, the student is subject to the one-year residence requirement at the certifying institution, even though the student transfers back to the two-year college and completes the necessary requirements.

14.5.4.7 Participation Prior to Certification. If a two-year college transfer student reports for athletics participation before the student’s high school or two-year college academic record has been certified, the student may practice, but not compete, during a 45-day period, provided the student meets all other requirements to be eligible to practice. An institution shall not provide athletically related financial aid to the student during this period unless he or she has established the minimum requirements to receive such aid. After the 45-day period, the student shall have established minimum requirements as a transfer student to continue practicing or to compete and receive athletically related financial aid. (Adopted: 1/10/90, Revised: 9/18/07, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

14.5.4.8 Competition in Year of Transfer. A transfer student from a two-year institution, who has met the two-year transfer eligibility requirements per Bylaw 14.5.4, is not eligible to compete at the certifying institution during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship if the student-athlete has competed at the two-year college during that segment of the same academic year in that sport. (Revised: 1/11/94, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)

14.5.4.6 Exceptions for Transfers from Two-Year Colleges. A transfer student from a two-year college or from a branch school that conducts an intercollegiate athletics program is not subject to the residence requirement at the certifying institution if any one of the following conditions is met. An individual who is not a qualifier shall not be permitted to use the exceptions under this bylaw. (Revised: 4/27/06)

14.5.4.6.1 Discontinued/Nonsponsored Sport Exception. The student changed institutions in order to continue participation in a sport because the student’s original two-year college dropped the sport from its intercollegiate program (even though it may subsequently establish that sport on a club basis) or never sponsored the sport on the intercollegiate level while the student was in attendance at that institution, provided the student never attended any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that sport and the student earned at least a minimum 2.500 grade-point average (see Bylaw 14.5.4.5.3.2) at the two-year college. (Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/90, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12; for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/12)

14.5.4.6.1.1 Original Collegiate Institution. In applying this provision for an exception to the residence requirement, the original collegiate institution shall be the two-year college in which the student was enrolled immediately prior to the transfer to the certifying institution, provided that, if the student is transferring from a two-year college that never sponsored the sport on the intercollegiate level, the student never shall have attended any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that sport.

14.5.4.6.2 Two-Year Nonparticipation or Minimal Participation Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution from a two-year college and, for a consecutive two-year period immediately before the date on which the student begins participation (practice and/or competition), the student has neither engaged in intercollegiate competition nor engaged in other countable athletically related activities in the involved sport in intercollegiate athletics beyond a 14 consecutive-day period, and has neither practiced with a noncollegiate amateur team nor engaged in organized noncollegiate amateur competition while enrolled as a full-time student in a collegiate institution. The 14 consecutive-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity (see Bylaw 17.02.1). The two-year period does not include any period of time before the student’s initial collegiate enrollment. (Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 5/9/06)

14.5.4.7 Submission of Information Necessary to Determine Academic Initial-Eligibility Status. An institution shall ensure submission of all necessary information (e.g., high school transcripts, test scores) to the NCAA Eligibility Center to determine the academic initial-eligibility status of a two-year college transfer student-athlete prior to the end of the student-athlete’s first regular academic term of full-time enrollment at the institution. If a two-year college transfer student-athlete is added to an institution’s squad list after the end of the student’s first regular academic term of full-time enrollment at the institution, the institution shall ensure submission of all necessary information (e.g., high school transcripts, test scores) to the NCAA Eligibility Center to determine his or her academic initial-eligibility status prior to the end of the academic year in which the student-athlete is added to the squad list. The necessary information may be submitted through official or unofficial transcripts or test-score reports. [D] (Adopted: 4/30/09 effective 8/1/10 for two-year college transfer student-athletes who initially enroll full time at the certifying institution on or after 8/1/10)

14.5.4.7.1 Waiver. The Committee on Academics may waive the requirements of this legislation based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances for which a waiver is warranted. The Committee on Academics shall establish the process for reviewing such waiver requests. (Adopted: 4/30/09 effective 8/1/10
14.5.4.8 Waivers. The Division I Progress-To-Degree Waivers Committee (see Bylaw 21.7.5.1.3.2) shall have the authority to waive all two-year college transfer requirements based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances that warrant the waiver of the normal application of those regulations. The Progress-To-Degree Waivers Committee shall establish the process for granting such waivers and shall report annually to the Committee on Academics and to the membership the actions taken in summary aggregate form. (Adopted: 10/27/11 effective 4/1/12, Revised: 8/7/14)

14.5.5 Four-Year College Transfers. See Bylaw 13.1.1.3 for the prohibition against contacting student-athletes of another four-year collegiate institution without permission of that institution's athletics director.

14.5.5.1 General Rule. A transfer student from a four-year institution shall not be eligible for intercollegiate competition at a member institution until the student has fulfilled a residence requirement of one full academic year (two full semesters or three full quarters) at the certifying institution. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/27/00 effective 8/1/01, 3/10/04, 5/19/08, 6/24/09)

14.5.5.1.1 Attendance for One Academic Year. A transfer student from a four-year institution who attended a four-year institution at least one academic year shall be eligible for financial aid (see Bylaw 14.5.5.4) and practice at a member institution under the rules of the institution and the conference of which the institution is a member, regardless of the student's qualification status (per Bylaw 14.3.1.1) at the time of initial enrollment. (Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/07)

14.5.5.1.2 Attendance for Less Than One Academic Year. A transfer student from a four-year institution who was not a qualifier (as defined in Bylaw 14.02.10.2) and who attended a four-year institution less than one full academic year shall not be eligible for competition during the first academic year of attendance at the certifying institution. Participation in practice sessions and the receipt of financial aid during the first academic year of attendance at the certifying institution by such students is governed by the provisions of Bylaw 14.3.2.1 (see Bylaw 14.5.5.4). (Revised: 1/3/06, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/07)

14.5.5.2 Exceptions for Transfers From Four-Year Colleges. A transfer student (other than one under disciplinary suspension per Bylaw 14.5.1.2) from a four-year collegiate institution is not subject to the residence requirement for intercollegiate competition, provided the student does not have an unfulfilled residence requirement at the institution from which he or she is transferring (except for the return to original institution without participation or with minimal participation exception) and any of the following exceptions is satisfied. During the student-athlete's first academic year of full-time collegiate enrollment, such conditions may serve as a basis for an exception to the residence requirement only for transfer students who, at the time of initial collegiate enrollment, met the requirements for qualifiers (set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1) in Division I. (Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/27/00 effective 8/1/01, 3/10/04, 5/19/08, 6/24/09)

14.5.5.2.1 Educational Exchange Exception. The student returns to his or her original institution under any of the following conditions:
(a) After participation in a cooperative educational exchange program, provided the student is to receive a baccalaureate degree from the institution from which the student transferred to participate in the exchange program;
(b) After one semester or quarter of attendance at another institution for purposes of taking academic courses not available at the original institution, regardless of whether they are required in the degree program the student-athlete is pursuing at the first institution. In such an instance, the student also may take additional courses that were available at the first institution; or
(c) After one academic year of attendance at another collegiate institution, in accordance with the program recommended by the appropriate academic officer at the original institution, provided the student was in good academic standing at the time the student left the original institution.

14.5.5.2.2 Exchange Student Exception. The student is enrolled in the certifying institution for a specified period of time as a bona fide exchange student participating in a formal educational exchange program that is an established requirement of the student-athlete's curriculum. (Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/92)

14.5.5.2.3 Discontinued Academic Program Exception. The student changed institutions in order to continue a major course of study because the original institution discontinued the academic program in the student's major. (Revised: 4/27/00)

14.5.5.2.4 International Student Program Exception. The individual is an international student who is required to transfer (one or more times) because of a study program predetermined by the government of the student's nation or the sponsoring educational organization.

14.5.5.2.5 Military Service Exception. The student returns from at least 12 months of active service in the armed forces of the United States. (Revised: 1/9/06, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09)

14.5.5.2.5.1 Collegiate Enrollment Concurrent With Military Service. The amount of time that an individual is enrolled as a regular student in a collegiate institution while concurrently on active
military duty may not be counted as a part of the 12-month active-duty period that qualifies a student for an exception to the transfer-residence requirement. (Revised: 1/9/06, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09)

14.5.5.2.6 Discontinued/Nonsponsored Sport Exception. In a particular sport when the student transfers at any time to the certifying institution and participates in the sport on the intercollegiate level after any of the following conditions has occurred:

(a) The student’s original four-year collegiate institution dropped (or has publicly announced it will drop) the sport (in which the student has practiced or competed at that institution in intercollegiate competition) from its intercollegiate program; or (Revised: 3/10/04)

(b) The student’s original four-year collegiate institution reclassified (or has publicly announced it will reclassify) the sport (in which the student has practiced or competed at that institution in intercollegiate competition) from Division I to Division III status, and the student subsequently had not competed in that sport on the Division III level; or (Revised: 3/10/04)

(c) The student’s original four-year collegiate institution never sponsored the sport on the intercollegiate level while the student was in attendance at the institution, provided the student had never transferred from any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that particular sport.

14.5.5.2.6.1 Original Institution. In applying this provision for an exception to the residence requirement, the original collegiate institution shall be the one in which the student was enrolled immediately prior to transfer to the certifying institution, it being understood that, if the student is transferring from an institution that never sponsored the sport on the intercollegiate level, the student never shall have attended any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that sport.

14.5.5.2.7 Two-Year Nonparticipation or Minimal Participation Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution from another four-year college and, for a consecutive two-year period immediately before the date on which the student begins participation (practice and/or competition), the student has neither engaged in intercollegiate competition nor engaged in other countable athletically related activities in the involved sport in intercollegiate athletics beyond a 14-consecutive-day period, and has neither practiced with a noncollegiate amateur team nor engaged in organized noncollegiate amateur competition while enrolled as a full-time student in a collegiate institution. The 14-consecutive-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity (see Bylaw 17.02.1). The two-year period does not include any period of time before the student’s initial collegiate enrollment. (Revised: 1/10/95, 1/9/06)

14.5.5.2.8 Return to Original Institution Without Participation or With Minimal Participation Exception. The student transfers to a second four-year collegiate institution, does not compete at the second institution and does not engage in other countable athletically related activities in the involved sport at the second institution beyond a 14-consecutive-day period and returns to the original institution. The 14-consecutive-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity (see Bylaw 17.02.1). A student may use this exception even if he or she has an unfulfilled residence requirement at the institution from which he or she is transferring. (Revised: 3/10/04, 1/9/06)

14.5.5.2.9 Nonrecruited Student Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution, and the following conditions are met:

(a) The student-athlete was not recruited by the certifying institution (per Bylaw 13.02.13.1);

(b) No athletically related financial assistance has been received by the student-athlete; and

(c) The student-athlete has not competed for any previous institution and has not engaged in other countable athletically related activities in intercollegiate athletics beyond a 14-consecutive-day period at any previous institution. The 14-consecutive-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity (see Bylaw 17.02.1). (Revised: 1/9/06)

14.5.5.2.10 One-Time Transfer Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution from another four-year collegiate institution, and all of the following conditions are met (for graduate students, see Bylaw 14.6.1): (Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)

(a) The student is a participant in a sport other than baseball, basketball, bowl subdivision football or men’s ice hockey at the institution to which the student is transferring. A participant in championship subdivision football at the institution to which the student is transferring may use this exception only if the participant transferred to the certifying institution from an institution that sponsors bowl subdivision football and has two or more seasons of competition remaining in football or the participant transfers from a Football Championship Subdivision institution that offers athletically related financial aid in football to a Football Championship Subdivision institution that does not
offer athletically related financial aid in football; (Revised: 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 11/1/00 effective 8/1/01, 4/27/06 effective 10/15/06, 12/15/06, 4/27/07 effective 8/1/08 applicable to student-athletes who transfer on or after 8/1/08)

(b) The student has not transferred previously from one four-year institution unless, in the previous transfer, the student-athlete received an exception per Bylaw 14.5.5.2.6 (discontinued/nonsponsored sport exception); (Revised: 1/11/94, 1/11/97)

(c) At the time of transfer to the certifying institution (see Bylaw 14.5.2), the student would have been academically eligible had he or she remained at the institution from which the student transferred, except that he or she is not required to have fulfilled the necessary percentage-of-degree requirements at the previous institution; and (Revised: 1/10/95, 1/9/96, 4/22/11)

(d) If the student is transferring from an NCAA or NAIA member institution, the student’s previous institution shall certify in writing that it has no objection to the student being granted an exception to the transfer-residence requirement. If an institution receives a written request for a release from a student-athlete, the institution shall grant or deny the request within seven business days. If the institution fails to respond to the student-athlete’s written request within seven business days, the release shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide a written release to the student-athlete. (Revised: 1/11/94, 4/26/01, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)

14.5.5.2.10.1 Hearing Opportunity. If the student’s previous institution denies his or her written request for the release, the institution shall inform the student-athlete in writing that he or she, upon written request, shall be provided a hearing conducted by an institutional entity or committee outside the athletics department (e.g., the office of student affairs; office of the dean of students; or a committee composed of the faculty athletics representative, student-athletes and nonathletics faculty/staff members). The institution shall conduct the hearing and provide written results of the hearing to the student-athlete within 15 business days (see Bylaw 14.02.3) of receipt of the student-athlete’s written request for a hearing. The student-athlete shall be provided the opportunity to actively participate (e.g., in person, via telephone) in the hearing. If the institution fails to conduct the hearing or provide the written results to the student-athlete within 15 business days, the release shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide a written release to the student-athlete. (Revised: 1/11/94, 4/26/01, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10)

14.5.5.2.10.2 Nonrecruited Student. A student-athlete who does not qualify for the exception due to Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10-(a) may use the one-time transfer exception, provided he or she was not recruited by the original four-year institution and has never received institutional athletically related financial aid from any four-year institution. (Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)

14.5.5.3 Competition in Year of Transfer. A transfer student from a four-year institution, who has received a waiver of or qualifies for an exception to the transfer residence requirement (per Bylaw 14.5.5.2), is not eligible to compete at the certifying institution during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship if the student-athlete has competed during that segment of the same academic year in that sport at the previous four-year institution. (Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)

14.5.5.4 Eligibility for Institutional Athletically Related Financial Aid. A transfer student from a four-year institution may receive institutional athletically related financial aid during his or her first academic year at the certifying institution only if he or she would have been academically eligible to compete during the next regular academic term had the student-athlete remained at the previous institution. A student-athlete who transfers from a four-year institution to a two-year institution and then to the certifying institution shall complete at least one regular academic term of enrollment at the two-year institution to be eligible for institutional athletically related financial aid at the certifying institution. (Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/07; Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)

14.5.5.4.1 Exceptions. A four-year transfer student-athlete may receive institutional athletically related financial aid during his or her first academic year at the certifying institution, provided: (Adopted: 9/18/07)

(a) The student-athlete transferred from a four-year institution that did not sponsor the student-athlete’s sport on the intercollegiate level while he or she was in attendance and the student did not previously transfer from any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in the sport; or

(b) The student-athlete has not participated in intercollegiate competition and has not engaged in other countable athletically related activities in the sport beyond a 14-consecutive-day period.

14.5.6 4-2-4 College Transfers. A student who transfers from a four-year college to a two-year college and then to the certifying institution shall complete one academic year of residence at the certifying institution prior to engaging in intercollegiate competition, unless: (Revised: 1/10/90, 2/16/00, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12; for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/12)

(a) The student has completed an average of at least 12 semester or quarter hours of transferable-degree credit, with a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.500, acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for each term of full-time attendance at the two-year college following transfer from the four-year college most recently attended;
(b) One calendar year has elapsed since the student’s departure from the previous four-year college (one year since the date that the student-athlete takes formal action with the appropriate institutional authorities required for all students to indicate that the student-athlete is leaving the previous four-year institution and no longer will be attending classes); and

(c) The student has graduated from the two-year college (see Bylaws 14.5.4.5.1 and 14.5.4.5.3.2).

14.5.6.1 Exceptions. A “4-2-4” transfer student who does not meet the requirements of Bylaw 14.5.6 is not subject to the residence requirement for intercollegiate competition if any of the following conditions are met: (Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 9/18/07, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12; for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/12)

(a) The student returns to the four-year college from which he or she transferred to the two-year college, provided the student did not have an unfulfilled residence requirement at the time of the transfer from the four-year college. The amount of time originally spent in residence at the first four-year college may be used by the student in completing the unfulfilled residence requirement at that institution;

(b) The student initially was enrolled in a four-year collegiate institution that never sponsored the student’s sport on the intercollegiate level while the student was in attendance at the institution (provided the student never had attended any other four-year collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that particular sport) and provided the student was a qualifier and satisfactorily completed an average of at least 12 semester or quarter hours of transferable-degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution during each academic term of attendance with a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.500 (see Bylaw 14.5.4.5.3.2), and spent at least two semesters or three quarters in residence at the two-year college (excluding summer sessions); or

(c) The student qualifies for an exception to the two-year college transfer requirements (see Bylaw 14.5.4.6) and qualifies for the same exception to the four-year college transfer residence requirement (see Bylaw 14.5.5.2).

14.5.6.2 Additional Transferable Degree Credit Requirements for Nonqualifiers. A student who was not a qualifier shall have satisfactorily completed a minimum of six semester or eight quarter hours of transferable English credit, three semester or four quarter hours of transferable math credit and three semester or four quarter hours of transferable natural/physical science credit. Remedial English, math and natural/physical science courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement. The student may use transferable English, math and natural/physical science credits earned while enrolled at a previous four-year college to meet these requirements. (Adopted: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12; for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/12)

14.5.6.3 Use of Physical Education Activity Courses. Not more than two credit hours of physical education activity courses may be used to fulfill the transferable-degree credit and grade-point average requirements. However, a student-athlete enrolling in a physical education degree program or a degree program in education that requires physical education activity courses may use up to the minimum number of credits of physical education activity courses that are required for the specific degree program to fulfill the transferable-degree credit and grade-point average requirements. Additional credit hours of physical education activity courses may not be used to fulfill elective requirements. (Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10; applicable to men’s basketball 4-2-4 college transfer student-athletes who enroll full time as transfer students at a Division I institution on or after 8/1/10, Revised: 4/13/10, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12; for sports other than men’s basketball, applicable to student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/12)

14.5.6.5 Calendar-Year Time Lapse. It is not required that the calendar year specified in Bylaw 14.5.6 elapse prior to the student’s initial enrollment as a regular student in the second four-year institution, but the calendar year must elapse before the student represents the certifying institution in intercollegiate competition. However, the student-athlete shall be eligible on the first day of classes or on the date of the first scheduled intercollegiate contest that falls earlier than the first day of classes in the regular academic term in which the student would become eligible, provided the student has fulfilled the one-academic-year requirement.

14.5.6.6 Transfer Prior to Completion of Requirements. All transfer requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.6, except the calendar-year time-lapse requirement (see Bylaw 14.5.6.5), must be met prior to the student-athlete’s transfer to the certifying institution. Thus, if a student-athlete transfers from a four-year institution to a two-year college and, prior to completing the applicable transfer requirements, transfers to a member institution, the student-athlete shall be subject to the one-year residence requirement, even though during the course of that one-year residence at the certifying institution, the student-athlete may complete the necessary requirements.

14.5.6.7 Eligibility for Institutional Athletically Related Financial Aid. A student-athlete who transfers from a four-year institution to a two-year institution and then to the certifying institution shall complete at least one regular academic term of enrollment at the two-year institution to be eligible for institutional athletically related financial aid at the certifying institution. (See Bylaw 14.5.5.4.) (Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)

14.5.6.8 Submission of Information Necessary to Determine Academic Initial-Eligibility Status. An institution shall ensure submission of all necessary information (e.g., high school transcripts, test scores) to the NCAA Eligibility Center to determine the academic initial-eligibility status of a 4-2-4 transfer student-athlete prior to the end of the student-athlete’s first regular academic term of full-time enrollment at the institu-
tion. If a 4-2-4 transfer student-athlete is added to an institution's squad list after the end of his or her first regular academic term of full-time enrollment at the institution, the institution shall ensure submission of all necessary information (e.g., high school transcripts, test scores) to the NCAA Eligibility Center to determine his or her academic initial-eligibility status prior to the end of the academic year in which the student-athlete is added to the squad list. The necessary information may be submitted through official or unofficial transcripts or test-score reports. [D] (Adopted: 4/30/09 effective 8/1/10 for 4-2-4 transfer student-athletes who initially enroll full time at the certifying institution on or after 8/1/10)

14.5.6.8.1 Waiver. The Committee on Academics may waive the requirements of this legislation based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances for which a waiver is warranted. The Committee on Academics shall establish the process for reviewing such waiver requests. (Adopted: 4/30/09 effective 8/1/10 for 4-2-4 transfer student-athletes who initially enroll full time at the certifying institution on or after 8/1/10, Revised: 8/7/14)

14.5.6.9 Waivers. The Division I Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee (see Bylaw 21.7.5.1.3.2) shall have the authority to waive all two-year college transfer requirements based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances that warrant the waiver of the normal application of those regulations. The Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee shall establish the process for granting such waivers and shall report annually to the Committee on Academics and to the membership the actions taken in summary aggregate form. (Adopted: 10/27/11 effective 4/1/12, Revised: 8/7/14)

14.6 Graduate Student/Postbaccalaureate Participation.
A student-athlete who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of the same institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree, a student-athlete who is enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree at the same institution, or a student-athlete who has graduated and is continuing as a full-time student at the same institution while taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of another major or degree as defined and documented by the institution, may participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student has eligibility remaining and such participation occurs within the applicable five-year period set forth in Bylaw 12.8 (see Bylaw 14.2.2.1.4). (Revised: 8/1/96, Revised: 1/10/90, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, 7/31/14)

14.6.1 One-Time Transfer Exception. A graduate student who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of an institution other than the institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree, a student-athlete who is enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree at the same institution, or a student-athlete who has graduated and is continuing as a full-time student at the same institution while taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of another major or degree as defined and documented by the institution, may participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student has eligibility remaining and such participation occurs within the applicable five-year period set forth in Bylaw 12.8. A graduate student who does not meet the one-time transfer exception due to the restrictions of Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10-(a) shall qualify for this exception, provided: (Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 4/27/06, 1/6/07 effective 8/1/07, 4/28/11 effective 8/1/11, 7/31/14)

(a) The student fulfills the remaining conditions of Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10;
(b) The student has at least one season of competition remaining; and
(c) The student's previous institution did not renew his or her athletically related financial aid for the following academic year.

14.6.2 International Student Exception. The remaining eligibility of a student who has received a foreign postsecondary degree that is identified as a “baccalaureate” but is not equivalent to a U.S. baccalaureate and who is entering an undergraduate program must be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the International-Student Records Committee. (Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 7/31/14)

14.6.3 Postseason Event Following Last Term of Eligibility. A student-athlete who is eligible during the term in which degree work is completed (or is eligible as a graduate, per Bylaw 14.6) remains eligible for any postseason event that begins within 60 days after the end of the term in which the student completes the requirements for the degree (or graduate eligibility). (Revised: 8/1/93, 1/10/95, 2/11/05, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/14/12, 8/21/12, 7/31/14)

14.6.4 Disciplinary Suspension. A graduate student who transfers to the certifying institution while disqualified or suspended from the previous institution for disciplinary reasons (as opposed to academic reasons) must complete one calendar year of residence at the certifying institution before he or she may be eligible for competition. (Adopted: 4/15/14, Revised: 7/31/14)

14.7 Additional Waivers for Eligibility Requirements.
Conditions under which exceptions are permitted or waivers may be granted to specific eligibility requirements in this bylaw are noted in other sections of this bylaw. (Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)

14.7.1 Academic and General Requirements Waivers. The Committee on Academics may waive academic and general eligibility requirements under the following conditions or circumstances: (Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)

(a) For student-athletes in times of national emergency;
(b) For member institutions that have instituted a trimester or other accelerated academic program, provided any member institution applying for a waiver shall demonstrate a reasonable need for such waiver. Further, no waiver shall be granted that permits a student-athlete to compete in more than the maximum permissible number of seasons of intercollegiate competition (see Bylaw 12.8). Under the waiver allowed, if a student in an accelerated academic program completes the requirements for a degree before completing eligibility, the student may participate in competition that begins within 90 days after completion of the requirements for the degree; and (Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)

(c) For institutions that have suffered extraordinary personnel losses from one or more of their intercollegiate athletics teams due to accident or illness of a disastrous nature.

14.7.2 Residence Requirement Waivers. The Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief may waive the one-year residence requirement for student-athletes under the following conditions or circumstances: (Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)

(a) For a student-athlete who transfers to a member institution for reasons of health. Such request for waiver shall be initiated by the member institution from which the student-athlete is transferring and shall be supported by medical recommendations of that institution’s team physician and/or the student-athlete’s personal physician;

(b) For a student-athlete who transfers to a member institution after loss of eligibility due to a violation of the regulation prohibiting pay for participation in intercollegiate athletics (see Bylaw 12.1.2); a violation of recruiting regulations (see Bylaw 13.01.1); or for a student-athlete who transfers to a Division I institution after loss of eligibility due to involvement in a violation of the freshman or transfer eligibility requirements for financial aid, practice and competition set forth in Bylaws 14.3.1, 14.5.4, 14.5.5 and 14.5.6. These requirements may be waived only on a determination of the innocence or inadvertent involvement of the student-athlete in the violation; (Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08)

(c) On the recommendation of the Committee on Infractions, for a student-athlete who transfers to a member institution to continue the student-athlete’s opportunity for full participation in a sport because the student-athlete’s original institution was placed on probation by the NCAA with sanctions that would preclude the institution’s team in that sport from participating in postseason competition during all of the remaining seasons of the student-athlete’s eligibility (see also Bylaw 13.1.1.3.3); and (Revised: 1/10/92)

(d) On the recommendation of the Committee on Academics, for a student-athlete who transfers to a member institution to continue the student-athlete’s opportunity for full participation in a sport because the student-athlete’s original institution is ineligible for postseason competition, pursuant to the Academic Performance Program, that would preclude the institution’s team in that sport from participating in postseason competition during all of the remaining seasons of the student-athlete’s eligibility, provided the student-athlete would have been academically eligible had he or she remained at his or her original institution (see also Bylaw 13.1.1.3.4). (Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 8/7/14)

14.8 Academic Performance Program.

14.8.1 Penalties, Rewards and Access to Postseason Competition.

14.8.1.1 Penalties. The Committee on Academics shall notify an institution or team when it fails to satisfy the appropriate academic standards as outlined in the academic performance program. The institution shall then apply the applicable penalty pursuant to the policies of the academic performance program. (Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 7/31/13, 8/7/14)

14.8.1.1.1 Determination of Penalties. The Committee on Academics shall apply multiple levels of analysis when identifying those institutions or teams that fail to satisfy the academic performance program. The Committee on Academic Performance shall publish annually to the Division I membership the standards for determining unsatisfactory performance under the academic performance program. An institution or team may be required to apply penalties for failing to meet the identified review factors, as determined by the committee’s policies and procedures. (Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 8/6/09, 7/31/13, 8/7/14)

14.8.1.1.2 Progression of Penalties. Any institution or team that fails to satisfy the academic performance program may be required to apply the following penalties as specified in the policies and procedures of the academic performance program. (Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 7/31/13)

14.8.1.1.2.1 Level One Penalties. On the first occasion that an institution or team fails to satisfy the academic performance program, an institution or team must apply restrictions in the area of playing and practice seasons based on the policies and procedures of the academic performance program and a monitoring period shall begin. (Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 10/27/11; applicable to penalties assessed for the 2012-13 academic year and beyond, 7/31/13)

14.8.1.1.2.1.1 Appeal Opportunity. An institution or team may appeal the application of Level One penalties to the Committee on Academics, as specified by the committee’s policies and procedures. (Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 10/27/11; applicable to penalties assessed for the 2012-13 academic year and beyond, 7/31/13, 8/7/14)
14.8.1.2.1 Monitoring Period. An institution or team that receives Level One penalties under the above must satisfy the identified review factors, as determined by the committee's policies and procedures, for three consecutive years before it is released from eligibility for the next level of penalties. (Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 8/6/09, 10/27/11; applicable to penalties assessed for the 2012-13 academic year and beyond, 7/31/13)

14.8.1.2.2 Level Two Penalties. On the second occasion that an institution or team fails to satisfy the academic performance program, it must apply additional restrictions in playing and practice seasons based on the policies and procedures of the academic performance program. (Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/07, 10/27/11; applicable to penalties assessed for the 2012-13 academic year and beyond, 7/31/13)

14.8.1.2.2.1 Appeal Opportunity. An institution or team may appeal the application of Level Two penalties to the Committee on Academics, as specified by the committee's policies and procedures. (Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 8/6/09, 10/27/11; applicable to penalties assessed for the 2012-13 academic year and beyond, 7/31/13)

14.8.1.2.2.2 Monitoring Period. An institution or team that receives Level Two penalties under the above must satisfy the identified review factors, as determined by the committee's policies and procedures, for three consecutive years before it is released from being subject to Level Three penalties. (Adopted: 10/27/11; applicable to penalties assessed for the 2012-13 academic year and beyond, Revised: 7/31/13)

14.8.1.2.3 Level Three Penalties. On the third occasion that an institution or team fails to satisfy the academic performance program, the institution shall apply penalties as specified in the policies and procedures of the academic performance program and subject to the approval by the Committee on Academics. (Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 8/6/09, 10/27/11; applicable to penalties assessed for the 2012-13 academic year and beyond, 7/31/13, 8/7/14)

14.8.1.2.3.1 Appeal Opportunity. An institution or team may appeal the application of Level Three penalties to the Committee on Academics, as specified by the committee's policies and procedures. (Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 8/6/09, 10/27/11; applicable to penalties assessed for the 2012-13 academic year and beyond, 7/31/13, 8/7/14)

14.8.1.2.3.2 Monitoring Period. An institution or team that receives Level Three penalties under the above must satisfy the identified review factors, as determined by the committee's policies and procedures, for three consecutive years before it is released from being subject to additional Level Three penalties. (Adopted: 10/27/11; applicable to penalties assessed for the 2012-13 academic year and beyond, Revised: 7/31/13)

14.8.1.2 Access to Postseason Competition. An institution or team that fails to satisfy the academic performance program shall be ineligible for any postseason competition, as specified in the policies and procedures of the academic performance program. (Adopted: 10/27/11; applicable to penalties assessed for the 2012-13 academic year and beyond, Revised: 7/31/13)

14.8.1.2.1 Determining Access to Postseason Competition. The Committee on Academics shall apply multiple levels of analysis to identify institutions or teams that are ineligible for postseason competition. The Committee on Academics shall publish annually to the Division I membership the standards for determining eligibility for postseason competition under the academic performance program. (Adopted: 10/27/11; applicable to penalties assessed for the 2012-13 academic year and beyond, Revised: 7/31/13, 8/7/14)

14.8.1.2.2 Individual Sports. A student-athlete who is a member of an individual sport team (see Bylaw 17.02.17.2) that is ineligible for postseason competition pursuant to Bylaw 14.8.1.2 shall not participate in postseason competition, including NCAA championships, as an individual (see Bylaw 14.4). (Adopted: 10/27/11; applicable to penalties assessed for the 2012-13 academic year and beyond, Revised: 7/31/13)

14.8.1.2.3 Appeal Opportunity. An institution or team may appeal the application of postseason ineligibility to the Committee on Academics, as specified in the committee's policies and procedures. (Adopted: 10/27/11; applicable to penalties assessed for the 2012-13 academic year and beyond, Revised: 7/31/13, 8/7/14)

14.8.2 Appeal Procedures. An institution or team subject to penalty (or penalties) due to its failure to satisfy the appropriate standards of the academic performance program may appeal the application of such penalty (or penalties) to the Committee on Academics, as specified by the committee's policies and procedures. (Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 10/27/11; applicable to penalties assessed for the 2012-13 academic year and beyond, 7/31/13, 8/7/14)

14.8.2.1 Authority and Duties of Committee. The Committee on Academics shall act on appeals from institutions or teams subject to penalty (or penalties) pursuant to the legislation and the standards and procedures of the academic performance program published to the membership on an annual basis. The committee's determination shall be final, binding and conclusive and shall not be subject to further review by any other authority unless otherwise specified in this bylaw (see Bylaw 14.8.2.2). (Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 7/31/13, 8/7/14)
14.8.2.2 Appeal of Committee on Academics Decision. An institution may appeal a decision issued by the Committee on Academics to the designated subcommittee of the Board of Directors under the following conditions: *(Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 7/31/13, 8/7/14)*

(a) The penalty (or penalties) at issue in the appeal involves Level Three penalties; and *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11; 10/27/11; applicable to penalties assessed for the 2012-13 academic year and beyond, 7/31/13)*

(b) An institution or team appealing a decision of the Committee on Academics must demonstrate that the committee abused its discretion in applying the legislation and/or policies and procedures of the academic performance program. An institution may not seek an appeal for substitution of the committee’s judgment.


14.8.3.1 Amendment of Policies and Procedures. The Committee on Academics may establish or amend the policies and procedures of the academic performance program. The Board of Directors, at its discretion, may review, amend and/or act on any academic performance program policy adopted by the Committee on Academics. *(Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 7/31/13, 8/7/14, 11/05/14)*

14.8.3.1.1 Notification to Membership. The Committee on Academics shall notify the membership of any changes to the policies and procedures of the academic performance program. *(Adopted: 4/29/04, Revised: 7/31/13, 8/7/14)*
**FIGURE 14-1**
Initial Eligibility

How NCAA legislation (Bylaw 14.3) affects student-athletes during their initial year of college attendance.

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<th>Are they eligible for...</th>
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<td>Academic/tutoring services</td>
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<td>Competition</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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| Complimentary admissions  
  One for self; all regular-season home athletics contests | Yes | Yes |
| Four complimentary admissions; home or away contests in the student-athlete's sport | Yes | No |
| Conditioning program  
  (including workout apparel) | Yes | Yes (supervised only by institution's strength coach or trainer for safety purposes) |
| Drug-rehabilitation expenses | Yes | Yes |
| Financial aid  
  Regular term | Yes | Yes (aid must be based on financial need and may not be from an athletics source) |
| Summer-orientation program  
  (subject to the conditions of Bylaws 15.2.8.1.3 and 15.2.8.1.4) | Yes | Yes |
| Summer school prior to initial year  
  (subject to the conditions of Bylaws 15.2.8.1.3 and 15.2.8.1.4) | Yes | Yes |
| Training table | Yes | No (unless student-athlete pays full cost) |
| Institutional awards  
  Banquets—expenses/meals | Yes | No |
| Insurance, athletics medical | Yes | Yes |
| Occasional home meal | Yes | Yes |
| Outside competition (basketball)  
  During the season | No (except intramurals) | No (except intramurals) |
| During remainder of the academic year  
  (other than during the season) | No (except intramurals) | No (except intramurals) |
<p>| Summer after initial academic year | Yes (only in approved summer league) | Yes (only in approved summer league) |</p>
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<td>Tryouts for outside teams</td>
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<td>Practice</td>
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<td>Promotional activities that do not involve countable athletically related activities</td>
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<td>Promotional activities that involve countable athletically related activities (e.g., midnight madness)</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Promotional materials, inclusion of photos in media guide, game programs, brochures, etc.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Rehabilitation expenses (postsurgical) for injury unrelated to athletics participation</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Student host</td>
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<td>Surgical expenses for injury during voluntary workout</td>
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<td>Team travel</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Training-room facilities (in conjunction with weight-training program)</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Weight training</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes (supervised only by institution's strength coach or trainer for safety purposes)</td>
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**BYLAW, ARTICLE 15**

**Financial Aid**

**15.01 General Principles.**

**15.01.1 Institutional Financial Aid Permitted.** A student-athlete may receive scholarships or educational grants-in-aid administered by (see Bylaw 15.02.1) an educational institution that do not conflict with the governing legislation of this Association. (See Bylaws 15.01.6.1, 16.3, 16.4 and 16.12.) *(Revised: 5/26/09)*

**15.01.1.1 Financial Aid to Attend Another Institution.** An institution may not provide financial aid to a student-athlete to attend another institution, except as specifically authorized by NCAA legislation. *(Adopted: 1/16/93)*

**15.01.2 Improper Financial Aid.** Any student-athlete who receives financial aid other than that permitted by the Association shall not be eligible for intercollegiate athletics.

**15.01.3 Financial Aid Not Administered by Institution.** Any student who receives financial aid other than that administered by the student-athlete’s institution shall not be eligible for intercollegiate athletics competition, unless it is specifically approved under the Association’s rules of amateurism (see Bylaw 12) or the aid is: *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

(a) Received from one upon whom the student-athlete is naturally or legally dependent; or
(b) Awarded solely on bases having no relationship to athletics ability; or
(c) Awarded through an established and continuing program to aid students under the conditions listed in Bylaw 15.2.6.3.

**15.01.4 Contributions by Donor.** An individual may contribute funds to finance a scholarship or grant-in-aid for a particular sport, but the decision as to how such funds are to be allocated in the sport shall rest exclusively with the institution. It is not permissible for a donor to contribute funds to finance a scholarship or grant-in-aid for a particular student-athlete.

**15.01.5 Eligibility of Student-Athletes for Institutional Financial Aid.** A student-athlete must meet applicable NCAA (see Bylaw 14), conference and institutional regulations to be eligible for institutional financial aid. If these regulations are met, the student-athlete may be awarded institutional financial aid during any term in which a student-athlete is in regular attendance [was enrolled initially in a minimum full-time program of studies as defined by the certifying institution during that term (see Bylaw 14.2.2.1.3 for final term exception and Bylaw 15.2.8 for summer-term exception)] under the following circumstances: *(Revised: 6/8/99, 1/9/06 effective 8/1/07, 10/27/11)*

(a) The student-athlete is an undergraduate with eligibility remaining under Bylaw 12.8 (five-year rule); or
(b) The student-athlete is a graduate student eligible under Bylaw 14.6.

[Note: See Bylaw 13.1.1.3 for the financial aid implications in the prohibition against contacting student-athletes of another four-year collegiate institution without permission of that institution’s athletics director. See Bylaw 14.5.5.4 for financial aid implications related to the academic eligibility of four-year college transfers.]

**15.01.5.1 Exception—Part-Time Enrollment After Exhausted Eligibility.** An institution may provide financial aid to a student-athlete who has exhausted eligibility in his or her sport and is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, provided: *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

(a) The student-athlete is carrying for credit the courses necessary to complete degree requirements; or
(b) The student-athlete is carrying for credit all the degree-applicable courses necessary to complete his or her degree requirements that are offered by the institution during that term.

**15.01.5.2 Exception—Former Student-Athletes. [A]** Institutional financial aid may be awarded to a former student-athlete for any term during which he or she is enrolled (full time or part time). *(Adopted: 10/27/11, Revised: 8/7/14)*

**15.01.5.3 Effect of Violation of Conference Rule.** A violation of Bylaw 15.01.5 that relates only to a conference rule shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such a violation shall not affect the student-athlete’s eligibility. *(Adopted: 10/27/06)*

**15.01.6 Maximum Institutional Financial Aid to Individual.** An institution shall not award financial aid to a student-athlete that exceeds the cost of attendance that normally is incurred by students enrolled in a comparable program at that institution (see Bylaw 15.1). *(Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)*

**15.01.6.1 Student Assistance Fund.** The receipt of money from the NCAA Student Assistance Fund for student-athletes is not included in determining the permissible amount of financial aid that a member institution may award to a student-athlete. Member institutions and conferences shall not use money received from the fund to finance salaries; tuition and fees, room and board, and required course-related books during a regular term (other than summer school) for student-athletes with remaining eligibility; capital improvements; stipends; and outside athletics development opportunities for student-athletes (e.g., participation in a sports camp or
15.01.7 Sport-by-Sport Financial Aid Limitations. Division I may establish limitations on the number of financial aid awards a member institution may provide to countable student-athletes (counters) (see Bylaw 15.5).

15.01.8 Additional Financial Aid Limitations. The Committee on Academics shall have the authority to determine the circumstances that would require an institution or team(s) that fails to satisfy the academic performance program to apply additional financial aid limitations. The Committee on Academics shall establish and annually publish to the membership such circumstances (see Bylaw 14.8). (Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 8/7/14)

15.02 Definitions and Applications.

15.02.1 Administered By. Financial aid is administered by an institution if the institution, through its regular committee or other agency for the awarding of financial aid to students generally, makes the final determination of the student-athlete who is to receive the award and of its value.

15.02.2 Cost of Attendance. The “cost of attendance” is an amount calculated by an institutional financial aid office, using federal regulations, that includes the total cost of tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, transportation, and other expenses related to attendance at the institution. (Adopted: 1/11/94)

15.02.2.1 Calculation of Cost of Attendance. An institution must calculate the cost of attendance for student-athletes in accordance with the cost-of-attendance policies and procedures that are used for students in general. Accordingly, if an institution’s policy allows for students’ direct and indirect costs (e.g., tuition, fees, room and board, books, supplies, transportation, child care, cost related to a disability and miscellaneous personal expenses) to be adjusted on an individual basis from the institution’s standard cost figure, it is permissible to make the same adjustment for student-athletes, provided the adjustment is documented and is available on an equitable basis to all students with similar circumstances who request an adjustment. (Adopted: 1/11/94)

15.02.3 Counter. A “counter” is an individual who is receiving institutional financial aid that is countable against the aid limitations in a sport.

15.02.4 Financial Aid. “Financial aid” is funds provided to student-athletes from various sources to pay or assist in paying their cost of education at the institution. As used in NCAA legislation, “financial aid” includes all institutional financial aid and other permissible financial aid as set forth below. (See Bylaws 15.01.6.1, 16.2, 16.3 and 16.4.) (Revised: 5/26/09)

15.02.4.1 Athletically Related Financial Aid. Athletically related financial aid is financial aid that is awarded on any basis that is related to athletics ability, participation or achievement. If an application process specifically requests athletics participation or achievements as criteria for consideration in determining whether an applicant receives financial aid, aid received pursuant to such a process is athletically related financial aid. (Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)

15.02.4.2 Institutional Financial Aid. The following sources of financial aid are considered to be institutional financial aid: (Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)

(a) All funds administered by the institution, which include but are not limited to the following:

(1) Scholarships;
(2) Grants;
(3) Tuition waivers;
(4) Employee dependent tuition benefits, unless the parent or the legal guardian of a student-athlete has been employed as a full-time faculty/staff member for a minimum of five years; and
(5) Loans.

(b) Aid from government or private sources for which the institution is responsible for selecting the recipient or determining the amount of aid, or providing matching or supplementary funds for a previously determined recipient.

15.02.4.3 Other Permissible Financial Aid. The following sources of financial aid are also permitted: (Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)

(a) Financial aid received from anyone upon whom the student-athlete is naturally or legally dependent;
(b) Financial aid awarded solely on bases having no relationship to athletics ability;
(c) Financial aid awarded through an established and continuing outside program as outlined in Bylaw 15.2.6.3; and
(d) Educational expenses awarded by the U.S. Olympic Committee, which count against an institution’s sport-by-sport financial aid limitations and against the individual’s maximum limit on financial aid.
15.02.4.4 Exempted Institutional Financial Aid. The following institutional financial aid is exempt and is not counted in determining the institution’s financial aid limitations: (Revised: 1/10/91, 1/10/92, 4/25/02, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)

(a) An honorary award for outstanding academic achievement or an established institutional research grant that meets the criteria set forth in Bylaw 15.02.6 (and must be included in determining if the student-athlete’s cost of attendance has been met);

(b) A postgraduate scholarship awarded by an institution in accordance with Bylaw 16.1.4.1.1;

(c) Federal government grants awarded based on a student’s demonstrated financial need [e.g., Supplemental Educational Opportunities Grant (SEOG)], regardless of whether the institution is responsible for selecting the recipient or determining the amount of aid, or providing matching or supplementary funds for a previously determined recipient;

(d) State government grants awarded based on a student’s demonstrated financial need, regardless of whether the institution is responsible for selecting the recipient or determining the amount of aid, or providing matching or supplementary funds for a previously determined recipient, provided the aid is administered in accordance with the federal methodology for determining a student’s financial need and has no relationship to athletics ability. However, such aid is not exempt for purposes of determining a football or basketball student-athlete’s counter status pursuant to Bylaw 15.5.1.1;

(e) State government merit-based grants, regardless of whether the institution is responsible for selecting the recipient or determining the amount of aid, or providing matching or supplementary funds for a previously determined recipient, provided the aid is awarded consistent with the criteria of Bylaws 15.5.3.2.4.1, 15.5.3.2.4.2 or 15.5.3.2.4.3 and has no relationship to athletics ability. However, such aid is not exempt for purposes of determining a football or basketball student-athlete’s counter status pursuant to Bylaw 15.5.1.1; and

(f) Matching payments made by the Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program [see Bylaw 15.2.5.1-(e)].

15.02.4.5 Exempted Government Grants. Government grants listed in Bylaw 15.2.5.1 shall not be included when determining the cost of attendance for a student-athlete. (Revised: 1/11/89, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)

15.02.4.6 Operation Gold Grant. Funds administered by the U.S. Olympic Committee pursuant to its Operation Gold Grant program shall not be included when determining the cost of attendance for a student-athlete. (Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)

15.02.5 Full Grant-in-Aid. [A] A full grant-in-aid is financial aid that consists of tuition and fees, room and board, books, and other expenses related to attendance at the institution up to the cost of attendance established pursuant to Bylaws 15.02.2 and 15.02.2.1. (Revised: 8/7/14, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)

15.02.6 Honorary Academic Award/Research Grant. An honorary academic award for outstanding academic achievement or a research grant is an award that meets the following criteria: (Revised: 1/10/91, 1/10/92, 10/28/04, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08)

(a) The award or grant is a standing scholarship award or an established research grant;

(b) The basis for the award or grant shall be the candidate’s academic record at the awarding institution;

(c) The award or grant shall be determined by competition among the students of a particular class or college of the institution. Competition for the award or grant may include additional objective criteria unrelated to athletics abilities (e.g., gender, race and ethnicity, financial need); and

(d) The award or grant is included in determining if the student-athlete’s cost-of-attendance limitation has been met.

15.02.7 Period of Award. The period of award begins when the student-athlete receives any benefits as a part of the student’s grant-in-aid on the first day of classes for a particular academic term, or the first day of practice, whichever is earlier, until the conclusion of the period set forth in the financial aid agreement. An athletics grant-in-aid shall not be awarded in excess of the student-athlete’s five-year period of eligibility. (Revised: 10/27/11)

15.02.8 Recruited Student-Athlete. For purposes of Bylaw 15, a recruited student-athlete is a student-athlete who, as a prospective student-athlete: (Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)

(a) Was provided an official visit to the institution’s campus;

(b) Had an arranged, in-person, off-campus encounter with a member of the institution’s coaching staff (including a coach’s arranged, in-person, off-campus encounter with the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete’s parents, relatives or legal guardians); or

(c) Was issued a National Letter of Intent or a written offer of athletically related financial aid by the institution for a regular academic term.

15.02.9 Signature. For purposes of Bylaw 15, a signature includes an electronic authorization (e.g., electronic signature). (Adopted: 3/5/12)
15.1 Maximum Limit on Financial Aid—Individual. [A]

A student-athlete shall not be eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics if he or she receives financial aid that exceeds the value of the cost of attendance as defined in Bylaw 15.02.2. A student-athlete may receive institutional financial aid based on athletics ability (per Bylaw 15.02.4.2) and any other financial aid up to the value of his or her cost of attendance. (See Bylaws 15.01.6.1, 16.3, 16.4 and 16.12.) (Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 5/26/09, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 8/7/14, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)

15.1.1 Exception for Pell Grant. [A] A student-athlete who receives a Pell Grant may receive financial aid equivalent to the limitation set forth in Bylaw 15.1 or the value of a full grant-in-aid plus the Pell Grant, whichever is greater. (Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 8/7/14)

15.1.2 Types of Aid Included in Limit. In determining whether a student-athlete’s financial aid exceeds the cost of attendance, all institutional financial aid (per Bylaw 15.02.4.2) and all funds received from the following and similar sources shall be included (see Bylaws 15.02.4.4, 15.02.4.5 and 15.02.4.6 for types of financial aid that are exempt from a student-athlete's individual limit): (Revised: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)

(a) Government Grants. Government grants for educational purposes, except for those listed in Bylaw 15.2.5;
(b) Other Scholarships and Grants. Other outside scholarships or grants-in-aid; (Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)
(c) Gifts. The value of gifts given to a student-athlete following completion of eligibility in appreciation for or recognition of the student-athlete's athletics accomplishments;
(d) Professional Sports Stipend. Any bonus or salary (no matter when received or contracted for) from a professional sports organization;
(e) Athletics Participation Compensation. Any other income (no matter when received or contracted for) from participation in an athletics event (except funds that are administered by the U.S. Olympic Committee pursuant to its Operation Gold Grant Program) unless eligibility has been exhausted in that sport; and (Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)
(f) Loans. Loans, except legitimate loans that are based upon a regular repayment schedule, available to all students and administered on the same basis for all students.

15.1.3 Reduction When Excess Aid Is Awarded. In the event that a student-athlete’s financial aid from the sources listed in Bylaw 15.1.2, which includes institutional financial aid, will exceed the cost of attendance for the balance of the academic year, the institution shall reduce institutional financial aid so as not to exceed the cost of attendance. Payments credited to a student-athlete's account that are not refundable by the institution to the scholarship office or other appropriate institutional agency shall not become the student's obligation. (Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)

15.2 Elements of Financial Aid.

15.2.1 Tuition and Fees. An institution may provide a student-athlete financial aid that includes the actual cost of tuition and required institutional fees.

15.2.1.1 Permissible Fees. A student-athlete may be awarded financial aid that covers the payment of fees for a course in which the student-athlete is enrolled, if the course is part of the institution's regular curriculum (included in the institution's catalog of classes), and the institution pays these same fees for other students enrolled in the course who receive fees as a part of a grant-in-aid or scholarship.

15.2.1.2 Optional Fees. An institution may not pay fees for services offered on an optional basis to the student body in general.

15.2.1.3 Noninstitutional Fees and Expenses. Fees paid by an institution are confined to required institutional fees and do not include noninstitutional fees or expenses (e.g., the cost of typing reports for student-athletes).

15.2.1.4 Fees and Related Expenses for Prospective Student-Athletes. An institution shall not waive, pay in advance or guarantee payment of the following expenses for a prospective student-athlete, unless such benefits generally conform to institutional policy as it applies to other prospective student-grantees:

(a) The institution's processing fee required prior to the admissions office's evaluation of the prospective student-athlete's application;
(b) The orientation-counseling tests fee required of all incoming freshmen;
(c) The preadmission academic testing fee;
(d) Advance tuition payment or room deposit;
(e) Damage deposits for dormitory rooms;
(f) ROTC deposits for military equipment; or
(g) Any other pre-enrollment fees required of prospective student-grantees.
15.2.1.4.1 Fees Rebate. If the prospective student-athlete enrolls and is awarded financial aid covering institutional fees, the fees described in Bylaw 15.2.1.4-(a) through Bylaw 15.2.1.4-(d) may be rebated as a part of the institution's regular fees.

15.2.2 Room and Board. An institution may provide a student-athlete financial aid that includes the cost of room and board, based on the official allowance for a room as listed in the institution's official publication (e.g., catalog) and a board allowance that consists of three meals per day or the institution's maximum meal plan that is available to all students, whichever is greater. (Revised: 10/28/99 effective 8/1/00, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)

15.2.2.1 Room and Board Stipend. An institution may provide the student-athlete an amount equal to the institution's official on-campus room allowance as listed in its catalog, the average of the room costs of all of its students living on campus or the cost of room as calculated based on its policies and procedures for calculating the cost of attendance for all students. The institution also may provide the student-athlete an amount that is equivalent to the value of the maximum meal plan that is available to all students or the cost of meals as calculated based on its policies and procedures for calculating the cost of attendance for all students, excluding those meals provided as part of the training table. Meals provided on the training table shall be deducted at the regular cost figure from such a student-athlete's board allowance. (Revised: 1/10/92, 11/12/97, 10/28/99 effective 8/1/00, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)

15.2.2.2 Determination of Off-Campus Room Rates. An institution with several official on-campus room rates listed in its catalog may use the average of the room cost for all students living on campus (based on a weighted average for all students who reside in on-campus facilities) or the cost of room as calculated based on its policies and procedures for calculating the cost of attendance for all students. (Revised: 11/12/97, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06)

15.2.2.3 Institution With No On-Campus Room and Board Facilities. If an institution does not provide an official dollar amount for room and board in its catalog and does not have on-campus student room and board facilities, the figure provided to student-athletes for off-campus student room and board shall be the amount determined by the institution's office of financial aid as being commensurate with the average cost a student at that institution normally would incur living and eating in off-campus facilities. (Revised: 11/12/97)

15.2.2.4 Married Student Housing. Married student-athletes who live in noninstitutional housing are permitted to receive the same room and board allowance that is provided to married students with on-campus housing. If the institution does not provide on-campus room and board facilities for married students but has other on-campus dormitory facilities, it must use the provisions of Bylaw 15.2.2.1 in determining the amount of room-and-board expenses a married student-athlete who lives in noninstitutional facilities may receive. (Adopted: 1/10/92)

15.2.2.5 Cost-Free Apartment. It is permissible for the institution to arrange for a cost-free, off-campus apartment rather than to give a student-athlete an amount equal to the institution's official room allowance (as listed in its catalog) or the cost of a room as calculated based on its policies and procedures for calculating the cost of attendance for all students, provided the apartment is not rented by the institution at a reduced rate. However, if the actual rental rate is more than the institutional room allowance, the student-athlete shall pay the additional amount from the student-athlete's own resources. (Revised: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06)

15.2.2.6 Training-Table Meals. The cost of meals provided on the institution's training table shall be deducted from a student-athlete's board allowance. In determining the cost figure to be deducted, the institution may use the actual meal costs listed in the institution's catalog or the average meal costs of its student-athletes living on campus.

15.2.2.7 Meals Incidental to Participation. The cost of meals and snacks provided as benefits incidental to participation in intercollegiate athletics need not be deducted from a student-athlete's board allowance. Such meals and snacks also may be received by a student-athlete who is not receiving athletically related financial aid inasmuch as they constitute a benefit incidental to athletics participation [see Bylaw 16.5.2-(d)]. (Revised: 4/24/14)

15.2.2.8 Facility Designated by Institution. It is permissible for the institution to require a grant-in-aid recipient to obtain room and board in a facility designated by the institution, provided the requirement is contained in the written statement outlining the amount, duration, conditions and terms of the financial aid agreement (see Bylaw 15.3.2.2).

15.2.2.9 Summer Dormitory Rentals. An institution may rent dormitory space to a prospective or enrolled student-athlete during the summer months at the regular institutional rate, if it is the institution's policy to make such dormitory space available on the same basis to all prospective or enrolled students.

15.2.2.10 Food Stamps. A grant-in-aid recipient who lives and eats off campus may use the money provided for his or her board to obtain governmental food stamps, provided the stamps are available to the student body in general. Additionally, the student-athlete must be eligible for such stamps without any special arrangements on the part of athletics department personnel or representatives of the institution's athletics interests.
15.2.3 **Books.** A member institution may provide a student-athlete financial aid that covers the actual cost of required course-related books. [R] (Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03)

15.2.3.1 **Dollar Limit.** There is no dollar limit for books a student-athlete may receive, provided each book is required for a course in which the student-athlete is enrolled. The institution may provide the student-athlete with cash to purchase books, as long as the amount of cash provided is equal to the actual cost of the books purchased. [R] (Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03)

15.2.4 **Other Expenses Related to Attendance.** An institution may provide a student-athlete financial aid that covers other expenses related to attendance in combination with other permissible elements of financial aid (per Bylaw 15.2) up to the cost of attendance (see Bylaws 15.02.2 and 15.1). (See Bylaws 15.01.6.1, 16.3, 16.4 and 16.12.) (Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 5/26/09)

15.2.5 **Government Grants.** Government grants for educational purposes shall be included when determining the permissible amount of the cost of attendance for a student-athlete, except for those listed in Bylaw 15.2.5.1. (Revised: 1/11/89, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/21/05)

15.2.5.1 **Exempted Government Grants.** The following government grants for educational purposes shall not be included when determining the permissible amount of the cost of attendance of a student-athlete: (Adopted: 1/11/89, Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/10/05)

(a) **AmeriCorps Program.** Benefits received by student-athletes under the AmeriCorps Program; (Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)

(b) **Disabled Veterans.** State government awards to disabled veterans; (Adopted: 4/28/05)

(c) **Military Reserve Training Programs.** Payments to student-athletes for participation in military reserve training programs;

(d) **Montgomery G.I. Bill.** Benefits received by student-athletes under the Montgomery Bill—Active Duty and the Montgomery G.I. Bill—Selected Reserve;

(e) **Post-9/11 G.I. Bill.** Benefits received under the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill, including matching payments made by the Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program. [Contributions made by the institution pursuant to the Yellow Ribbon Program are institutional financial aid (see Bylaws 15.02.4.2 and 15.02.4.4)]; (Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)

(f) **Special U.S. Government Entitlement Programs.** Payments by the U.S. government under the terms of the Dependents Education Assistance Program (DEAP), Social Security Insurance Program [including the Reinstated Entitlement Program for Survivors (REPS)] or Non-Service-Connected Veteran's Death Pension Program;

(g) **U.S. Military Annuitant Pay.** United States Military Annuitant Pay or other family member service-related death benefits received by student-athletes from the United States Military. (Adopted: 1/10/05)

(h) **U.S. Navy Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate Program.** Benefits received by student-athletes under the U.S. Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate Program (NUPOC); (Adopted: 4/26/01)

(i) **Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP).** Benefits received by student-athletes under the VEAP;

(j) **Vocational Rehabilitation for Service-Disabled Veterans Program.** Benefits received by student-athletes under the Vocational Rehabilitation for Service-Disabled Veterans Program; or

(k) **Welfare Benefits.** Welfare benefits received from a state or federal government. (Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)

15.2.6 **Financial Aid From Outside Sources.**

15.2.6.1 **Parents and Legal Guardians.** A student-athlete may receive financial aid from anyone upon whom the student-athlete is naturally or legally dependent.

15.2.6.1.1 **Prepaid College Tuition Plans.** A state-sponsored or private prepaid college tuition plan, purchased by a family member and paid to an institution on behalf of a student-athlete, is not considered aid from an outside source. Such aid is considered financial aid from someone upon whom the student-athlete is naturally or legally dependent. (Revised: 6/10/04)

15.2.6.2 **No Relationship to Athletics Ability.** A student-athlete may receive financial aid awarded solely on bases having no relationship to athletics ability.

15.2.6.3 **Financial Aid From an Established and Continuing Program.** A student-athlete may receive financial aid through an established and continuing program to aid students, provided: (Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 4/23/14)

(a) The recipient's choice of institutions is not restricted by the donor of the aid;

(b) There is no direct connection between the donor and the student-athlete's institution; and

(c) The financial aid is not provided by an outside sports team or organization that conducts a competitive sports program to an individual who is or has been a member of that team or organization.
15.2.6.4 Educational Expenses—U.S. Olympic Committee or U.S. National Governing Body. A student-athlete may receive educational expenses awarded by the U.S. Olympic Committee or a U.S. national governing body (or, for international student-athletes, expenses awarded by the equivalent organization of a foreign country). The amount of the financial assistance shall be subject to the following limitations: (Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 10/28/97 effective 8/1/98, 4/22/98, 11/11/00)

(a) Disbursement of the aid shall be through the member institution for the recipient’s educational expenses while attending that institution;
(b) The recipient’s choice of institutions shall not be restricted by the U.S. Olympic Committee or a U.S. national governing body (or, for international student-athletes, expenses awarded by the equivalent organization of a foreign country);
(c) The value of the award alone or in combination with other aid per Bylaw 15.1.2 shall not exceed the value of the individual’s maximum limit on financial aid; and
(d) The recipient shall be considered a counter per Bylaw 15.5.1, and the amount shall be applied to the maximum awards limitation of Bylaw 15.5 for the sport in question.

15.2.7 Employment. Earnings from a student-athlete’s on- or off-campus employment that occurs at any time is exempt and is not counted in determining a student-athlete’s cost of attendance or in the institution’s financial aid limitations, provided: (Revised: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)

(a) The student-athlete’s compensation does not include any remuneration for value or utility that the student-athlete may have for the employer because of the publicity, reputation, fame or personal following that he or she has obtained because of athletics ability;
(b) The student-athlete is compensated only for work actually performed; and
(c) The student-athlete is compensated at a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar services (see Bylaw 12.4).

15.2.8 Summer Financial Aid. Summer financial aid may be awarded only to attend the awarding institution’s summer term, summer school or summer-orientation program, provided the following conditions are met: (Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/92)

(a) The student has been in residence a minimum of one term during the regular academic year;
(b) The student is attending a summer term, summer school or summer-orientation program and financial aid is administered pursuant to Bylaw 15.2.8.1.2, 15.2.8.1.3 or 15.2.8.1.4; or
(c) The student is a two-year or a four-year college transfer student and is receiving aid to attend the awarding institution’s summer-orientation program.

15.2.8.1 General Stipulations. A student-athlete who is eligible for institutional financial aid during the summer is not required to be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies. However, the student-athlete may not receive financial aid that exceeds the cost of attendance in that summer term. A student-athlete may receive institutional financial aid based on athletics ability (per Bylaws 15.02.4.1 and 15.02.4.2) and any other financial aid up to the value of his or her cost of attendance. (See Bylaws 15.01.6.1, 16.3, 16.4 and 16.12.) (Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 5/26/09, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)

15.2.8.1.1 Exception for Pell Grant. A student-athlete who receives a Pell Grant may receive financial aid equivalent to the limitation set forth in Bylaw 15.2.8.1 or the value of a full grant-in-aid plus the Pell Grant, whichever is greater. (Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)

15.2.8.1.2 Enrolled Student-Athletes. After initial full-time enrollment during a regular academic year, a student-athlete shall not receive athletically related financial aid to attend the certifying institution's summer term or summer school unless the student-athlete received such athletically related aid from the certifying institution during the student-athlete’s previous academic year at that institution. Further, such aid may be awarded only in proportion to the amount of athletically related financial aid received by the student-athlete during the student-athlete's previous academic year at the certifying institution. The proportionality restriction shall not apply to a student-athlete who has exhausted his or her eligibility and is enrolled in course work acceptable toward his or her degree requirements. (Adopted: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, Revised: 1/10/91, 1/10/92, 11/12/97, 4/26/12)

15.2.8.1.2.1 Attendance During Only One Term of Previous Academic Year. A student-athlete who attended the institution on a full-time basis for only one regular term during the previous academic year may receive the same percentage of financial aid during the following summer term that the student-athlete received during the term in which the student-athlete was enrolled on a full-time basis. (Adopted: 1/10/92)

15.2.8.1.2.2 Multiple Summer Sessions. An institution that conducts multiple summer sessions may not award athletically related financial aid to attend any one session that exceeds the proportion of the amount of athletically related financial aid received by the student-athlete during the previous academic year. (Adopted: 1/10/92)

15.2.8.1.2.3 Effect of Reduction When Excess Aid is Awarded. If an institution provides a student-athlete with a full athletics grant during the academic year but is required to reduce the grant...
in accordance with Bylaw 15.1.3 (reduction when excess aid is awarded), the institution may provide
the student-athlete full athletically related financial aid to attend the institution’s summer term.

15.2.8.1.2.4 Exception for Nonqualifiers. A nonqualifier may receive athletically related finan-
cial aid to attend an institution’s summer term or summer school after the first academic year in resi-
dence under the following conditions: (Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)

(a) The student-athlete has satisfied progress-toward-degree requirements and, thus, would be eli-
gible for competition for the succeeding year (the student-athlete must have successfully satisfied
the applicable requirements of Bylaw 14.4.3 and be in good academic standing at the institution);
(b) The student-athlete has been awarded athletically related financial aid for the succeeding aca-
demic year; and
(c) The student-athlete receives athletically related financial aid to attend the institution’s summer
term or summer school only in proportion to the amount of athletically related financial aid the
student will receive for the succeeding year.

15.2.8.1.2.5 Exception for First-Time Recipient in the Next Academic Year. A student-athlete
who has not received athletically related aid from the certifying institution during a previous academic
year may receive athletically related financial aid to attend the institution’s summer term or summer
school under the following conditions: (Adopted: 1/15/11)

(a) The student-athlete has been awarded athletically related financial aid for the following aca-
demic year; and
(b) The aid is awarded only in proportion to the amount of athletically related financial aid the
student will receive for the following academic year.

15.2.8.1.3 Prior to Initial, Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment—Institutional Nonathletics
Aid. The following conditions apply to the awarding of institutional nonathletics financial aid to a prospec-
tive student-athlete to attend an institution in the summer prior to the prospective student-athlete’s initial,
full-time collegiate enrollment: [D] (Adopted: 1/10/90, Revised: 1/10/92, 4/26/01, 3/10/04, 4/29/04, 1/10/05
effective 5/1/05, 3/14/05, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/14/12, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)

(a) The recipient shall be admitted to the awarding member institution in accordance with regular, pub-
lished entrance requirements;
(b) The recipient, if recruited (per Bylaw 15.02.8), is subject to NCAA transfer provisions pursuant to
Bylaw 14.5.2-(b); and
(c) During the summer term or orientation period, the recipient shall not engage in any countable ath-
letically related activities except for those activities specifically permitted in Bylaws 13 and 17 (see
Bylaws 13.11.3.9, 17.1.1 and 17.1.1.1).

15.2.8.1.4 Prior to Initial Full-Time Enrollment at the Certifying Institution—Athletics Aid. The
following conditions apply to the awarding of athletically related financial aid to a prospective student-
athlete (including a prospective student-athlete not certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center as a qualifier) to
attend an institution in the summer prior to the prospective student’s initial, full-time enrollment at the cer-
tifying institution (see also Bylaw 13.02.12.1): (Adopted: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, Revised: 9/6/00, 4/26/01,
3/10/04, 4/29/04, 1/10/05 effective 5/1/05, 3/14/05, 5/9/07, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/14/12)

(a) The recipient shall be admitted to the awarding member institution in accordance with regular, pub-
lished entrance requirements;
(b) The recipient is enrolled in a minimum of six hours of academic course work (other than physical
education activity courses) that is acceptable degree credit toward any of the institution’s degree
programs. Remedial, tutorial and noncredit courses may be used to satisfy the minimum six-hour
requirement, provided the courses are considered by the institution to be prerequisites for specific
courses acceptable for any degree program and are given the same academic weight as other courses
offered by the institution;
(c) The recipient, if recruited (per Bylaw 15.02.8), is subject to NCAA transfer provisions pursuant to
Bylaw 14.5.2-(b), unless admission to the institution as a full-time student is denied;
(d) During the summer term or orientation period, the recipient shall not engage in any countable ath-
letically related activities except for those activities specifically permitted in Bylaws 13 and 17; and
(e) Summer coursework is not used for the purpose of completing initial-eligibility or continuing-elig-
ibility (transfer eligibility, progress-toward-degree) requirements. However, the hours earned during
the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution may be used to satisfy
the applicable progress-toward-degree requirements in following years (see Bylaw 14.4.3).

15.2.8.2 Branch School. An institution may not provide a student-athlete with financial aid to attend a sum-
mer session at a branch campus of the institution.
15.3 Terms and Conditions of Awarding Institutional Financial Aid. [A]

15.3.1 Eligibility of Student-Athletes for Financial Aid. [A] Institutional financial aid may be awarded for any term during which a student-athlete is in regular attendance as an undergraduate with eligibility remaining under Bylaw 12.8, or as a graduate eligible under Bylaw 14.6. (Revised: 10/27/11, 8/7/14)

15.3.1.1 Applicable Requirements. [A] A student-athlete must meet applicable NCAA (see Bylaw 14), conference and institutional regulations to be eligible for institutional financial aid (see Bylaws 15.01.5 and 15.01.6). A violation of this bylaw that relates only to a violation of a conference rule shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such a violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. (Revised: 10/27/06, 8/7/14)

15.3.1.2 Withdrawal From Institution. [A] A student-athlete who withdraws from the institution may not receive financial aid during the remainder of the term. (Revised: 8/7/14)

15.3.1.3 Retroactive Financial Aid. [A] Institutional financial aid awarded to an enrolled student-athlete after the first day of classes in any term may not exceed the remaining room and board charges and educational expenses for that term and may not be made retroactive to the beginning of that term. (Revised: 8/7/14)

15.3.1.4 Institutional Financial Aid to Professional Athlete. [A] It is permissible to award institutional financial aid to a student-athlete who is under contract to or currently receiving compensation from a professional sports organization in the same sport. A professional athlete in one sport may represent a member institution in a different sport and may receive institutional financial assistance in the second sport. (Revised: 8/11/98, 4/26/01, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 10/27/11, 8/7/14)

15.3.2 Terms of Institutional Financial Aid Award. [A]

15.3.2.1 Physical Condition of Student-Athlete. [A] Financial aid awarded to a prospective student-athlete may not be conditioned on the recipient reporting in satisfactory physical condition. If a student-athlete has been accepted for admission and awarded financial aid, the institution shall be committed for the term of the original award, even if the student-athlete’s physical condition prevents him or her from participating in intercollegiate athletics. (Revised: 8/7/14)

15.3.2.2 Written Statement Requirement. [A] The institutional agency making a financial aid award for a regular academic year or multiple regular academic years shall give the recipient a written statement of the amount, duration, conditions and terms of the award. The chair of the regular committee or other agency for the awarding of financial aid to students generally, or the chair’s official designee, shall sign or electronically authorize (e.g., electronic signature) the written statement. The signature of the athletics director, attesting to the committee’s award, does not satisfy this requirement. (Revised: 3/10/04, 7/26/12, 10/9/12, 8/7/14)

15.3.2.3 Hearing Opportunity. [A] The institution’s regular financial aid authority shall notify the student-athlete in writing of the opportunity for a hearing when institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability is to be reduced or canceled during the period of the award, or is reduced or not renewed for the following academic year or multiple academic years within the student-athlete’s five-year period of eligibility. The institution shall have established reasonable procedures for promptly hearing such a request and shall not delegate the responsibility for conducting the hearing to the university’s athletics department or its faculty athletics committee. The written notification of the opportunity for a hearing shall include a copy of the institution’s established policies and procedures for conducting the required hearing, including the deadline by which a student-athlete must request such a hearing. (Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 4/3/07, 4/23/08, 8/7/14)

15.3.2.3.1 Reduction of a Multiyear Award. [A] A reduction of a multiyear award shall occur if the renewal period is for fewer years than the original agreement, unless the renewal includes the remaining years of the student-athlete’s eligibility in all sports (e.g., five-year period of eligibility) or if the average amount of aid provided per year in the renewal is less than the average amount of aid provided per year in the original agreement, including any increases during the period of the original award. (Adopted: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12; awards may be executed before 8/1/12, Revised: 8/7/14)

15.3.2.3.2 Athletics Department Staff as Member of Committee. [A] An institution’s athletics department staff may be a member of a committee (other than an athletics department or faculty athletics committee) that conducts hearings related to the nonrenewal or reduction of a student-athlete’s financial aid. Under such circumstances, the athletics department staff member must be a standing member of the committee and may not serve as a member of a committee only for a specific student-athlete’s hearing. (Adopted: 4/3/07, Revised: 8/7/14)

15.3.3 Period of Institutional Financial Aid Award. [A]

15.3.3.1 Period of Award. [A] If a student’s athletics ability is considered in any degree in awarding financial aid, such aid shall neither be awarded for a period less than one academic year nor for a period that would exceed the student’s five-year period of eligibility (see Bylaws 12.8 and 15.01.5). One-year grants-in-aid shall be awarded (as set forth in the written statement per Bylaw 15.3.2.2) in equal amounts for each term of the academic year. (Revised: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12; awards may be executed before 8/1/12, 8/7/14)
15.3.3.1.1 One-Year Period. [A] An institution may award athletically related financial aid to a student-athlete for a period of less than one academic year only under the following circumstances: (Adopted: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 5/9/06, 4/24/08 effective 8/1/08, 5/19/09, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 8/7/14)

(a) Midyear Enrollment. A student-athlete whose first full-time attendance at the certifying institution during a particular academic year occurs at midyear (e.g., the beginning of the second semester or second or third quarter of an academic year) may receive a financial aid award for the remainder of that academic year.

(b) Final Semester/Quarter. A student-athlete may receive athletically related financial aid for less than one academic year, provided the student is in the final semester or final two quarters of his or her degree program and the institution certifies that the student is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements.

(c) Graduated During Previous Academic Year and Will Exhaust Eligibility During the Following Fall Term. A student-athlete who graduated during the previous academic year (including summer) and will exhaust his or her athletics eligibility during the following fall term may be awarded athletically related financial aid for less than one academic year.

(d) One-Time Exception. One time during a student-athlete's enrollment at the certifying institution he or she may be awarded athletics aid for less than a full academic year, provided the student-athlete has been enrolled full time at the certifying institution for at least one regular academic term and has not previously received athletically related financial aid from the certifying institution.

(e) Eligibility Exhausted/Medical Noncounter. A student-athlete who has exhausted eligibility and is exempt from counting (per Bylaw 15.5.1.5) in the institution's financial aid limit, or a student-athlete who is exempt from counting (per Bylaw 15.5.1.2) due to an injury or illness may receive athletically related financial aid for less than one academic year. If an institution awards aid under this provision, the institutional financial aid agreement shall include specific nonathletically related conditions (e.g., academic requirements) the student-athlete must satisfy in order for the aid to be renewed for the next academic term or terms. If the student-athlete satisfies the specified conditions, the institution shall award financial aid at the same amount for the next term or terms of the academic year. If the student-athlete does not satisfy the specified conditions, he or she must be provided a hearing opportunity per Bylaw 15.3.2.3.

15.3.3.1.2 Effect of Violation. [A] A violation of Bylaw 15.3.3.1 in which financial aid is awarded for a period of less than one academic year shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, the prospective student-athlete or student-athlete's eligibility shall not be affected. (Adopted: 10/29/09, Revised: 8/7/14)

15.3.3.2 Regular Academic Year vs. Summer Term. [A] An institution may award financial aid to a student-athlete for one or more academic years or, pursuant to the exceptions set forth in Bylaw 15.3.3.1.1, part of one academic year. An institution also may award financial aid for a summer term or summer-orientation period, provided the conditions of Bylaw 15.2.8 have been met. (Revised: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12; awards may be executed before 8/1/12, 8/7/14)

15.3.3.2.1 Summer Term as Additional Award. [A] It is necessary to make an additional award for a summer term; however, an institution is not required to provide the recipient with a written statement of the amount, duration, conditions or terms of the award. (Revised: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12, 7/26/12, 10/9/12, 8/7/14)

Bylaw 15.3.4 applies to nonautonomy conferences and institutions that have elected to not apply the more restrictive autonomy provisions found in Bylaw 15.3.5.

15.3.4 Reduction or Cancellation During Period of Award.

15.3.4.1 Increase Permitted. Institutional financial aid may be increased for any reason at any time. (Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 2/26/03, 4/23/08, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12; awards may be executed before 8/1/12, 8/7/14)

15.3.4.2 Reduction or Cancellation Permitted. Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability may be reduced or canceled during the period of the award if the recipient: (Revised: 1/10/92, 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 1/9/96, 12/13/05, 9/11/07, 8/7/14)

(a) Renders himself or herself ineligible for intercollegiate competition;

(b) Fraudulently misrepresents any information on an application, letter of intent or financial aid agreement (see Bylaw 15.3.4.2.3);

(c) Engages in serious misconduct warranting substantial disciplinary penalty (see Bylaw 15.3.4.2.4); or

(d) Voluntarily (on his or her own initiative) withdraws from a sport at any time for personal reasons; however, the recipient's financial aid may not be awarded to another student-athlete in the academic term in which the aid was reduced or canceled. A student-athlete's request for written permission to contact another four-year collegiate institution regarding a possible transfer does not constitute a voluntary withdrawal.
15.3.4.2.1 Timing of Reduction or Cancellation. Any reduction or cancellation of aid during the period of the award may occur only after the student-athlete has been provided an opportunity for a hearing per Bylaw 15.3.2.3. (Adopted: 5/15/07, Revised: 4/23/08, 8/7/14)

15.3.4.2.2 Non athletically Related Conditions. An institutional financial aid agreement may include non athletically related conditions (e.g., compliance with academics policies or standards, compliance with athletics department rules or policies) by which the aid may be reduced or canceled during the period of the award. (Adopted: 4/23/08, Revised: 8/7/14)

15.3.4.2.3 Fraudulent Misrepresentation. If a student-athlete is awarded institutional financial aid on the basis of declaring intention to participate in a particular sport by signing a letter of intent, application or tender, action on the part of the grantee not to participate (either by not reporting for practice or after making only token appearances as determined by the institution) would constitute fraudulent misrepresentation of information on the grantee’s application, letter of intent or financial aid agreement and would permit the institution to cancel or reduce the financial aid. (Revised: 1/11/94, 8/7/14)

15.3.4.2.4 Misconduct. An institution may cancel or reduce the financial aid of a student-athlete who is found to have engaged in misconduct by the university’s regular student disciplinary authority, even if the loss-of-aid requirement does not apply to the student body in general. (Revised: 1/11/94, 8/7/14)

15.3.4.2.5 Release of Obligation to Provide Athletically Related Financial Aid—One-Year Award. Before becoming a counter for an academic year pursuant to a one-year grant-in-aid, if a prospective student-athlete or student-athlete is awarded institutional financial aid unrelated to athletics that is of equal or greater value than his or her signed award of athletically related financial aid, the prospective student-athlete or student-athlete may, on his or her initiative, release the institution of its obligation to provide the athletically related financial aid. (Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12; awards may be executed before 8/1/12, 8/7/14)

15.3.4.3 Reduction or Cancellation Not Permitted. Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability may not be reduced or canceled during the period of its award: (Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94, 12/11/07, 1/14/08, 8/7/14)

(a) On the basis of a student-athlete’s athletics ability, performance or contribution to a team's success;
(b) Because of an injury, illness, or physical or mental medical condition (except as permitted pursuant to Bylaw 15.3.4.2); or
(c) For any other athletics reason.

15.3.4.3.1 Athletically Related Condition Prohibition. An institution may not set forth an athletically related condition (e.g., financial aid contingent upon specified performance or playing a specific position) that would permit the institution to reduce or cancel the student-athlete’s financial aid during the period of the award if the conditions are not satisfied. (Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94, 8/7/14)

15.3.4.3.2 Decrease Not Permitted. An institution may not decrease a prospective student-athlete’s or a student-athlete’s financial aid from the time the prospective student-athlete or student-athlete signs the financial aid award letter until the conclusion of the period set forth in the financial aid agreement, except under the conditions set forth in Bylaw 15.3.4.2. (Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 4/2/03 effective 8/1/03, 8/7/14)

Bylaws 15.3.5 and 15.3.6 apply to autonomy conferences. They also apply to nonautonomy conferences and institutions that have elected to apply the more restrictive autonomy provisions related to reduction and nonrenewal of institutional financial aid.

15.3.5 Reduction, Cancellation or Nonrenewal of Institutional Financial Aid. [A]

15.3.5.1 Reduction, Cancellation or Nonrenewal Permitted. [A] Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability may be reduced or canceled during the period of the award or reduced or not renewed for the following academic year or years of the student-athlete’s five-year period of eligibility if the recipient:

(a) Renders himself or herself ineligible for intercollegiate competition;
(b) Fraudulently misrepresents any information on an application, letter of intent or financial aid agreement (see Bylaw 15.3.5.1.2);
(c) Engages in serious misconduct warranting substantial disciplinary penalty, as determined by the institution’s regular student disciplinary authority;
(d) Voluntarily (on his or her own initiative) withdraws from a sport at any time for personal reasons; however, the recipient’s financial aid may not be awarded to another student-athlete in the academic term in which the aid was reduced or canceled. A student-athlete’s request for written permission to contact another four-year collegiate institution regarding a possible transfer does not constitute a voluntary withdrawal; or
15.3.5.1 Timing of Reduction or Cancellation. [A] Any reduction or cancellation of aid during the period of the award may occur only after the student-athlete has been provided an opportunity for a hearing per Bylaw 15.3.2.3. (Adopted: 5/15/07; Revised: 4/23/08, 8/7/14)

15.3.5.2 Fraudulent Misrepresentation. [A] If a student-athlete is awarded institutional financial aid on the basis of declaring intention to participate in a particular sport by signing a letter of intent, application or tender, action on the part of the grantee not to participate (either by not reporting for practice or after making only token appearances as determined by the institution) would constitute fraudulent misrepresentation of information on the grantee’s application, letter of intent or financial aid agreement. (Revised: 1/11/94, 8/7/14, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)

15.3.5.3 Release of Obligation to Provide Athletically Related Financial Aid—One-Year Award. [A] Before becoming a counter for an academic year pursuant to a one-year grant-in-aid, if a prospective student-athlete or student-athlete is awarded institutional financial aid unrelated to athletics that is of equal or greater value than his or her signed award of athletically related financial aid, the prospective student-athlete or student-athlete may, on his or her initiative, release the institution of its obligation to provide the athletically related financial aid. (Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, Revised: 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12; awards may be executed before 8/1/12, 8/7/14)

15.3.5.4 Reduction or Cancellation Not Permitted—During the Period of the Award. [A] Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability may not be reduced or canceled during the period of its award: (Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94, 12/11/07, 1/14/08, 8/7/14, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)

(a) On the basis of a student-athlete’s athletics ability, performance or contribution to a team’s success;
(b) Because of an injury, illness, or physical or mental medical condition (except as permitted pursuant to Bylaw 15.3.5.1);
(c) For any other athletics reason;

15.3.5.5 Athletically Related Condition Prohibition. [A] An institution may not set forth an athletically related condition (e.g., financial aid contingent upon specified performance or playing a specific position) that would permit the institution to reduce or cancel the student-athlete’s financial aid during the period of the award if the conditions are not satisfied. (Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94, 8/7/14)

15.3.5.6 Decrease Not Permitted. [A] An institution may not decrease a prospective student-athlete’s or a student-athlete’s financial aid from the time the prospective student-athlete or student-athlete signs the financial aid award letter until the conclusion of the period set forth in the financial aid agreement, except under the conditions set forth in Bylaw 15.3.5.1. (Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 4/2/03 effective 8/1/03, 8/7/14)

15.3.5.7 Reduction or Nonrenewal Not Permitted—After the Period of the Award. [A] If a student-athlete receives athletically related financial aid in the academic year of his or her initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution, the following factors shall not be considered in the reduction or nonrenewal of such aid for the following academic year or years of the student-athlete’s five-year period of eligibility: (Adopted: 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)

(a) A student-athlete’s athletics ability, performance or contribution to a team’s success (e.g., financial aid contingent upon specified performance or playing a specific position);
(b) An injury, illness, or physical or mental medical condition; or
(c) Any other athletics reason.

15.3.6 Increase Permitted. [A] Institutional financial aid may be increased for any reason at any time. (Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 2/26/03, 4/23/08, 10/27/11 effective 8/1/12; awards may be executed before 8/1/12, 8/7/14, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)

15.3.7 Renewals and Nonrenewals. [A]

15.3.7.1 Institutional Obligation. [A] The renewal of institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability shall be made on or before July 1 prior to the academic year in which it is to be effective. The institution shall promptly notify in writing each student-athlete who received an award the previous academic year and who has eligibility remaining in the sport in which financial aid was awarded the previous academic year (under Bylaw 12.8) whether the grant has been renewed or not renewed for the ensuing academic year or multiple academic years within the student-athlete’s five-year period of eligibility. Notification of financial aid renewals and nonrenewals must come from the institution’s regular financial aid authority and not from the institution’s athletics department. (Revised: 1/10/95, 8/7/14, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)

15.3.7.2 Reconsideration of Nonrenewal. [A] It is permissible for an institution that has notified a student-athlete that he or she will not be provided institutional financial aid for the next academic year subsequently to award financial aid to that student-athlete. (Revised: 8/7/14)
15.5 Maximum Institutional Grant-in-Aid Limitations by Sport.

15.5.1 Counters. A student-athlete shall be a counter and included in the maximum awards limitations set forth in this bylaw under the following conditions: (Revised: 6/10/04, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)

(a) Athletics Aid. A student-athlete who receives financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability shall become a counter for the year during which the student-athlete receives the financial aid; or

(b) Educational Expenses—Olympic Committee/National Governing Body. A student-athlete who receives educational expenses awarded by the U.S. Olympic Committee or a U.S. national governing body (or, for international student-athletes, expenses awarded by the equivalent organization of a foreign country) per Bylaw 15.2.6.4 shall become a counter for the year during which the student-athlete receives the aid.

15.5.1.2 Counter Who Becomes Injured or Ill. A counter who becomes injured or ill to the point that he or she apparently never again will be able to participate in intercollegiate athletics shall not be considered a counter beginning with the academic year following the incapacitating injury or illness.

15.5.1.2.1 Incapacitating Injury or Illness. If an incapacitating injury or illness occurs prior to a prospective student-athlete’s or a student-athlete’s participation in athletically related activities and results in the student-athlete’s inability to compete ever again, the student-athlete shall not be counted within the institution’s maximum financial aid award limitations for the current, as well as later, academic years. However, if the incapacitating injury or illness occurs on or after the student-athlete’s participation in countable athletically related activities in the sport, the student-athlete shall be counted in the institution’s maximum financial aid limitations for the current academic year but need not be counted in later academic years. (Adopted: 1/10/91, Revised: 3/26/04, 9/18/07)

15.5.1.2.2 Change in Circumstances. If circumstances change and the student-athlete subsequently practices or competes at the institution at which the incapacitating injury or illness occurred, the student-athlete again shall become a counter, and the institution shall be required to count that financial aid under the limitations of this bylaw in the sport in question during each academic year in which the financial aid was received. (Revised: 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01)

15.5.1.3 Aid Not Renewed, Successful Appeal. If an institution does not renew financial aid for a counter in a following year, and a hearing before the institution’s regular financial aid authority results in a successful appeal for restoration of aid, the student-athlete shall continue to be a counter if the individual continues to receive athletically related financial aid. However, the student-athlete shall not be a counter if he or she receives institutionally arranged or awarded, nonathletically related financial aid available to all students, provided such financial aid was granted or arranged without regard in any degree to athletics ability. If the student-athlete ever participates again in intercollegiate athletics at that institution, he or she will be considered to have been a counter during each year the financial aid was received.

15.5.1.4 Cancellation of Aid. Once an individual becomes a counter in a head-count sport (see Bylaws 15.5.2, 15.5.4, 15.5.5, 15.5.6, 15.5.7 and 15.5.8), the individual normally continues as a counter for the remainder of the academic year. However, if he or she voluntarily withdraws from the team prior to the first day of classes or before the first contest of the season (whichever is earlier) and releases the institution from its obligation to provide financial aid, the individual no longer would be considered a counter (see Bylaws 15.5.2.2 and 15.5.6.4.1).

15.5.1.5 Eligibility Exhausted. A student-athlete receiving institutional financial aid after having exhausted his or her eligibility in a sport is not a counter in that sport in later academic years following completion of eligibility in the sport. For this provision to be applicable, the student-athlete is otherwise eligible for the aid and is not permitted to take part in organized, institutional practice sessions in that sport unless the individual has eligibility remaining under the five-year rule. (See Bylaw 15.3.1 for eligibility for financial aid.) (Revised: 1/10/91)

15.5.1.6 Aid After Student-Athlete Becomes Permanently Ineligible. A student-athlete receiving institutional financial aid after becoming permanently ineligible due to a violation of NCAA regulations (e.g., amateurism legislation) may receive athletics aid during later academic years without counting in the institution’s financial aid limitations, provided the student-athlete is otherwise eligible for the aid and does not practice or compete in intercollegiate athletics again. If circumstances change and the student-athlete practices or competes, the institution is required to count the financial aid received by the student-athlete during each academic year in which the aid was received (see Bylaw 15.3.1.4). (Adopted: 1/11/94)

15.5.1.7 Summer-Term Aid. Institutional financial aid received during a summer term is not countable in these limitations and does not make a student-athlete a counter.

15.5.1.8 Offers Exceeding Maximum Allowable Awards. An institution may offer more than the maximum number of permissible awards in a sport (per Bylaw 15.5) in anticipation that not all of the offers will be accepted, but the institution shall not exceed the awards limitation in the sport in question.

15.5.2 Head-Count Sports Other Than Football and Basketball.

15.5.2.1 Maximum Limits. An institution shall be limited in any academic year to the total number of counters (head count) in each of the following sports: (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, 1/96 effective 8/1/96)
15.5.2.2 Voluntary Withdrawal. An institution may replace a counter who voluntarily withdraws from the team in a head-count sport by providing the financial aid to another student who already has enrolled in the institution and is a member of the team. For this replacement to occur, the counter must withdraw prior to the first day of classes or before the first game of the season, whichever is earlier, and release the institution from its obligation to provide financial aid. The institution may not award the financial aid to another student-athlete in the academic term in which the aid was reduced or canceled. Further, if the financial aid is canceled before a regular academic term (e.g., preseason practice period), the aid may not be provided to another student-athlete during the ensuing academic term.

15.5.3 Equivalency Sports.

15.5.3.1 Maximum Equivalency Limits.

15.5.3.1.1 Men’s Sports. There shall be a limit on the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards (per Bylaw 15.02.4.2) that an institution may provide in any academic year to counters in the following men’s sports: (Revised: 1/10/91, 1/10/92, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/08)

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15.5.3.1.2 Women’s Sports. There shall be a limit on the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards (per Bylaw 15.02.4.2) that an institution may provide in any academic year to counters in the following women’s sports: (Revised: 1/10/91, 1/10/92 effective 8/1/94, 1/11/93, 1/11/94 effective 9/1/94, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 1/11/01 effective 8/1/02, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/06, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)

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15.5.3.2 Equivalency Computations. In equivalency sports, each institutional financial aid award (per Bylaw 15.02.4.2) to a counter shall be computed as follows: (Revised: 1/10/90, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 10/20/08, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)

(a) Once a student becomes a counter, the institution shall count all institutional aid (per Bylaw 15.02.4.2) received up to the value of a full grant-in-aid. Exempted government grants per Bylaw 15.2.5 and exempted institutional aid per Bylaw 15.02.4.4 specifically are excluded from this computation.

(b) A fraction shall be created, with the amount received by the student-athlete (up to the value of a full grant-in-aid) as the numerator and the full grant-in-aid value for that student-athlete as the denominator based on the actual cost or average cost of a full grant for all students at that institution.

(c) The sum of all fractional and maximum awards received by counters shall not exceed the total limit for the sport in question for the academic year as a whole.

15.5.3.2.1 Application to Autonomy Conferences. [A] A member institution of one of the five conferences named in Constitution 5.3.2.1.1 shall use a full grant-in-aid in its equivalency computations as defined in Bylaw 15.02.5. The elements of a grant-in-aid are tuition and fees, room and board, books, and other expenses related to attendance at the institution. (Adopted: 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)

15.5.3.2.2 Application to Other Conferences. A member institution of a conference other than the five conferences named in Constitution 5.3.2.1.1 may use a full grant-in-aid in its equivalency computations as defined in Bylaw 15.02.5 or one that consists of tuition and fees, room and board, and required course-related books, subject to the discretion of its conference pursuant to Constitution 5.3.2.1.2.2. If the institution uses a full grant-in-aid that consists of tuition and fees, room and board, and required course-related books, financial aid unrelated to athletics ability received by a student-athlete in excess of a full grant-in-aid shall not be included in his or her equivalency computation. (Adopted: 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)

15.5.3.2.3 Additional Requirements. The following additional requirements shall apply to equivalency computations: (Revised: 10/20/08, 1/15/11, 10/18/11, 4/17/12 effective 8/1/12, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)

(a) An institution may use either the actual cost or average cost of any or all of the elements (other than books) of the equivalency calculation, provided the same method is used in both the numerator and denominator for each element. Either method (or different combinations of methods among elements) may be used for each student-athlete on the same team or for separate teams generally.

(b) In computing equivalencies for tuition and fees, it is not permissible to average the value of in-state and out-of-state tuition and fees to determine an average cost for tuition and fees.

(c) Books shall count for calculation purposes as $800 in the denominator. If a student-athlete receives any portion of a book allowance for the academic year, the institution must use $800 in the denominator and numerator for books, regardless of the actual cost of the books. If a student-athlete is enrolled for less than a full academic year (e.g., one semester, one or two quarters) and receives any portion of a book allowance, the institution must use the amount in the numerator that is proportionate to the number of terms of enrollment ($400 for semester systems, $534 or $267 for quarter systems).

15.5.3.2.4 Exceptions.
15.5.3.2.4.1 Academic Honor Awards—Based on High School Record. Academic honor awards that are part of an institution's normal arrangements for academic scholarships, based solely on the recipient's high school record and awarded independently of athletics interests and in amounts consistent with the pattern of all such awards made by institutions, are exempt from an institution's equivalency computation, provided the recipient was ranked in the upper 10 percent of the high school graduating class or achieved a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.500 (based on a maximum of 4.000) or a minimum ACT sum score of 105 or a minimum SAT score of 1200 (critical reading and math). (Adopted: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, Revised: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10)

15.5.3.2.4.1.1 Additional Requirements. The following additional requirements shall be met: (Adopted: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)

(a) The awards may include additional, nonacademic criteria (e.g., interviews, essays, need analysis), provided the additional criteria are not based on athletics ability, participation or interests, and the awards are consistent with the pattern of all such awards provided to all students;

(b) No quota of awards shall be designated for student-athletes;

(c) Athletics participation shall not be required before or after collegiate enrollment;

(d) No athletics department staff member shall be involved in designating the recipients of such awards; and

(e) Any additional criteria shall not include athletics ability, participation or interests.

15.5.3.2.4.1.2 Renewals. The renewal of an academic honor award (per Bylaw 15.5.3.2.4.1) may be exempted from an institution's equivalency computation regardless of whether the recipient qualified for exemption in his or her initial academic year enrollment, provided: (Adopted: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, Revised: 3/18/10)

(a) The recipient achieves a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.000 (based on a maximum of 4.000) at the certifying institution; and

(b) The recipient meets all NCAA, conference and institutional progress-toward-degree requirements.

15.5.3.2.4.2 Academic Honor Awards—Transfer Students. Academic honor awards that are part of an institution's normal arrangements for academic scholarships, either based solely on the recipient's cumulative academic record from all collegiate institutions previously attended or based on the recipient's high school record and cumulative academic record from all collegiate institutions previously attended, awarded independently of athletics interests and in amounts consistent with the pattern of all such awards made by the institution, may be exempted from a team's equivalency computation, provided the recipient achieved a cumulative transferable grade-point average of at least 3.000 (based on a maximum of 4.000). (Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)

15.5.3.2.4.2.1 Calculation of Grade-Point Average. Grades earned in all courses that are normally transferable to an institution shall be considered in determining the grade-point average for meeting this exception, regardless of the grade earned or whether such grade makes the course unacceptable for transferable-degree credit. (Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10)

15.5.3.2.4.2.2 Renewals. The renewal of an academic honor award (per Bylaw 15.5.3.2.4.2) may be exempted from an institution's equivalency computation, provided: (Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10)

(a) The recipient achieves a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.000 (based on a maximum of 4.000) at the certifying institution; and

(b) The recipient meets all NCAA, conference and institutional progress-toward-degree requirements.

15.5.3.2.4.3 Institutional Academic Scholarships. Institutional academic scholarships that are part of an institution's normal arrangements for academic scholarships, based solely on the recipient's academic record at the certifying institution, awarded independently of athletics interests and in amounts consistent with the pattern of all such awards made by the institution, are exempt from an institution's equivalency computation, provided the recipient has completed at least one academic year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and has achieved a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.000 (on a 4.000 scale) at the certifying institution. (Adopted: 10/27/05 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)

15.5.3.2.5 Cancellation of Athletically Related Aid. If a student-athlete is dismissed from or voluntarily withdraws from a team and his or her athletically related financial aid is canceled (see Bylaws 15.3.2.3 and 15.3.4.2) during an academic term, all other countable financial aid the student-athlete receives during the remainder of the term is countable toward the student-athlete's equivalency for the academic year; however, the institution is not required to count other countable financial aid toward the student-athlete’s equivalency during any remaining terms of the academic year. If a student-athlete is dismissed from or
voluntarily withdraws from a team and his or her athletically related financial aid is canceled at the end of an academic term, the institution is not required to count other countable financial aid toward the student-athlete’s equivalency during any remaining terms of the academic year. (Adopted: 12/13/05)

15.5.9 Multisport Participants.

15.5.9.6 Two-Year Exception. If an individual has participated in a sport other than basketball, field hockey or women’s volleyball for two years or more since the individual’s initial collegiate enrollment and would be involved only in basketball, field hockey or women’s volleyball practice sessions, such a student would not become a counter in those sports until the student actually competes as a member of that institution’s intercollegiate team, at either the varsity or junior varsity level. (Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)

15.5.9.7 Other Sports. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a counter who participates in two or more sports shall be counted in one of the sports but shall not be counted in the others.

15.5.9.7.1 Requirement to Qualify as Multisport Athlete. To be considered a multisport athlete under this section, an individual must meet all of the following requirements: (Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)

(a) The individual shall report and participate fully in regularly organized practice with each squad;
(b) The individual shall participate where qualified in actual competition in each sport;
(c) The individual shall be a member of each squad for the entire playing and practice season; and
(d) If a recruited student-athlete (per Bylaw 15.02.8), the individual shall have been earnestly recruited to participate in the sport in which financial aid is counted (the institution recruiting the student-athlete shall have a reasonable basis to believe that the student-athlete is capable of participating in the institution’s varsity intercollegiate program in that sport, including documentation of a record of previous participation in organized competition in the sport that supports the student-athlete’s potential to participate in that sport in varsity intercollegiate competition).

15.5.10 Changes in Participation. If a student-athlete changes sports during an academic year, the student-athlete’s financial aid shall be counted in the maximum limitations for the first sport for the remainder of the academic year. If the student-athlete continues to receive financial aid, the award shall be counted the next academic year against the maximum limitations in the second sport. A student-athlete shall be counted as an initial counter in football during the year in which the student-athlete first becomes countable in that sport, regardless of whether countable financial aid was received previously for another sport. (Revised: 4/3/02)
## FIGURE 15-1
Financial Aid Maximum Limits

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<th>Citation</th>
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<td>Aid based on athletics ability</td>
<td>15.02.4.2-(a)</td>
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<tr>
<td>AmeriCorps Program</td>
<td>15.2.5.1-(a)</td>
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<td>Athletics grant</td>
<td>15.02.4.2-(a)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Athletics participation compensation</td>
<td>15.1.2-(e)</td>
<td>Yes, if eligibility has not been exhausted³</td>
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<td>Dependents Education Assistance Program</td>
<td>15.2.5.1-(f)</td>
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<td>Disabled Veterans award</td>
<td>15.2.5.1-(b)</td>
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<td>15.02.4.3-(d), 15.2.6.4</td>
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<td>Employment</td>
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<td>Gifts following completion of eligibility</td>
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<td>Honorary academic award</td>
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<td>Institutional Employee Dependent Tuition Benefit</td>
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<td>Loan, legitimate, repayment schedule</td>
<td>15.02.4.2-(a), 15.1.2-(f)</td>
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<td>Military reserve training program</td>
<td>15.2.5.1-(c)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Montgomery G.I. Bill-Active Duty and Selected Reserve</td>
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<td>Operation Gold Grant</td>
<td>15.02.4.6</td>
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Key:

1. The limitation is equal to the value of the cost of attendance as defined by Bylaw 15.02.2.
2. This type of aid is limited to the value of a full grant-in-aid.
3. However, receipt of such compensation renders a student-athlete ineligible for intercollegiate athletics competition (see Bylaw 12).
4. If considered a counter per Bylaw 15.5 and not otherwise exempted.
5. Exempt if the student-athlete's parent or guardian has been employed as a full-time employee or staff member by the institution for at least five years.
6. Institution is limited to providing the value of a full grant-in-aid during summer.
7. Aid is countable toward a team's limit up to a full grant-in-aid. Additional aid up to the cost of attendance cannot be athletically related.
8. Exempt if specific criteria of bylaw are met. Not exempt for purposes of Bylaw 15.5.1.1.
9. Contributions made by the institution pursuant to the Yellow Ribbon Program are institutional aid.
| Outside aid for educational purposes, unrelated to athletics ability | 15.02.4.3-(b) | Yes | No |
| Outside aid, other | 15.02.4.3-(c) | Yes | No |
| Parent/guardian contribution | 15.2.6.1 | No | No |
| Pell Grant | 15.1.1 | Yes | No |
| Post-9/11 G.I. Bill | 15.2.5.1-(e) | No⁵ | No⁶ |
| Postgraduate Scholarship | 15.02.4.4-(b) | Yes | No |
| Professional sports stipend | 15.1.2-(d) | Yes³ | No¹ |
| Research grant | 15.02.4.4-(a) | Yes | No |
| Social Security Insurance Program (including the Reinstated Entitlement Program for Survivors) | 15.2.5.1-(f) | No | No |
| Summer school financial aid | 15.2.8 | Yes⁴ | No |
| Supplemental Educational Opportunities Grant | 15.02.4.4-(c) | Yes | No |
| Student-Assistance Fund | 15.01.6.1 | No | No |
| Tuition waiver | 15.02.4.2-(a) | Yes | Yes⁴ |
| U.S. Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate Program | 15.2.5.1-(h) | No | No |
| Veteran's Death Pension Program | 15.2.5.1-(f) | No | No |
| Veterans Educational Assistance Program | 15.2.5.1-(i) | No | No |
| Vocational Rehabilitation for Service-Disabled Veterans Program | 15.2.5.1-(j) | No | No |
| Welfare Benefits | 15.2.5.1-(k) | No | No |

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3. However, receipt of such compensation renders a student-athlete ineligible for intercollegiate athletics competition (see Bylaw 12).
4. Exempt if the student-athlete’s parent or guardian has been employed as a full-time employee or staff member by the institution for at least five years.
5. Exempt if specific criteria of bylaw are met. Not exempt for purposes of Bylaw 15.5.1.1.
6. Contributions made by the institution pursuant to the Yellow Ribbon Program are institutional aid.
FIGURE 15-2
How to Determine a Counter

START

RECRUITED ATHLETE? ¹

NO

RECRUITED ATHLETE? ¹

YES

RECRIVED ATHLETICS AID? ²

NO

RECRIVED ATHLETICS AID? ²

YES

RECRIVED AID PER BYLAW 15.02.4.2? ³

NO

RECRIVED AID PER BYLAW 15.02.4.2? ³

YES

AID IS UNRELATED TO ATHLETICS ABILITY, PARTICIPATION OR ACHIEVEMENT? ³, 4, 5

NO

NONCOUNTER

YES

COMPETED IN DIVISION I VARSITY FOOTBALL OR BASKETBALL?

NO

COUNTER

YES

1. Per Bylaw 15.02.8.
2. In football, a prospective student-athlete who receives athletically related financial aid during a summer term prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution shall be an initial and overall counter for the ensuing academic year.
3. Recruited student-athlete (per Bylaw 15.02.8) who is a varsity football or basketball team member but does not compete: Admission and financial aid must be unrelated to athletics ability (Bylaw 15.5.1.1).
4. Recruited student-athlete (per Bylaw 15.02.8) participating in sport other than football or basketball: Financial aid must be unrelated to athletics ability.
5. Nonrecruited student-athlete (per Bylaw 15.02.8) participating in any sport: Financial aid must be unrelated to athletics ability.
FIGURE 15-3
Where To Count Student-Athletes Who Participate
in More Than One Intercollegiate Sport

DIRECTIONS:

Start at 1, football, and keep going until you reach a sport in which the student-athlete participates. Count the student-athlete in that sport.

Note the alternatives for men’s water polo. If a student-athlete participates in men’s water polo and men’s swimming and diving, he is counted in men’s swimming and diving. If he participates in men’s water polo and any sport except football, men’s basketball, men’s ice hockey and men’s swimming and diving, he can be counted in either of his sports. If he participates in men’s swimming and diving and any other sport except for football, men’s basketball, men’s ice hockey and men’s water polo, then he can be counted in either of his sports.

For student-athletes who practice with one of the teams numbered 1-2 and 4 but do not compete on a junior varsity or varsity team, see the information on the two-year exception rule in Bylaw 15.5.9.6.

*In football, a counter who was not recruited (per Bylaw 15.02.8) and/or offered financial aid to participate in football and who competes in football and one or more sports (including basketball) must be counted in football (see Bylaw 15.5.9.1).
BYLAW, ARTICLE 16

Awards, Benefits and Expenses for Enrolled Student-Athletes

16.01 General Principles. [A]

16.01.1 Eligibility Effect of Violation. [A] A student-athlete shall not receive any extra benefit. Receipt by a student-athlete of an award, benefit or expense allowance not authorized by NCAA legislation renders the student-athlete ineligible for athletics competition in the sport for which the improper award, benefit or expense was received. If the student-athlete receives an extra benefit not authorized by NCAA legislation, the individual is ineligible in all sports. (Revised: 8/7/14)

16.01.1.1 Restitution for Receipt of Impermissible Benefits. [A] Unless otherwise noted, for violations of Bylaw 16 in which the value of the benefit is $100 or less, the eligibility of the student-athlete shall not be affected conditioned upon the student-athlete repaying the value of the benefit to a charity of his or her choice. The student-athlete, however, shall remain ineligible from the time the institution has knowledge of receipt of the impermissible benefit until the student-athlete repays the benefit. For violations of Bylaw 16 in which there is no monetary value to the benefit, violations shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the student-athlete’s eligibility. (Adopted: 11/1/01, Revised: 8/5/04, 8/7/14)

16.01.1.1.1 Application to Impermissible Academic Assistance. [A] The restitution provisions of Bylaw 16 do not apply to an extra benefit violation in which a student-athlete receives an impermissible academic arrangement or assistance from an institutional staff member or representative of an institution’s athletics interests. In such a situation, reinstatement of the involved student-athlete’s eligibility for competition is required. (Adopted: 1/29/15)

16.02 Definitions and Applications. [A]

16.02.1 Award. [A] An award is an item given in recognition of athletics participation or performance. Such awards are subject to the limitations set forth in Bylaw 16.1. (Revised: 8/7/14)

16.02.2 Excessive Expense. [A] An excessive expense is one not specifically authorized under regulations of the Association concerning awards, benefits and expenses. (Revised: 8/7/14)

16.02.3 Extra Benefit. [A] An extra benefit is any special arrangement by an institutional employee or representative of the institution’s athletics interests to provide a student-athlete or the student-athlete family member or friend a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation. Receipt of a benefit by student-athletes or their family members or friends is not a violation of NCAA legislation if it is demonstrated that the same benefit is generally available to the institution’s students or their family members 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. (Revised: 1/10/91, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)

16.02.4 Family Member. [A] For purposes of Bylaw 16, a family member is an individual with any of the following relationships to a student-athlete: spouse, parent or legal guardian, child, sibling, grandparent, domestic partner or any individual whose close association with the student-athlete is the practical equivalent of a family relationship. (Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)

16.02.5 Pay. Pay is the receipt of funds, awards or benefits not permitted by governing legislation of the Association for participation in athletics. (See Bylaw 12.1.2.1 for explanation of forms of pay prohibited under the Association’s amateur-status regulations.)

16.1 Awards. [A]

16.1.1 Application of Awards Legislation. [A]

16.1.1.1 Awards Received for Participation While Not Representing the Institution. [A] Awards received by an individual for participation in competition while not representing the institution shall conform to the rules of the amateur sports organization that governs the competition, but may not include cash (or cash equivalents) that exceeds actual and necessary expenses (see Bylaw 12.1.2.4). (Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)

16.1.1.2 Awards Received for Participation While Representing the Institution. [A] The awards limitations of Bylaw 16.1 apply to awards received by a student-athlete for participation in competition while representing his or her institution. Such awards may not include cash or cash equivalents, gift certificates or gift
16.1.2 Uniformity of Awards. [A] Awards presented by a member institution, conference or other approved agency must be uniform for all team members receiving the award. [R] (Revised: 8/7/14)

16.1.3 Transfer of Nonpermissible Award. [A] Cash or any other award that an individual could not receive under NCAA legislation may not be forwarded in the individual's name to a different individual or agency (e.g., a collegiate institution). (Revised: 8/7/14)

16.1.4 Types of Awards, Awarding Agencies, Maximum Value and Numbers of Awards. [A] Athletics awards given to individual student-athletes shall be limited to those approved or administered by the member institution, its conference or an approved agency as specified in the following subsections and shall be limited in value and number as specified in this section. Awards received for intercollegiate athletics participation may not be sold, exchanged or assigned for another item of value, even if the student-athlete's name or picture does not appear on the award. Each of the following subsections is independent of the others so that it is permissible for an individual student-athlete to receive the awards described in all subsections. [R] (Revised: 9/12/03, 8/7/14)

16.1.4.1 Participation Awards. [A] Awards for participation in intercollegiate athletics may be presented each year, limited in value and number as specified in Figure 16-1. Awards for participation in special events may be provided only to student-athletes eligible to participate in the competition. [R] (Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 3/8/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)

16.1.4.1.1 Senior Scholar-Athlete Award. [A] An institution may provide a maximum of two senior scholar-athlete awards each year to graduating seniors. The award may consist of a tangible item valued at not more than $175 and a postgraduate scholarship not to exceed $10,000. The postgraduate scholarship shall be used for graduate studies at the recipient's choice of institution and shall be disbursed directly to that institution. Such a scholarship only may be awarded to a student-athlete who has completed the requirements for a baccalaureate degree. A student-athlete who has received an institutional postgraduate scholarship as part of a senior scholar-athlete award shall no longer be eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics, except that the student may complete the remainder of any season currently in progress at the time of the award (e.g., postseason competition in the spring sport that occurs after graduation). [R] (Adopted: 4/25/02, Revised: 6/1/06, 1/14/08, 8/7/14)

16.1.4.1.2 Special Event Participation Awards Based on Level of Achievement. [A] Special event participation awards may include awards that are based on a level of achievement (e.g., all-tournament award, finalist award, place-finish award) in the event, provided the awards are uniform within each level and the combined value of all awards received for participation in the particular type of special event (e.g., conference championship; other established meets, tournaments and featured individual competition) does not exceed the maximum permissible value of such awards (see Figure 16-1). (Adopted: 1/10/13, Revised: 8/7/14)

16.1.4.2 Awards for Winning Conference and National Championships. [A] Awards for winning an individual or team conference or national championship may be presented each year, limited in value and number as specified in Figure 16-2. Awards for winning a conference or national championship in a team sport may be provided only to student-athletes who were eligible to participate in the championship event. The total value of any single award received for a national championship may not exceed $415. The total value of any single award received for a conference championship may not exceed $325, and each permissible awarding agency is subject to a separate $325 limit per award. Each permissible awarding agency may provide only a single award for each championship to each student-athlete. Separate awards may be presented to both the regular-season conference champion and the postseason conference champion (with a separate $325 limitation), but if the same institution wins both the regular-season and postseason conference championship, the combined value of both awards shall not exceed $325. [R] (Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 8/7/14)

16.1.4.3 Special Achievement Awards. [A] Awards may be provided each year to individual student-athletes and teams to recognize special achievements, honors and distinctions, limited in value and number as specified in Figure 16-3. [R] (Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 8/7/14)

16.1.4.4 Local Civic Organization. [A] A local civic organization (e.g., Rotary Club, Touchdown Club) may provide awards to a member institution's team(s), provided such awards are approved by the institution and are counted in the institution's limit for institutional awards. [R] (Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 6/11/09, 8/7/14)

16.1.5 Purchase Restrictions. [A]

16.1.5.1 Assignment of Normal Retail Value. [A] Normal retail value shall be assigned as the value of an award when determining whether an award meets specified value limits, even when a member institution receives institutional awards from an athletics representative or organization free of charge or at a special reduced rate. Normal retail value is the cost to the institution that is based solely on volume and is available to all purchasers of a similar volume and that does not involve an obligation to make additional purchases to enable the supplier to recover the costs for the original purchase. (Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 8/7/14)
16.1.5.2 Supplementary-Purchase Arrangement. [A] An institution may not enter into a supplementary-purchase arrangement with an awards supplier whereby the supplier agrees to sell an award (e.g., a watch or ring) at a price below the maximum amount specified by NCAA legislation with the understanding that the institution will make additional purchases of other unrelated items to enable the supplier to recover the costs for the original purchase. Such an arrangement would exceed the specific-value limitations placed on permissible awards. [R] (Revised: 8/7/14)

16.1.5.3 Combining Values. [A] An institution may not combine the value limits of awards given in a sport during the same season, or given to athletes who participate in more than one sport, to provide an award more expensive than permissible under separate application to some or all of its participating student-athletes. [R] (Revised: 8/7/14)

16.1.5.4 Student-Athlete Contribution to Purchase. [A] The value of an award may not exceed specified value limits, and a student-athlete may not contribute to its purchase in order to meet those limits. [R] (Revised: 8/7/14)

16.1.6 Institutional Awards Banquets. [A] An institution may conduct awards banquets to commemorate the athletics and/or academic accomplishments of its student-athletes. (Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 8/7/14)

16.1.6.1 Booster Club Recognition Banquet. [A] One time per year, an institution's athletics booster club may finance an intercollegiate team's transportation expenses to a recognition banquet, provided all expenses are paid through the institution's athletics department, the location of the event is not more than 100 miles from the campus and no tangible award is provided to members of the team. [R] (Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 8/7/14)

16.1.7 Expenses to Receive Noninstitutional Awards. [A] A conference, an institution, the U.S. Olympic Committee, a national governing body (or the international equivalents) or the awarding agency may provide actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete to receive a noninstitutional award or recognition for athletics or academic accomplishments. Actual and necessary expenses may be provided for the student-athlete's family members to attend the recognition event or awards presentation. [R] (Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 8/7/14)

16.2 Complimentary Admissions and Ticket Benefits. [A]

16.2.1 Permissible Procedures. [A]

16.2.1.1 Institutional Events in the Student-Athlete's Sport. [A] An institution may provide four complimentary admissions per home or away intercollegiate athletics event to a student-athlete in the sport in which the individual participates (either practices or competes), regardless of whether the student-athlete competes in the contest. (Revised: 8/7/14)

16.2.1.1.1 Exception—Postseason Events. [A] An institution may provide each student-athlete who participates in or is a member of a team participating in a postseason event (e.g., conference championship, NCAA championship, National Invitation Tournament, bowl game) with six complimentary admissions to all intercollegiate athletics events at the site at which the student (or team) participates. (Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 8/7/14)

16.2.1.1.2 Tournaments. [A] Complimentary admissions may be provided to members of the institution's team for all intercollegiate athletics events in a tournament in which the team is participating, rather than only for the games in which the institution's team participates. However, the contests must be at the site at which the institution's team participates. (Revised: 8/7/14)

16.2.1.2 General Regulations. [A] Complimentary admissions shall be provided only through a pass list for individuals designated by the student-athlete. “Hard tickets” shall not be issued. A violation of this administrative procedure shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such a violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. The student-athlete's eligibility shall be affected by involvement in action contrary to the provisions of Bylaws 16.2.1.1 and 16.2.2.1 (receipt of more than the permissible four complimentary admissions or the sale or exchange of a complimentary admission for any item of value). (Revised: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, 11/4/08, 8/7/14)

16.2.1.2.1 Issuance Procedures. [A] The individual using the complimentary admission must present identification to the person supervising the use of the pass list at the admission gate. The individual then shall be provided a ticket stub or other identification of a specified reserved seat or seating area or treated as a general-admission ticket holder. (Revised: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 8/7/14)

16.2.1.3 Institution's Home Events in Other Sports. [A] An institution may provide admission for each student-athlete to all of the institution’s regular-season home intercollegiate athletics events in sports other than that in which the student-athlete is a participant, via a printed student-athlete pass or gate list. Proof of identity shall be required upon admission. [R] (Revised: 8/7/14)

16.2.1.3.1 Nonqualifier. [A] A nonqualifier (per Bylaw 14.02.10.2) may receive a complimentary admission to all of the institution’s regular-season home intercollegiate athletics events in the first academic year of residence. [R] (Revised: 1/3/06, 8/7/14)
16.2.1.3.2 Complimentary Admissions to an Institution’s Home Contest Honoring a Student-Athlete. [A] An institution may provide a maximum of four complimentary admissions to a student-athlete for an institution’s game or event during which a student-athlete is being honored but not participating, provided such complimentary admissions are used by the student-athlete’s family members. [R] (Adopted: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)

16.2.2 Nonpermissible Procedures. [A]

16.2.2.1 Sale of Complimentary Admissions. [A] A student-athlete may not receive payment from any source for his or her complimentary admissions and may not exchange or assign them for any item of value. (Revised: 8/7/14)

16.2.2.2 Payment to Third Party. [A] Individuals designated by the student-athlete to receive complimentary admissions are not permitted to receive any type of payment for the admissions or to exchange or assign them for any item of value. Receipt of payment for complimentary admissions by such designated individuals is prohibited and considered an extra benefit. [R] (Revised: 8/7/14)

16.2.2.3 Student-Athlete Ticket Purchases. [A] An institution may not provide a special arrangement to sell a student-athlete ticket(s) to an athletics event. Tickets shall be available for purchase by student-athletes according to the same purchasing procedures used for other students. [R] (Revised: 8/7/14)

16.2.2.4 Sale Above Face Value. [A] A student-athlete may not purchase tickets for an intercollegiate athletics event from the institution and then sell the tickets at a price greater than their face value. [R] (Revised: 8/7/14)

16.2.2.5 Professional Sports Tickets. [A] An institution or any representative of its athletics interests may not purchase or otherwise obtain tickets to a professional sports event and make these tickets available to student-athletes enrolled in an NCAA member institution. Such a gift of tickets would represent an unacceptable extra benefit. Professional sports tickets may be provided as entertainment in conjunction with practice or competition. [R] (Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)

16.3 Academic and Other Support Services. [A]

16.3.1 Mandatory. [A]

16.3.1.1 Academic Counseling/Support Services. [A] Member institutions shall make general academic counseling and tutoring services available to all student-athletes. Such counseling and tutoring services may be provided by the department of athletics or the institution’s nonathletics student support services. In addition, an institution, conference or the NCAA may finance other academic support, career counseling or personal development services that support the success of student-athletes. (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 5/9/06, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)

16.3.1.2 Life Skills Programs. [A] An institution shall be required to conduct a life skills program on its campus. (Adopted: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, Revised: 10/7/10, 8/7/14)

16.3.2 Expenses Related to Legal and Other Proceedings. [A] An institution may provide actual and necessary expenses to attend proceedings conducted by the institution, its athletics conference or the NCAA that relate to the student-athlete’s eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics or legal proceedings that result from the student-athlete’s involvement in athletics practice or competitive events. The cost of legal representation in such proceedings also may be provided by the institution (or a representative of its athletics interests). [R] (Revised: 5/9/06, 8/7/14)

16.3.3 Expenses Related to Initial or Transfer-Eligibility Requirements. [A] An institution shall not provide academic expenses or services (e.g., tutoring, test preparation) to assist a prospective student-athlete or enrolled student-athlete in completing initial-eligibility or transfer-eligibility requirements or in improving his or her academic profile in conjunction with a waiver request. [R] (Adopted: 4/23/08, Revised: 8/7/14)

16.4 Medical Expenses. [A]

An institution, conference or the NCAA may provide medical and related expenses and services to a student-athlete. (Revised: 1/11/89, 9/6/00, 4/29/04, 8/4/08, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)

16.5 Housing and Meals. [A]

16.5.1 General Rule. [A] An institution is required to apply the same housing policies to student-athletes as it applies to the student body in general. During the academic year, the institution may not house student-athletes in athletics dormitories or athletics blocks within institutional or privately owned dormitories or apartment buildings (when the institution arranges for the housing) on those days when institutional dormitories are open to the general student body. [R] (Adopted: 10/1/01 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 8/7/14)

16.5.1.1 Athletics Dormitories. [A] Athletics dormitories shall be defined as institutional dormitories in which at least 50 percent of the residents are student-athletes. (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 8/7/14)
16.5.1.2 Athletics Blocks. [A] Athletics blocks shall be defined as individual blocks, wings or floors within institutional dormitories or privately owned dormitories or apartment buildings in which at least 50 percent of the residents are student-athletes. (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 1/10/92, 1/11/01 effective 8/1/02, 8/7/14)

16.5.1.3 Exception—Nondiscriminatory Housing Policies. [A] The prohibition against the use of athletics dormitories or blocks does not apply when the institution demonstrates that its housing assignment policies do not differentiate between student-athletes and students generally. (Adopted: 1/16/93 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 8/7/14)

16.5.2 Permissible. [A] Identified housing and meal benefits incidental to a student’s participation in intercollegiate athletics that may be financed by the institution are: [R] (Revised: 8/7/14)

(a) Summer-Dormitory Rentals. An institution may rent, at the regular institutional rate, dormitory space to a prospective or enrolled student-athlete during the summer months if it is the institution’s policy to make dormitory space available on the same basis to all prospective or enrolled students (see Bylaw 15.2.2.3 for permissible housing benefits for student-athletes eligible to receive financial aid while attending summer school).

(b) Preseason Practice Expenses. The institution may provide the cost of room and board to student-athletes who report for preseason practice prior to the start of the academic year, it being understood that the student-athlete has been accepted for admission to the institution at the time such benefits are received. (Revised: 4/24/03, 3/10/04, 4/24/14)

(c) Training Table Meals. An institution may provide only one training table meal per day to a student-athlete during the academic year on those days when regular institutional dining facilities are open (see Bylaw 15.2.2.1.5). A student-athlete who does not receive institutional athletically related financial aid covering the full cost of board, including a walk-on or partial scholarship recipient, may purchase one training table meal per day at the same rate that the institution deducts from the board allowance of student-athletes who receive athletically related financial aid covering board costs pursuant to Bylaw 15.2.2.1.5. (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 11/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 5/8/06, 4/26/07)

(d) Meals Incidental to Participation. An institution may provide meals to student-athletes as a benefit incidental to participation in intercollegiate athletics. An institution shall not provide student-athletes with a meal and cash for the same meal. (Revised: 4/2/4/14, 10/20/14)

1. Cash for Missed Meal Due to Practice Activities. An institution may provide to a student-athlete the cash equivalent of a meal missed due to practice activities only if he or she has previously paid for the meal (either individually or through the board element of a scholarship). (Revised: 5/9/06, 4/2/4/14)

2. Meals in Conjunction With Home Competition. All student-athletes are permitted to receive meals at the institution’s discretion beginning with the evening before competition and continuing until they are released by institutional personnel. An institution shall not provide cash to student-athletes in lieu of meals during this time period. An institution, at its discretion, may provide a meal or cash (not to exceed $15), but not both, to student-athletes at the time of their release by institutional personnel. (Revised: 4/25/02, 4/29/04, 5/2/05, 5/9/06, 12/1/06, 4/2/4/08 effective 8/1/08)

3. Meals in Conjunction With Away-from-Home Competition. An institution may provide meals to student-athletes in conjunction with away-from-home competition pursuant to one of the following options: (Revised: 5/9/06, 4/2/4/08 effective 8/1/08, 9/24/09)

(i) All student-athletes are permitted to receive a pregame or postgame meal as a benefit incidental to participation in addition to regular meals (or meal allowances per institutional policy). An institution, at its discretion, may provide cash, not to exceed $15, in lieu of a postgame meal; or

(ii) All student-athletes are permitted to receive meals at the institution’s discretion from the time the team is required to report on call for team travel until the team returns to campus. If a student-athlete does not use team travel to return to campus, he or she may receive meals at the institution’s discretion up to the point he or she is released from team-related activities by the appropriate institutional authority. An institution shall not provide cash to student-athletes in lieu of meals under this option before their release. An institution may provide a meal or cash (not to exceed $15), but not both, to a student-athlete at the time of his or her release by the institutional authority, regardless of whether he or she uses team travel to return to campus.

(e) Snacks. An institution may provide snacks to a student-athlete at any time. (Revised: 10/20/14)

(f) Vacation-Period Expenses. The institution may provide the cost of room and board to student-athletes (during official institutional vacation periods) in the following circumstances. If an institution does not provide a meal to its student-athletes under such circumstances, a cash allowance may be provided, not to exceed the amount provided by the institution to institutional staff members on away-from-campus trips: (Adopted: 10/28/99, Revised: 1/14/97, 10/28/99, 4/29/04, 5/26/06, 1/8/07, 4/17/07, 4/2/4/14)

1. Student-athletes who are required to remain on the institution’s campus for organized practice sessions or competition during the institution’s official vacation period. If the student-athlete lives at home during
the vacation period, the cost of room and board may not be provided by the institution, other than to permit the student-athlete to participate in team meals incidental to participation;

(2) Student-athletes who return to campus during the institution’s official vacation period occurring during a regular academic term (not including vacation periods between terms) from institutional competition. Under such circumstances, room and board expenses may be provided beginning with the student-athlete’s arrival on campus until the institution’s regular dormitories and dining facilities reopen. If the student-athlete lives at home during the vacation period, the cost of room and board may not be provided by the institution; or

(3) Student-athletes who return to campus during the institution’s official vacation period between regular academic terms (e.g., summer-vacation period) from institutional competition that occurs at the end of the institution’s playing and practice season or a segment thereof. Under such circumstances, room and board expenses may be provided for not more than a 48-hour period, beginning with the student-athlete’s return to campus. If the student-athlete lives at home during the vacation period, the cost of room and board may not be provided by the institution.

(g) **Nutritional Supplements.** An institution may provide permissible nutritional supplements to a student-athlete for the purpose of providing additional calories and electrolytes. Permissible nutritional supplements do not contain any NCAA banned substances and are identified according to the following classes: carbohydrate/electrolyte drinks, energy bars, carbohydrate boosters and vitamins and minerals. *(Adopted: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, Revised: 1/1/01 effective 8/1/02, 4/14/09)*

16.5.2.1 Effect of Violation—Preseason Practice Expenses. [A] A violation of Bylaw 16.5.2.1(b) due to a miscalculation of the permissible start date for preseason practice shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, the student-athlete’s eligibility shall not be affected. *(Adopted: 10/29/09, Revised: 8/7/14)*

16.6 Expenses for Student-Athlete’s Friends and Family Members. [A]

16.6.1 Permissible. [A] An institution may not provide any expenses to a student-athlete’s family members or friends, except as permitted in Bylaws 16.6.1 and 16.11. *(Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)*

16.6.1.1 Expenses for Spouse/Children to Postseason Football Bowl Game or NCAA Championship. [A] The institution may provide the cost of actual and necessary expenses (e.g., transportation, lodging, meals and expenses associated with team entertainment functions) for the spouse and children of an eligible student-athlete to accompany the student-athlete to a postseason football bowl game or an NCAA championship in which the student-athlete is a participant, and in other sports, to one round (conducted at the site) of any NCAA championship in which the student-athlete is a participant. *(Revised: 2/1/05, 8/7/14)*

16.6.1.2 Family Lodging at Postseason Events. [A] An institution may reserve or secure lodging at any postseason event (other than a conference event) at a reduced or special rate for the family members of a student-athlete who is a participant. It is not permissible for an institution to cover any portion of the cost of lodging, including any cost associated with reserving or securing lodging. *(Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/11/13, 8/7/14)*

16.6.1.3 Injury or Illness. [A] The institution may pay transportation, housing and meal expenses for a student-athlete’s family members and any other student-athlete to be present in situations in which a student-athlete suffers an injury or illness, or in the event of a student-athlete’s death, to provide such expenses in conjunction with funeral arrangements. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 4/26/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/11/13, 8/7/14)*

16.6.1.3.1 Family Members of Student-Athletes. [A] An institution may pay transportation, housing and meal expenses for a student-athlete’s family members and any other student-athlete to be present in situations in which a family member of the student-athlete suffers an injury or illness, or in the event of such an individual’s death, to provide the student-athlete’s family members and any other student-athlete with such expenses in conjunction with funeral arrangements. *(Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/11/13, 8/7/14)*

16.6.1.4 National Team Competition—Family Benefits. [A] A commercial company (other than a professional sports organization) or members of the local community may provide actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete’s family members to attend national team competition in which the student-athlete will participate. In addition, family members of student-athletes may receive nonmonetary benefits provided to the family members of all national team members in conjunction with participation in national team competition. *(Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/11/13, 8/7/14)*

16.6.1.5 Reasonable Food and Drinks. [A] An institution may provide the family members of a student-athlete with reasonable food and drinks in conjunction with educational meetings or celebratory events (e.g., senior night) and on an occasional basis for other reasons. *(Revised: 4/27/00 effective 8/1/00, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/16/10, 1/19/13 effective 8/11/13, 8/7/14)*
16.6.1.6 Complimentary Admissions to Institutional Awards Banquets. [A] An institution may provide complimentary admissions to an institutional awards banquet for the family members of any student-athlete being honored at the banquet. [R] (Adopted: 11/1/00, Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)

16.7 Entertainment in Conjunction with Practice or Competition. [A]
An institution, conference or the NCAA may provide reasonable entertainment (but may not provide cash for such entertainment) to student-athletes in conjunction with practice or competition. [R] (Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)

16.8 Expenses Provided by the Institution for Practice and Competition. [A]
16.8.1 Permissible. [A] An institution, conference or the NCAA may provide actual and necessary expenses to a student-athlete to represent the institution in practice and competition (including expenses for activities/travel that are incidental to practice or competition). In order to receive competition-related expenses, the student-athlete must be eligible for competition. [D] (Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)

16.8.1.1 Incidental Expenses at NCAA Championships, National Governing Body Championships in Emerging Sports and Postseason Bowl Games. [A] An institution may provide $30 per day to each member of a team to cover unitemized incidental expenses during travel and practice for NCAA championship events or national governing body championship events in emerging sports, during a period limited to the maximum number of days of per diem allowed for the involved championship or, for postseason bowl games, for a period not to exceed 10 days. The $30 per day may be provided only after the team departs for or reports to the site of the championship or postseason bowl contest. [R] (Adopted: 10/21/13, Revised: 8/7/14)

16.8.1.2 Other Competition. [A] During an academic year in which a student-athlete is eligible to represent an institution in athletics competition (or in the following summer), an institution may provide actual and necessary expenses related to participation in the following activities: (a) Established national championship events (including junior national championships); (b) Specific competition (e.g., Olympic Trials) from which participants may directly qualify for the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games and World University Championships; and (c) National team tryout competition events, including events from which participants are selected for another tier of tryout competition or events from which final selections are made for the national team that will participate in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games or World University Championships.

16.8.1.3 Fees Related to Conditioning Activities. [A] An institution may pay a fee related to the conduct of permissible in-season or out-of-season conditioning activities (e.g., fee for yoga instruction, fee related to a conditioning program). (See Bylaw 16.8.2.2.) (Adopted: 10/20/14)

16.8.2 Nonpermissible. [A]
16.8.2.1 Expenses for Participation in Postseason Bowl Games—Midyear Enrollee—Bowl Subdivision Football. [FBS] In bowl subdivision football, an institution may not provide expenses (e.g., travel, room and board, entertainment, incidental expenses, etc.) to a student-athlete who is a midyear enrollee (freshman or transfer) for participation in a postseason bowl game that occurs before or during the student-athlete's initial term of full-time enrollment at the institution. [R] (Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 12/15/06)

16.8.2.2 Conditioning Expenses Outside the Playing Season. [A] An institution shall not provide expenses (e.g., travel, lodging, meals) to student-athletes in conjunction with permissible conditioning activities that may occur outside the playing season during the academic year. (Adopted: 10/20/14)

16.9 Other Travel Expenses Provided by the Institution. [A]
16.9.1 Permissible Travel Expenses Not Related to Practice or Competition. [A] An institution, conference or the NCAA may provide actual and necessary expenses to a student-athlete to represent the institution in noncompetitive events [e.g., goodwill tours, media appearances (see Bylaw 12.5.3), student-athlete advisory committee meetings]. Further, an institution may provide reasonable local transportation to student-athletes on an occasional basis. [R] (Revised: 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 4/26/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)

16.10 Provision of Expenses by Individuals or Organizations Other Than the Institution. [A]
16.10.1 Service or Religious Organization Encampments. [A] Nationally recognized service organizations and religious groups may underwrite the actual and necessary expenses of student-athletes attending such
encampments. Neither the institution nor an athletically related organization may underwrite such expenses. [R]
(Revised: 4/2/70 effective 8/1/00, 4/2/10, 8/7/14)

16.10.2 Student-Teaching. [A] A student-athlete may accept actual and necessary travel expenses from a high school if he or she is student-teaching (even if teaching or coaching a sport) if the high school is located in a city other than the one in which the collegiate institution is located. In order for the student-athlete to accept such expenses: [R] (Revised: 8/7/14)
(a) Receipt of the expenses must be permitted by the established guidelines of the institution for other student-teacher trainees;
(b) The assigned coaching responsibilities must be a part of the supervised, evaluated teacher-training program in which the student-athlete is enrolled; and
(c) The high school must provide such expenses for all of its student-teacher trainees.

16.10.3 Luncheon Meeting Expenses. [A] A student-athlete may accept transportation and meal expenses in conjunction with participation in a luncheon meeting of a booster club or civic organization, provided the meeting occurs within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus and no tangible award is provided to the student-athlete. [R] (Revised: 8/7/14)

16.10.4 Recognition by Professional Sports Organization. [A] A student-athlete may accept complimentary admission to a professional sports contest during which the student-athlete and/or intercollegiate team is being recognized by the professional sports organization for extraordinary achievements. Further, it shall be permissible for the professional sports organization to promote this event to the general public. [R] (Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, Revised: 8/7/14)

16.11 Benefits, Gifts and Services. [A]
16.11.1 Permissible. [A]

16.11.1.1 General Rule. [A] Receipt of a benefit (including otherwise prohibited extra benefits per Bylaw 16.11.2) by student-athletes, their family members or friends is not a violation of NCAA rules if it is demonstrated that the same benefit is generally available to the institution's students and their family members or friends. (Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)

16.11.1.2 Deferred Pay-Back Loan. [A] A student-athlete may receive a loan on a deferred pay-back basis without jeopardizing his or her eligibility, provided: [R] (Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 8/7/14)
(a) The loan arrangements are not contrary to the extra-benefit rule; and
(b) The student-athlete's athletics reputation, skill or pay-back potential as a future professional athlete is not considered by the lending agency in its decision to provide the loan.

16.11.1.3 Loan From Established Family Friend. [A] A student-athlete may receive a loan from an established family friend without such arrangement constituting an extra benefit, provided: [R] (Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 8/7/14)
(a) The loan is not offered to the student-athlete based in any degree on his or her athletics ability or reputation;
(b) The individual providing the loan is not considered a representative of the institution's athletics interests; and
(c) The relationship between the individual providing the loan and the student-athlete existed prior to the initiation of the student-athlete's recruitment by the member institution.

16.11.1.4 Insurance Against Disabling-Injury or Illness, or Loss of Value. [A] A student-athlete may borrow against his or her future earnings potential from an established, accredited commercial lending institution, exclusively for the purpose of purchasing insurance (with no cash surrender value) against a disabling injury or illness that would prevent the individual from pursuing his or her chosen career or for the purpose of purchasing loss-of-value insurance, provided a third party (including a representative of an institution's athletics interests) is not involved in arrangements for securing the loan. However, an institution's president or chancellor (or his or her designated representative from outside the athletics department) may designate an institutional staff member (or staff members) (e.g., professional sports counseling panel) to assist a student-athlete with arrangements for securing the loan and insurance. The institution shall retain copies of all documents related to loan transactions and insurance policies, regardless of whether the institution is involved in the arrangements. [R] (Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/16/10, 8/7/14, 1/17/15)

16.11.1.5 Occasional Meals. [A] A student-athlete or the entire team in a sport may receive an occasional meal in the locale of the institution on infrequent and special occasions from an institutional staff member. An institutional staff member may provide reasonable local transportation to student-athletes to attend such meals. A student-athlete or the entire team in a sport may receive an occasional meal from a representative of athletics interests on infrequent and special occasions under the following conditions: [R] (Revised: 1/10/92, 4/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 4/29/10, 8/7/14)
(a) The meal may only be provided in an individual’s home, on campus or at a facility that is regularly used for home competition and may be catered; and
(b) A representative of the institution’s athletics interests may provide reasonable local transportation to student-athletes to attend the meal function only if the meal function is at the home of that representative.

16.11.1.6 Research Studies Involving Only Student-Athletes. [A]

16.11.1.6.1 NCAA Research Studies. [A] A student-athlete may receive compensation from the Association for participating in specified NCAA research studies. Such compensation shall be consistent with the going rate for compensation offered in studies involving nonathlete populations. [R] (Adopted: 10/28/99 effective 8/1/00, Revised: 4/30/09, 8/7/14)

16.11.1.6.2 Institution-Based Research Studies. [A] A student-athlete may receive compensation from an institution for participating in a research study involving only student-athletes, provided: [R] (Adopted: 4/30/09, Revised: 8/7/14)

(a) The study is initiated and conducted by a faculty member at a member institution; and
(b) The study and compensation arrangements are approved by the institutional review board of the faculty member’s institution consistent with policies applicable to other institution-based research studies.

16.11.1.7 Miscellaneous Benefits. [A] An institution may provide or arrange for the following benefits for a student-athlete: [R] (Adopted: 4/26/01, Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 4/13/09, 4/26/12, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)

(a) The use of a return ticket at any time after the conclusion of a foreign tour;
(b) Receipt of frequent flier points and/or miles earned while traveling to and from intercollegiate practice and/or competition;
(c) Participation in receptions and festivities associated with championships, conference tournaments or all-star events hosted by and conducted on the institution’s campus;
(d) Occasional meals to team members provided by a student-athlete’s family member at any location;
(e) Telephone calls in emergency situations as approved by the director of athletics (or his or her designee);
(f) Reasonable tokens of support and transportation, housing and meal expenses in the event of injury, illness, or death of a family member or another student-athlete;
(g) Fundraisers for student-athletes (or their family members) under the following extreme circumstances:
   (1) Extreme circumstances should be extraordinary in the result of events beyond the student-athlete’s control (e.g., life-threatening illness, natural disaster);
   (2) The proceeds must be designated for a specific purpose (e.g., payment of medical bills, purchase of medical equipment, replacement of items lost in a fire, etc.)
   (3) The proceeds may be given directly to the beneficiaries, with receipt kept on file by the institution, which must include the amount of expenses incurred and the total amount received; and
   (4) The excess proceeds must be given to a not-for-profit organization with the receipt kept on file by the institution.

(h) The payment of admission costs or a meal for any student-athlete being honored at a nonathletics awards ceremony.

16.11.1.8 Student Assistance Fund. A student-athlete may receive money from the NCAA Student Assistance Fund. Member institutions and conferences shall not use money received from the fund to finance salaries; tuition and fees, room and board, and required course-related books during a regular term (other than summer school) for student-athletes with remaining eligibility; capital improvements; stipends; and outside athletics development opportunities for student-athletes (e.g., participation in a sports camp or clinic, private sports-related instruction, greens fees, batting cage rental, outside foreign tour expenses). [R] (Adopted: 4/24/03, Revised: 1/8/07, 2/24/12, 8/7/14, 1/17/15 effective 8/1/15)

16.11.1.9 Coaching and/or Athletics Administration Career Educational Programs. [A] An institution or conference may provide actual and necessary expenses to a student-athlete, who has completed his or her third year (sixth semester or ninth quarter) of collegiate enrollment to attend a coaching and/or athletics administration career educational program (e.g., Women’s Basketball Coaches Association—So You Want To Be A Coach, Black Women in Sports Foundation—Next Step Program, U.S. Olympic Committee—Minority/ Women in Coaching Leadership). [R] (Adopted: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)

16.11.1.10 Career Counseling and Internship/Job Placement Services. [A] A student-athlete may use career counseling and internship/job placement services available exclusively to student-athletes, provided the student-athlete is not placed in a position in which the student-athlete uses his or her athletics ability. (Adopted: 4/28/11, Revised: 8/7/14)
16.11.2 Nonpermissible. [A]

16.11.2.1 General Rule. [A] The student-athlete shall not receive any extra benefit. The term “extra benefit” refers to any special arrangement by an institutional employee or representative of the institution’s athletics interests to provide the student-athlete or his or her family members or friends with a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation. [R] (Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13, 8/7/14)

16.11.2.2 Other Prohibited Benefits. [A] An institutional employee or representative of the institution’s athletics interests may not provide a student-athlete with extra benefits or services, including, but not limited to: [R] (Revised: 8/7/14)

(a) A loan of money;
(b) A guarantee of bond;
(c) An automobile or the use of an automobile;
(d) Transportation (e.g., a ride home with a coach), except as permitted in Bylaw 16.9.1, even if the student-athlete reimburses the institution or the staff member for the appropriate amount of the gas or expense; or
(e) Signing or co-signing a note with an outside agency to arrange a loan.

16.11.2.3 Camp Concession. [A] It is not permissible for a member institution or a member of its athletics department staff conducting a sports camp to permit a student-athlete (enrolled in the institution) to operate, at the student-athlete’s own expense, a concession selling items related to or associated with the camp to campers or others in attendance (see also Bylaw 13.12.1.7.3.2). [R] (Revised: 8/7/14)

16.11.2.4 Items Received for Participation in Intercollegiate Athletics. [A] An item received for participation in intercollegiate athletics may not be sold or exchanged or assigned for another item of value. (Adopted: 4/15/14, Revised: 8/7/14)

16.12 Expense Waivers. [A]

16.12.1 Previously Approved Incidental Expenses. [A] Specific incidental expenses that have been previously approved by the Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief may be processed by an institution or conference. Documentation of each approval shall be kept on file at the conference office. (Adopted: 10/28/99, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/21/12, 8/7/14)

16.12.2 Student-Athletes in Financial Need. [A] A student-athlete may request additional financial aid (with no obligation to repay such aid) from a fund established pursuant to a special financial need program approved by the Council to assist student-athletes with special financial needs. The institution may provide reasonable local transportation in conjunction with financial assistance approved under this program. (Adopted: 1/10/91, Revised: 1/10/95, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)
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<td>• Participation in postseason conference championship contest or tournament</td>
<td>$375*</td>
<td>Once per event</td>
<td>Institution, Management of event (may include conference office)</td>
<td>2</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Participation in postseason NCAA championship contest or tournament</td>
<td>Institution — $375 NCAA — No limit</td>
<td>Once per event</td>
<td>Institution, NCAA</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Participation in all-star game or postseason bowl</td>
<td>$400 (Institution) $550 (Management of event)</td>
<td>Once per event</td>
<td>Institution, Management of event</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Participation in other established meets, tournaments and featured individual competition</td>
<td>$400*</td>
<td>Once per event</td>
<td>Institution, Management of event</td>
<td>2</td>
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* The combined value of all awards received for participation in this type of event from the institution and the management of the event may not exceed the published value.

### FIGURE 16-2
Championship Awards [A] [R]

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Type of Award</th>
<th>Maximum Value of Award</th>
<th>Number of Times Award May Be Received</th>
<th>Permissible Awarding Agencies</th>
<th>Maximum Number of Permissible Awarding Agencies</th>
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<tr>
<td>National Championship conducted by NCAA</td>
<td>$415*</td>
<td>Once per championship</td>
<td>Institution**, Conference**</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>National Championship not conducted by NCAA***</td>
<td>$415*</td>
<td>Once per championship</td>
<td>Institution**, Conference**</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Conference Championship — regular season</td>
<td>$325*#</td>
<td>Once per championship</td>
<td>Institution**, Conference**</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Conference Championship — postseason contest or tournament</td>
<td>$325*#</td>
<td>Once per championship</td>
<td>Institution**, Conference**</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
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* Each permissible awarding agency is subject to a separate $415/$325 limit per award.
** Award may be provided by another organization recognized by the institution or conference to act in its place.
*** Applies only to sports or classification divisions in which the NCAA does not conduct championships. Teams must be designated as a “national champion” by a national wire-service poll or the national coaches association in that sport.
# The combined value of both awards shall not exceed $325 if same institution wins conference regular-season and postseason championships.
**FIGURE 16-3**  
Special Achievement Awards [A] [R]

<table>
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<th>Type of Award</th>
<th>Maximum Value of Award</th>
<th>Number of Times Award May Be Received</th>
<th>Permissible Awarding Agencies</th>
<th>Maximum Number of Permissible Awarding Agencies</th>
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<tr>
<td>Special attainments or contribution to team's season (e.g., scholar-athlete, most improved player, most minutes played, most valuable player)</td>
<td>$175</td>
<td>Once per category of award per year</td>
<td>Institution</td>
<td>1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Most valuable player — special event*</td>
<td>$325**</td>
<td>Once per event</td>
<td>Institution, Conference, Organization approved by institution or conference</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Most valuable player — bowl game or all-star contest</td>
<td>$350</td>
<td>Once per event</td>
<td>Sponsoring entity of all-star contest or certified postseason bowl</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Established regional/national recognition awards (e.g., Wade Trophy, Heisman Trophy)</td>
<td>$325</td>
<td>Once per year per award</td>
<td>Management of award program</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trophy recognizing established national award</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
<td>Once per year</td>
<td>Management of award program</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trophy recognizing conference &quot;athlete of the year&quot;</td>
<td>$1,500</td>
<td>Once per year to one male and one female</td>
<td>Conference</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Specialized performance in single contest or during limited time period (e.g., player of the game, player of the week)</td>
<td>$80 (certificate, medal or plaque only)</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
<td>Conference, Outside organization (e.g., local business)</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hometown award</td>
<td>$80</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
<td>Group (other than institution’s booster club) located in the student-athlete’s hometown</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
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</table>

* The award recipient must be selected by a recognized organization approved by a member institution or conference.
** Each permissible awarding agency is subject to separate $325 limit per award. Each awarding agency may provide only a single award for each event to each student-athlete.
BYLAW, ARTICLE 17

Playing and Practice Seasons

17.01 General Principles.

17.01.1 Institutional Limitations. A member institution shall limit its organized practice activities, the length of its playing seasons and the number of its regular-season contests and/or dates of competition in all sports, as well as the extent of its participation in noncollegiate-sponsored athletics activities, to minimize interference with the academic programs of its student-athletes (see Figures 17-1 and 17-2).

17.01.2 Additional Playing and Practice Seasons Limitations. The Committee on Academics shall have the authority to determine the circumstances that would require an institution or team(s) that fails to satisfy the academic performance program to apply additional playing and practice seasons limitations. The committee shall establish and annually publish to the membership such circumstances (see Bylaw 14.8). (Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 8/7/14)

17.02 Definitions and Applications.

17.02.1 Countable Athletically Related Activities. Countable athletically related activities include any required activity with an athletics purpose involving student-athletes and at the direction of, or supervised by, one or more of an institution's coaching staff (including strength and conditioning coaches) and must be counted within the weekly and daily limitations under Bylaws 17.1.7.1 and 17.1.7.2. Administrative activities (e.g., academic meetings, compliance meetings) shall not be considered as countable athletically related activities. (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03)

17.02.2 Contest. A contest is any game, match, exhibition, scrimmage or joint practice session with another institution's team, regardless of its formality, in which competition in a sport occurs between an intercollegiate athletics team or individual representing a member institution and any other team or individual not representing the intercollegiate athletics program of the same member institution. (Revised: 1/10/91)

17.02.3 Contest, Countable, Institutional. A countable contest for a member institution, in those sports for which the limitations are based on the number of contests, is any contest by the member institution against an outside team in that sport, unless a specific exemption for a particular contest is set forth in this bylaw. Contests, including scrimmages, by separate squads of the same team against different outside teams shall each count as one contest.

17.02.4 Contest, Countable, Individual Student-Athlete. A countable contest for an individual student-athlete in a sport is any contest in which the student-athlete competes while representing the member institution (see Bylaw 17.02.8) individually or as a member of the varsity, subvarsity or freshman team of the institution in that sport, unless a specific exemption for a particular contest is set forth in this bylaw.

17.02.5 Date of Competition. A date of competition is a single date on which any game(s), match(es), meet(s), exhibition(s), scrimmage(s) or joint practice session(s) with another institution's team takes place, regardless of its formality, between an intercollegiate athletics team or individual representing a member institution and any other team or individual not representing the intercollegiate athletics program of the same member institution. (Revised: 1/10/91)

17.02.6 Date of Competition, Countable, Institutional. A countable date of competition for a member institution, in those sports for which the limitations are based on the number of dates of competition, is a single date on which the institution's team in a sport engages in competition in that sport against an outside team, unless a specific exemption for a particular date of competition is set forth in this bylaw.

17.02.6.1 Required Minimum Number of Student-Athletes. For individual sports, a member institution shall be considered to have participated in competition that constitutes a date of competition if the minimum number of student-athletes participating on one or more teams, at one or more sites, on behalf of the institution on that date equals or exceeds the minimum number established for that sport, unless otherwise restricted in this bylaw for a particular sport (e.g., golf, tennis). (See Bylaw 20.9.6.3 for listings of minimum numbers of student-athletes per sport.)

17.02.7 Date of Competition, Countable, Individual Student-Athlete. A countable date of competition for an individual student-athlete is any date on which a student-athlete competes while representing the institution (see Bylaw 17.02.8) individually or as a member of the varsity, subvarsity or freshman team, unless a specific exemption for a particular date of competition is set forth in this bylaw.

17.02.8 Intercollegiate Competition. Intercollegiate competition is considered to have occurred when a student-athlete in either a two-year or a four-year collegiate institution does any of the following: (Revised: 1/10/91, 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 1/9/06)
(a) Represents the institution in any contest against outside competition, regardless of how the competition is classified (e.g., scrimmage, exhibition or joint practice session with another institution’s team) or whether the student is enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies;
(b) Competes in the uniform of the institution, or, during the academic year, uses any apparel (excluding apparel no longer used by the institution) received from the institution that includes institutional identification; or
(c) Competes and receives expenses (e.g., transportation, meals, room or entry fees) from the institution for the competition.

17.02.8.1 Exempted Events. Participation in events listed in Bylaw 16.8.1.2 is exempted from the application of this legislation. (Revised: 1/10/92)

17.02.8.2 Participation on an Institution’s Club Team. Participation on a collegiate institution’s club team is exempted from the application of this legislation, provided the institution did not sponsor the sport on the varsity intercollegiate level at the time of participation. (Adopted: 6/24/09)

17.02.9 National Team. A national team is one selected, organized and sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic sport, the equivalent organization of that sport). The selection for such a team shall be made on a national qualification basis, either through a defined selective process or by actual tryouts, publicly announced in advance. In addition, the international competition in question shall require that the entrants officially represent their respective nations, although it is not necessary to require team scoring by nation.

17.02.10 Organized Competition. Athletics competition shall be considered organized if any of the following conditions exists: (Revised: 4/29/10)
(a) Competition is scheduled and publicized in advance;
(b) Official score is kept;
(c) Individual or team standings are maintained;
(d) Official timer or game officials are used;
(e) Admission is charged;
(f) Teams are regularly formed or team rosters are predetermined;
(g) Team uniforms are used;
(h) A team is privately or commercially sponsored; or
(i) The competition is either directly or indirectly sponsored, promoted or administered by an individual, an organization or any other agency.

17.02.11 Outside Competition. Outside competition is athletics competition against any other athletics team (including an alumni team) that does not represent the intercollegiate athletics program of the same institution.

17.02.12 Outside Team. An outside team is any team that does not represent the intercollegiate athletics program of the member institution or a team that includes individuals other than eligible student-athletes of the member institution (e.g., members of the coaching staff, ineligible student-athletes, members of the faculty).

17.02.13 Practice Units. In determining the first permissible preseason practice date, an institution shall count back from its first scheduled contest, one unit for each day beginning with the opening of classes, one unit for each day classes are not in session in the week of the first scheduled intercollegiate contest and two units for each other day in the preseason practice period, except that the institution shall not count any units during the preseason when all institutional dormitories are closed, the institution’s team must leave campus, and practice is not conducted. (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/10/92, 4/14/03)

17.02.13.1 Sunday. Sundays are excluded from the counting. (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)

17.02.13.2 Week. The “week” of the first scheduled intercollegiate contest is defined as the six days, excluding Sunday, preceding the date of competition (even if one or more of the days fall into different traditional calendar weeks). (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)

17.02.13.3 Opening Day of Classes. The “opening day of classes” is defined as the first day of classes as listed in the member institution’s official catalog. Required freshman orientation is not considered to be the opening day of classes for the academic year. (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)

17.02.13.4 First Day of Practice. The first day of practice may be conducted on the day when the last practice unit occurs, which is determined by counting backward from the day of the first permissible regularly scheduled contest. For example, in soccer, practice may be held on the day that the 21st practice unit actually occurs, counting backward from the day of the first permissible regularly scheduled contest. (Adopted: 12/10/97, Revised: 4/14/03, 3/16/15)

17.02.14 Student-Athlete Discretionary Time. [FBS/FCS] Student-athlete discretionary time is time during which a student-athlete may only participate in athletics activities at his or her discretion. There shall be
no required workouts and institutions are not permitted to recommend that student-athletes engage in weight-training or conditioning activities; however, if the student-athlete opts to work out, the strength and conditioning coach may monitor the facility in use for health and safety purposes. (Adopted: 4/24/03 effective 5/1/03)

17.02.15 Tournament—Sports Other Than Basketball. In sports other than basketball, for purposes of maximum contest or date of competition limitations, a tournament is an event that culminates in the determination of a winner. A tournament may be conducted in round-robin, pool play or bracket formats. (Adopted: 9/18/07)

17.02.16 Tryouts—Enrolled Students. A tryout of an enrolled student may occur, provided the student is eligible for practice and the tryout only involves activities that are permissible at the time they occur (e.g., practice in season, skill-related instruction or conditioning outside the season.) (Adopted: 8/21/13)

17.02.17 Varsity Intercollegiate Sport. A varsity intercollegiate sport is a sport that has been accorded that status by the institution's president or chancellor or committee responsible for intercollegiate athletics policy and that satisfies the following conditions: (Revised: 3/8/06)

(a) It is a sport that is administered by the department of intercollegiate athletics;

(b) It is a sport for which the eligibility of the student-athletes is reviewed and certified by a staff member designated by the institution's president or chancellor or committee responsible for intercollegiate athletics policy; and

(c) It is a sport in which qualified participants receive the institution's official varsity awards.

17.02.17.1 Team Sports. The following are classified as team sports for purposes of this bylaw: (Revised: 4/24/03, 4/30/09 effective 8/10/10, 1/16/10 effective 8/1/09, 4/30/09 effective 8/1/11, 7/31/15)

<table>
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<tr>
<td>Basketball</td>
<td>Lacrosse</td>
<td>Volleyball</td>
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<td>Women’s Beach Volleyball</td>
<td>Women’s Rowing</td>
<td>Water Polo</td>
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<td>Field Hockey</td>
<td>Women’s Rugby</td>
<td>Soccer</td>
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17.02.17.2 Individual Sports. The following are classified as individual sports for purposes of this bylaw: (Revised: 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)

<table>
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<td>Cross Country</td>
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<td>Women’s Equestrian</td>
<td>Tennis</td>
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<td>Fencing</td>
<td>Track and Field, Indoor and Outdoor</td>
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<td>Golf</td>
<td>Women’s Triathlon</td>
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<td>Gymnastics</td>
<td>Wrestling</td>
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<td>Rifle</td>
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17.02.18 Voluntary Athletically Related Activities. In order for any athletically related activity to be considered “voluntary,” all of the following conditions must be met: (Adopted: 4/18/01, Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)

(a) The student-athlete must not be required to report back to a coach or other athletics department staff member (e.g., strength coach, trainer, manager) any information related to the activity. In addition, no athletics department staff member who observes the activity (e.g., trainer, manager) may report back to the student-athlete’s coach any information related to the activity;

(b) The activity must be initiated and requested solely by the student-athlete. Neither the institution nor any athletics department staff member may require the student-athlete to participate in the activity at any time. However, it is permissible for an athletics department staff member to provide information to student-athletes related to available opportunities for participating in voluntary activities (e.g., times when the strength and conditioning coach will be on duty in the weight room or on the track). In addition, for students who have initiated a request to engage in voluntary activities, the institution or an athletics department staff member may assign specific times for student-athletes to use institutional facilities for such purposes and inform the student-athletes of the time in advance;

(c) The student-athlete’s attendance and participation in the activity (or lack thereof) may not be recorded for the purposes of reporting such information to coaching staff members or other student-athletes; and

(d) The student-athlete may not be subjected to penalty if he or she elects not to participate in the activity. In addition, neither the institution nor any athletics department staff member may provide recognition or incentives (e.g., awards) to a student-athlete based on his or her attendance or performance in the activity. [Note: Coaching staff members may be present during permissible skill-related instruction pursuant to Bylaws 17.1.7.2.2 and 17.1.7.2.3]
17.1 General Playing-Season Regulations.

17.1.1 Playing Season. The playing (practice and competition) season for a particular sport is the period of time between the date of an institution’s first officially recognized practice session and the date of the institution’s last practice session or date of competition, whichever occurs later. An institution is permitted to conduct officially recognized practice and competition each academic year only during the playing season as regulated for each sport in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw. The institution must conduct the same playing season for varsity and subvarsity teams in the same sport. (Revised: 1/10/92)

17.1.1.1 Playing Season—Athletically Related Activities. The playing (practice and competition) season for a particular sport is the only time within which a member institution is permitted to conduct countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) except as set forth in Bylaws 17.1.7.2 and 17.10.6. However, a coaching staff member may engage in coaching activities with a student-athlete during the student-athlete’s participation in events listed in Bylaws 16.8.1.2-(a) and Bylaw 16.8.1.2-(b). (Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)

17.1.2 Segments of Playing Season. For all sports other than football and basketball, each member institution may divide the playing season into not more than two distinct segments. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)

17.1.2.1 Exception—Severe Inclement Weather. An institution may temporarily discontinue a segment due to severe inclement weather (e.g., hurricane, snowstorm), and restart the discontinued segment provided the permissible overall length of that segment is not exceeded. An institution that uses this exception is required to annually submit a detailed summary to the NCAA national office by July 31. (Adopted: 4/28/05)

17.1.3 Declaration of Playing Season. Each member institution shall determine the playing season for each of the sports referenced under Bylaw 17.02.17. Declaration of the institution’s playing season in each such sport shall be on file in writing in the department of athletics prior to the beginning of the institution’s playing season for that sport. Changes in the declaration for a particular sport are permissible and also shall be filed in writing in the office of the institution’s athletics director. (Revised: 1/11/89)

17.1.4 Sports Subject to Segment Limitations. Playing-season-segment limitations are applicable to all team sports that are listed in Bylaw 17.02.17.1 and all individual sports listed in Bylaw 17.02.17.2. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/95 effective 8/1/93)

17.1.5 Mandatory Medical Examination. [#] Prior to participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities (or in Division I, permissible voluntary summer conditioning or individual workouts, or permissible required summer athletic activities in basketball and football), student-athletes who are beginning their initial season of eligibility and students who are trying out for a team shall be required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered or supervised by a physician (e.g., family physician, team physician). The examination or evaluation must be administered within six months prior to participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities. In following years, an updated history of the student-athlete’s medical condition shall be administered by an institutional medical staff member (e.g., sports medicine staff, team physician) to determine if additional examinations (e.g., physical, cardiovascular, neurological) are required. The updated history must be administered within six months prior to the student-athlete’s participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities for the applicable academic year. (Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 5/1/07, Revised: 8/5/08, 6/5/15)

17.1.5.1 Sickle Cell Solubility Test. The examination or evaluation of student-athletes who are beginning their initial season of eligibility and students who are trying out for a team shall include a sickle cell solubility test, unless documented results of a prior test are provided to the institution or the prospective student-athlete or student-athlete declines the test and signs a written release. (Adopted: 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, Revised: 5/3/10)

17.1.6 Sports-Safety Certified Staff Member Presence During Countable Physical Activities. An institutional staff member with current certification in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automatic external defibrillator (AED) use must be present any time a student-athlete participates in a physical countable athletically related activity. (Adopted: 4/24/14 effective 8/1/14)

17.1.7 Time Limits for Athletically Related Activities. In all sports, the following time limitations shall apply: (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)

17.1.7.1 Daily and Weekly Hour Limitations—Playing Season. A student-athlete’s participation in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) shall be limited to a maximum of four hours per day and 20 hours per week. (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)

17.1.7.2 Weekly Hour Limitations—Outside the Playing Season. (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97, 11/1/00, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 3/10/04)

(a) Sports Other Than Football. Outside the playing season, from the institution’s first day of classes of the academic year or September 15, whichever occurs earlier, to one week prior to the beginning of the institution’s final examination period at the conclusion of the academic year, only a student-athlete’s participation in required weight training, conditioning and skill-related instruction shall be permitted. A student-athlete’s participation in such activities per Bylaw 17.02.1 shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than two hours per week spent on skill-related workouts. All countable related activities outside the playing season are prohibited one week prior to the beginning of the final
17.1.7.2.1 Institutional Vacation Period and Summer. A student-athlete may not participate in any countable athletically related activities outside the playing season during any institutional vacation period and/or summer. Strength and conditioning coaches who are not countable coaches and who perform such duties on a department-wide basis may design and conduct specific workout programs for student-athletes, provided such workouts are voluntary and conducted at the request of the student-athlete. (Adopted: 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 4/28/05, 12/15/06, 10/30/13)

17.1.7.2.1.2 Exception—September 15 to First Day of Classes—Sports Other Than Football. In sports other than football, required weight training, conditioning and skill-related instruction is permitted, pursuant to Bylaws 17.1.7.2, 17.1.7.2.2 and 17.1.7.2.3, during an institution's summer vacation period from September 15 to the first day of classes of the academic year. (Adopted: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06)

17.1.7.2.1.4 Strength and Conditioning Coach First Aid/CPR Certification and Authority of Sports Medicine Staff—Sports Other Than Football. A strength and conditioning coach who conducts voluntary weight-training or conditioning activities is required to maintain certification in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. If a member of the institution's sports medicine staff (e.g., athletic trainer, physician) is present during voluntary conditioning activities conducted by a strength and conditioning coach, the sports medicine staff member must be empowered with the unchallengeable authority to cancel or modify the workout for health and safety reasons, as he or she deems appropriate. (Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 5/1/11)

17.1.7.2.2 Skill Instruction—Sports Other Than Baseball and Football. Participation by student-athletes in skill-related instruction in sports other than baseball and football is permitted outside the institution's declared playing season, from the institution's first day of classes of the academic year or September 15, whichever occurs earlier, to one week prior to the beginning of the institution's final examination period at the conclusion of the academic year [see Bylaw 17.1.7.2-(a)]. More than four student-athletes from the team may be involved in skill-related instruction with their coaches from September 15 through April 15. Prior to September 15 and after April 15, not more than four student-athletes from the same team may be involved in skill-related instruction with their coaches at any one time in any facility. Skill-related instruction shall not be publicized and shall not be conducted in view of a general public audience. (Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 1/9/96, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 10/27/98, 10/31/02 effective 8/1/03, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/28/05, 4/27/06 effective 8/1/06, 4/26/07 effective 8/1/07, 10/30/08)

17.1.7.2.4 Conditioning Activities. Conditioning drills per Bylaw 17.1.7.2 that may simulate game activities are permissible, provided no offensive or defensive alignments are set up and no equipment related to the sport is used. In ice hockey, a student-athlete may be involved in on-ice conditioning activities, provided no equipment other than skates is used. In swimming and diving, a student-athlete may be involved in in-pool conditioning activities and swim-specific equipment (e.g., starting blocks, kickboards, pull buoys) may be used. (Revized: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)

17.1.7.3 Computation and Recording of Hour Limitations.

17.1.7.3.1 Definition of Day. A “day” shall be defined as a calendar day (12 a.m. through 11:59 p.m.). (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)

17.1.7.3.2 Competition Day. All competition and any associated athletically related activities on the day of competition shall count as three hours regardless of the actual duration of these activities.

17.1.7.3.2.1 Countable Athletically Related Activities Prohibited After Competition. Countable athletically related activities may not be conducted at any time (including vacation periods) following competition, except between contests, rounds or events during a multiday or multievent competition (e.g., double-headers in softball or baseball, rounds of golf in a multiday tournament). (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/10/92, 4/13/09)

17.1.7.3.3 Definition of Week. A “week” shall be defined as any seven consecutive days to be determined at the institution's discretion and shall be sport specific. Once the institution determines the seven-day period that shall constitute its week, it shall not change that designation for the remainder of the segment. (Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 1/22/14)

17.1.7.3.4 Hour-Limitation Record. Countable hours must be recorded on a daily basis for each student-athlete regardless of whether the student-athlete is participating in an individual or team sport. Any countable individual or group athletically related activity must count against the time limitation for each student-athlete who participates in the activity but does not count against time limitations for other team members who do not participate in the activity. (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)

17.1.7.3.5 Preseason Practice. Daily and weekly hour limitations do not apply to countable athletically related activities occurring during preseason practice prior to the first day of classes or the first scheduled contest, whichever is earlier. (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)
17.1.7.3.6 Vacation Periods and Between Terms. Daily and weekly hour limitations do not apply to countable athletically related activities occurring during an institution's term-time official vacation period, as listed in the institution's official calendar, and during the academic year between terms when classes are not in session. If such vacation periods occur during any part of a week in which classes are in session, the institution is subject to the daily and weekly hour limitations during the portion of the week when classes are in session and must provide the student-athletes with a day off (see Bylaw 17.1.7.4), which may be a vacation day. (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/10/92)

17.1.7.3.7 Final-Examination Periods. Daily and weekly hour limitations apply to countable athletically related activities during final-examination periods and to all official preparatory periods leading to final-examination periods. (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)

17.1.7.3.8 Multisport Participant. A multisport student-athlete's participation in countable athletically related activities is limited to a maximum of four hours per day and a total of 20 hours per week. (Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)

17.1.7.4 Required Day Off—Playing Season. During the playing season, all countable athletically related activities (per Bylaw 17.02.1) shall be prohibited during one calendar day per week, except during participation in one conference and postseason championship and any postseason bowl games or National Invitation Tournaments, and during participation in NCAA championships. (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/11/94, 1/10/95, 1/9/96, 2/1/05)

17.1.7.4.1 Travel Day. A travel day related to athletics participation may be considered as a day off, provided no countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) occur during that day. (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)

17.1.7.4.2 Canceled Competition. When an institution's competition is canceled prior to the start of competition or canceled prior to the competition being considered a completed event in accordance with the playing rules of that sport, an institution may use that day as its required day off, provided the institution does not engage in any further countable athletically related activities during that day. (Adopted: 1/16/93)

17.1.7.4.3 Preseason Practice. An institution is not required to provide student-athletes with one day off per week during preseason practice that occurs prior to the first day of classes, or the first scheduled contest, whichever is earlier. (Adopted: 1/10/92)

17.1.7.4.4 Vacation Period. It is permissible to use a vacation day to satisfy the day-off-per-week requirement. (Adopted: 1/10/92)

17.1.7.4.5 Non-NCAA Postseason Championship. The one-day-off-per-week requirement is applicable to a non-NCAA postseason championship (e.g., national governing body championship) unless the event is open only to intercollegiate teams or intercollegiate competitors. (Adopted: 1/9/96)

17.1.7.4.6 Multiple Conference Championships. An institution that participates in multiple conference championships is not subject to the one-day-off-per-week requirement in the one conference championship that it exempts from its maximum contest limitations. (Adopted: 1/9/96)

17.1.7.5 Required Days Off—Outside the Playing Season. Outside the playing season during the academic year, all countable athletically related activities (per Bylaw 17.02.1) are prohibited during two calendar days per week. (Adopted: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04)

17.1.7.6 Additional Restrictions.

17.1.7.6.2 No Class Time Missed for Practice Activities. No class time shall be missed at any time (e.g., regular academic term, mini term, summer term) for practice activities except when a team is traveling to an away-from-home contest and the practice is in conjunction with the contest. (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 5/13/10)

17.1.7.6.2.1 Exception—Championship Practice. At any conference or NCAA championship, student-athletes from the team representing the host institution shall be permitted to miss class time to attend practice activities conducted the day before the competition. (Adopted: 4/27/00, Revised: 4/26/01)

17.1.7.6.3 Countable Athletically Related Activities Between Midnight and 5 a.m. Countable athletically related activities shall not occur between midnight and 5 a.m. (Adopted: 1/16/10)

17.1.7.6.3.1 Exceptions. Countable athletically related activities may occur between midnight and 5 a.m. under the following circumstances: (Adopted: 1/16/10)

(a) During participation in a conference championship or an NCAA championship;
(b) Participation in any competition that begins before midnight and concludes after midnight; or
(c) Participation in a promotional practice activity (e.g., first practice of the season).

17.1.7.6.4 Preseason Off-Campus Intrarsquad Games and Practice Activities Prohibition. Preseason off-campus intrasquad games shall be prohibited in all sports. (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 10/27/98 effective 8/1/99, 8/11/11)
17.1.7.6.5 Publicity of Preseason Off-Campus Practice Activities. An institution may publicize off-campus preseason practice activities that are conducted at a single designated site, provided the institution normally conducts preseason practice activities at that particular site. (Adopted: 8/11/11)

17.1.7.7 Exception—Eligibility Exhausted. A student-athlete who has exhausted his or her eligibility in a sport, but is eligible for practice under the five-year rule, is not subject to the time limits of Bylaw 17.1.7. (Adopted: 4/24/08 effective 8/1/08)

17.1.8 General Regulations for Computing Playing Seasons Applicable to All Sports.

(a) Makeup Contests. An institution is not permitted to extend the playing season to make up suspended or canceled games (including games that determine a conference champion or the automatic qualifier to the NCAA championship); (Adopted: 1/10/92)

(b) NCAA or NAIA Championships Participation in Team Sports. Neither practice for nor participation in any NCAA or NAIA championship event (including play-in contests conducted pursuant to NCAA championships) is considered part of the institution’s declared playing season. A member institution that has reason to believe it is under consideration for selection to participate in an NCAA championship event may continue to practice (but may not compete against outside competition) beyond its last regular-season contest, including the conference championship (if any), without counting such practice against the institution’s declared playing-season limitation until it is determined by the appropriate committee whether the institution will be selected to participate in the NCAA championship competition. An institution that is not selected to participate in the NCAA championship may continue to practice or compete until the end of that championship only if it has time remaining in its declared playing season;

(c) NCAA Championships Participation in Individual Sports. Only appropriate squad members considered necessary for effective practice by the individual(s) preparing for the NCAA championships may continue to practice without counting such practice against the institution’s declared playing-season limitation;

(d) Post-NCAA Championships Participation. Following the conclusion of an NCAA (or NAIA) championship in a sport, an institution may resume practice and/or competition in the sport, provided it is continuing its permissible playing season in the sport and provided the activity occurs during the academic year;

(e) Conference Championships. Conference championships must be included within the institution’s playing season;

(f) Non-NCAA Postseason Championships Participation. Practice and/or competition in non-NCAA (or non-NAIA) postseason championships (e.g., an invitational tournament scheduled after a conference championship) must be counted against the institution’s declared playing-season limitation; except that practice and competition for one postseason championship in each non-NCAA championship sport used for sports sponsorship purposes pursuant to Bylaw 20.9.6.1.1, practice and competition for one recognized national intercollegiate championship event in an emerging sport for women pursuant to Bylaw 20.02.4 and practice and competition for the National Invitational Softball Championship, for the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) Women’s Lightweight Rowing Championship, the National Invitational Volleyball Championship and the USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Championship are exempt from the institution’s declared playing-season limitations in those sports; (Revised: 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 8/11/98, 4/26/01, 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 10/28/10)

(g) Foreign Tours. Participation by a member institution on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.28) need not be included within the institution’s declared playing-season limitation in the sport.

17.1.8.1 Combining Segments. In those sports that have different contest limitations in the segment concluding with the NCAA championship and the other segment, a member institution that conducts a single continuous segment in a sport (rather than dividing its playing season for that sport into two distinct segments as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.2) shall be limited to the number of contests or dates of competition permitted only for the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship. (Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)

17.1.9 Use of Tobacco Products. The use of tobacco products by a student-athlete is prohibited during practice and competition. A student-athlete who uses tobacco products during a practice or competition shall be disqualified for the remainder of that practice or competition. (Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)


**FIGURE 17-1**
Maximum Number of Contests and Dates of Competition for Each Sport

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**FIGURE 17-2**
First Practice, Contest or Date of Competition, and End-of-Season Dates

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<th>Sport</th>
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<th>First Contest Date or Date of Competition</th>
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<td>September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first</td>
<td>September 7 or the first day of classes, whichever occurs first</td>
<td>In equestrian, fencing, rifle, skiing, and swimming and diving, the last day of final exams for academic year.</td>
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17.8 Fencing.

Regulations for computing the fencing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.8.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution’s playing season in fencing shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)

17.8.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in fencing prior to September 7 or the institution’s first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)

17.8.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in fencing prior to September 7 or the institution’s first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)

17.8.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (matches or practice matches) in fencing by the last date of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)

17.8.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.8.5.1 Maximum Limitations—Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in fencing during the permissible fencing playing season to 11 dates of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.8.5.2 and 17.8.5.3 (see Bylaw 20.9.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements). (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)

17.8.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in fencing in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.8.5.1.2 Maximum Limitations—Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 11 dates of competition in fencing. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)

17.8.5.2 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in fencing shall exclude the following: (Revised: 2/24/03)

(a) Season-Ending Tournament.

(1) NCAA Championship. Competition in the National Collegiate Men’s and Women’s Fencing Championships;
(2) Season-Ending Tournament. Competition in one season-ending fencing tournament (e.g., conference championship, regional tournament) other than an NCAA fencing championship; (Revised: 1/10/90)

(b) Alumni Meet. One date of competition in fencing each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(c) Foreign Team in the United States. One date of competition in fencing each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(d) Hawaii or Alaska. Any dates of competition in fencing in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question; (Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)

(e) Fundraising Activity. Any fencing activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution’s athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution’s athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

(f) Celebrity Sports Activity. Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution’s fencing team who participate in local celebrity fencing activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;
17.8.1) outside the institution’s declared playing season per Bylaw 17.8.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2.

17.02.1) ing staff at the student-athlete’s institution shall not engage in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw

17.8.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution’s regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete uses fencing equipment. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual’s workouts. (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)

17.8.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in fencing who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution’s camps or clinics. (Revised: 1/10/92)

17.8.9 Other Restrictions.

17.8.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. A student-athlete in fencing who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside fencing team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., fencing tournament, exhibition games or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate fencing competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate fencing competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.31.3 for exceptions). (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93, 10/3/05)

17.8.9.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution’s declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution’s catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed four. (Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94)

17.8.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate fencing who may practice or compete out of season on an outside amateur fencing team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer except as provided in Bylaw 17.8.9.1.1). (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93)

17.8.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining with the institution’s fencing team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.29 and 17.31.3. (Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05)

17.8.9.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided: (Revised: 2/21/02, 4/28/11)

(a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.8.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.
17.28 Exceptions for Member Institutions Located in Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

17.28.1 Practice and Playing Seasons. Member institutions located in Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico shall not be required to observe the starting dates for the practice and playing seasons set forth in this bylaw, provided the amount of practice and number of contests engaged in by such institutions in each sport do not exceed the amount of practice and number of contests in each sport permitted other members of the Association.

17.28.2 Alaska/Hawaii, Additional Football Contest. Member institutions located in Alaska and Hawaii shall be permitted to exceed, by one, the maximum number of football contests permitted under Bylaw 17.10.5.1 but otherwise shall conform to the same maximum number of contests and dates of competition permitted other members of the Association.

17.29 Foreign Tours.

17.29.1 Institutionally Certified Tours. A member institution may participate in competition in any sport on foreign tours. The institution must certify in writing that the conditions set forth in this section are met and must maintain the certification on file in the athletics department. (Revised: 1/11/89, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 7/30/10)

17.29.1.1 Tour to U.S. Territory or Commonwealth. A tour to a U.S. commonwealth (e.g., Puerto Rico) or a U.S. territory (e.g., Virgin Islands) is not considered a foreign tour.

17.29.1.2 Timing of Tour. A tour may only be scheduled during the summer-vacation period between the institution’s spring and fall terms or during an academic year vacation period (other than a Labor Day vacation period) published in the institution’s official catalog. All travel to and from the foreign country must take place during such a vacation period. However, if the team crosses the international date line during the tour, the change of date will be disregarded and the equivalent time as measured in the United States will be used to determine the institution’s vacation period. (Revised: 10/18/89, 4/29/04, 10/29/04 effective 11/1/04, 5/12/05, 1/8/07, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09; a contract signed before 4/14/08 may be honored, 7/30/10)

17.29.1.2.1 Summer Vacation Period. A foreign tour taken during the summer vacation period shall be considered to have occurred during the academic year after the summer for purposes of Bylaw 17. (Revised: 7/30/10)

17.29.1.3 Time Lapse Between Tours. An institution shall not engage in a foreign tour in each sport more than once every four years. In basketball, a student-athlete shall not participate in more than one foreign tour for a particular institution. (Revised: 1/11/89, 4/29/10 effective 8/1/10, 7/30/10)

17.29.1.4 Eligibility of Student-Athletes. The eligibility of student-athletes on the tour shall be governed by the following (see Bylaw 12.8.3.6): (Revised: 8/11/98, 7/30/10)

(a) If the tour takes place during the summer, the student-athletes shall have been eligible for intercollegiate competition during the previous academic year or shall have been enrolled at the institution as a full-time student during the previous academic year and have established by the beginning of the tour that he or she is eligible for competition during the academic year immediately following the tour; or

(b) If the tour takes place after the academic year has started, the student-athletes shall be regularly enrolled in the institution and eligible for intercollegiate competition.

17.29.1.4.1 Incoming-Student Participation. It is permissible for an eligible incoming student-athlete to represent the institution on a foreign tour that begins after the permissible starting practice date in the sport involved or after the first day of classes of his or her first regular term at the institution. An incoming student-athlete (freshman or transfer) may participate in practice sessions conducted in preparation for a foreign tour only if such practice sessions occur either: (Revised: 5/4/05, 7/30/10)

(a) On or after the first permissible practice date in the involved sport; or

(b) On or after the first day of classes of the student-athlete’s first regular academic term at the institution.
17.29.1.5 Practice Limitation. Not more than 10 days of practice are permitted prior to departure. Practice is prohibited outside the playing season one week prior to the beginning of the institution’s final examination period for the applicable regular academic term through the conclusion of the final examination period. (Revised: 1/14/08, 7/30/10)

17.29.1.6 Maximum Number of Contests/Competition Dates. A team shall be limited to a maximum of three football games, 10 basketball games, or 10 contests or dates of competition in any other sport during and as part of the tour. (Revised: 1/10/91, 7/30/10)

17.29.1.7 Opponents. The team shall not compete during the tour against other American teams (colleges or other U.S. teams) other than teams composed of U.S. armed forces personnel stationed at U.S. military bases in foreign countries. (Revised: 7/30/10)

17.29.1.9 Per Diem. An institution may provide a student-athlete $20 cash per day to cover unitemized incidental expenses incurred in connection with a foreign tour in his or her particular sport. This expense allowance may be provided each day of the tour, up to a maximum of 21 days. (Adopted: 11/1/01, Revised: 7/30/10)

17.29.1.10 Passports. An institution may purchase passports for its student-athletes that are required for travel in connection with a foreign tour, and student-athletes may retain ownership of such passports. The institution also may provide student-athletes with reasonable local transportation to obtain such passports. (Adopted: 11/1/01, Revised: 7/30/10)

17.29.2 Outside-Team Tours. An outside team that includes student-athletes from more than one member institution may participate in international competition in any sport on a foreign tour. However, any such outside team that includes more than the following number of student-athletes from the same member institution must be certified by the institution in accordance with procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.29.1. (Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 10/31/02, 1/16/10)

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17.29.2.1 Institutional Foreign-Tour Limitations. A member institution shall be charged with its foreign-tour opportunity in a sport and its once-in-four-years limitation if the institution is represented by more than the number of student-athletes specified under Bylaw 17.29.2 on an outside team participating in a foreign tour in that sport.

17.30 Playing Rules.

Member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports for which the NCAA develops playing rules. It is not mandatory that those rules be used in institutional scrimmages or other forms of practice with outside competition.

17.31 Outside Competition, Effects on Eligibility.

The eligibility of a student-athlete who engages in outside competition (see Bylaw 17.02.11) is affected as set forth in the following regulations.

17.31.1 Outside Competition—Sports Other Than Basketball. A student-athlete in any sport other than basketball who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. A student-athlete is permitted to practice on such a team. (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, Revised: 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 1/10/05)

17.31.1.1 Exception—Sports Other Than Wrestling. In sports other than wrestling, a student-athlete may compete outside the institution’s declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution’s catalog. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed the applicable limits set forth in Bylaw 17.29.2. (Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)

17.31.1.5 Exception—USA Fencing National Championships. In fencing, a student-athlete may compete during the academic year as a member of a USA Fencing member club team in the USA Fencing National Championships. (Adopted: 1/14/12)

17.31.1.6 Exception—Preseason Tryouts. A student-athlete who fails to make an institution’s team during a given year after participating in limited preseason tryouts shall not be subject to the provision of Bylaw 17.31.1. (Revised: 4/5/06)

17.31.1.7 Competition as Individual/Not Representing Institution. It is permissible for a student-athlete to participate in outside competition as an individual during the academic year in the student-athlete’s sport, as long as the student-athlete represents only himself or herself in the competition and does not engage in such competition as a member of or receive expenses from an outside team.

17.31.1.8 Exempt Teams. In individual sports (see Bylaw 17.02.17.2), such units as “pro-am” golf teams, doubles tennis teams and relay teams in track and field are not considered to be outside teams for purposes of this legislation.
17.31.1.11 Application of Numerical Limitations to Transfer Student-Athletes. A student-athlete who has officially withdrawn from a four-year institution and has been accepted for enrollment at a second institution does not count in the limitation on the number of student-athletes from the first institution who may compete on an outside amateur team in the applicable sport and does not count in the limitation on the number of student-athletes at the second institution who may compete on an outside amateur team in the applicable sport unless he or she is a student-athlete at that institution (e.g., has enrolled and attended classes during a summer term). (Adopted: 4/15/14)

17.31.3 Exceptions—All Sports. The following exceptions to the outside-competition regulations are permitted: (Revised: 7/30/10)

(a) High School Alumni Game. A student-athlete may compete in one game a year involving participants from the student-athlete’s former high school and its alumni team. In sports other than basketball, this game must take place during an official vacation period of the institution’s academic year.

(b) Olympic Games. A student-athlete may participate in the official Olympic Games, in final tryouts that directly qualify competitors for the Olympic Games, and in officially recognized competition directly qualifying participants for final Olympic Games tryouts. (Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)

(c) Official Pan American Games Tryouts and Competition. A student-athlete may participate in official Pan American Games tryouts and competition. (Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)

(d) U.S. National Teams. A student-athlete may participate in official tryouts and competition involving national teams and junior national teams sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic Committee (or, for the student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic sport, the equivalent organization of that sport). (Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)

(e) Official World Championships, World University Games, World University Championships and World Cup Tryouts and Competition. A student-athlete may participate in official World Championships, World University Games, World University Championships and World Cup tryouts and competition. (Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 8/9/01, 1/14/12)

(f) Multisport Events. A student-athlete may participate in officially recognized state and national multisport events. (Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)

17.31.3.1 National-Team Criteria. In applying the regulation permitting exceptions for student-athletes to participate during the institution’s intercollegiate season in international competition involving national teams represented in the competition, a national team is defined as one that meets the following criteria: (Revised: 7/30/10, 4/12/13)

(a) It is designated by the U.S. Olympic Committee, national governing body or other organizations recognized by the U.S. Olympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic sport, the equivalent organization in that sport);

(b) Selection for such a team is made on a national qualification basis either through a defined selective process or actual tryouts, publicly announced; and

(c) The international competition in question requires that the entries officially represent their respective nations, although it is not necessary to require team scoring by nation.
19.01 General Principles.

19.01.1 Mission of the Infractions Program. It is the mission of the NCAA infractions program to uphold integrity and fair play among the NCAA membership, and to prescribe appropriate and fair penalties if violations occur. One of the fundamental principles of the infractions program is to ensure that those institutions and student-athletes abiding by the NCAA constitution and bylaws are not disadvantaged by their commitment to compliance. The program is committed to the fairness of procedures and the timely resolution of infractions cases. The ability to investigate allegations and penalize infractions is critical to the common interests of the Association's membership and the preservation of its enduring values. (Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, 7/31/14)

19.01.2 Accountability. The infractions program shall hold institutions, coaches, administrators and student-athletes who violate the NCAA constitution and bylaws accountable for their conduct, both at the individual and institutional levels. (Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)

19.01.3 Public Disclosure. Except as provided in this article, the Committee on Infractions, the Infractions Appeals Committee and the enforcement staff shall not make public disclosures about a pending case until the case has been announced in accordance with prescribed procedures. An institution and any individual subject to the NCAA constitution and bylaws involved in a case, including any representative or counsel, shall not make public disclosures about the case until a final decision has been announced in accordance with prescribed procedures. (Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)

19.01.4 Penalty Structure. The infractions program shall address the varying levels of infractions and, for the most serious infractions, include guidelines for a range of penalties, which the Committee on Infractions may prescribe, subject to review by the Infractions Appeals Committee. Penalties shall depend on the relative severity of the infraction(s), the presence of aggravating or mitigating factors and, in some cases, the existence of extenuating circumstances. (Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)

19.01.5 Exemplary Conduct. Individuals employed by or associated with member institutions for the administration, the conduct or the coaching of intercollegiate athletics are, in the final analysis, teachers of young people. Their responsibility is an affirmative one, and they must do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their own moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by a fine example. Much more is expected of them than of the less critically placed citizen.

19.5 Review and Investigation of Alleged Violations.

19.5.1 Enforcement Staff to Receive Information and Conduct Investigations. Information regarding an alleged failure to comply with the NCAA constitution and bylaws or to meet the conditions and obligations of membership shall be provided to the enforcement staff. The enforcement staff shall determine whether an investigation is warranted or whether the matter may be resolved without a formal investigation. If an investigation is warranted, the enforcement staff shall conduct an investigation on behalf of the entire membership to develop, to the extent reasonably possible, all relevant information. The enforcement staff will usually share information with the institution during an investigation, including information that may assist the institution to develop, to the extent reasonably possible, all relevant information. The enforcement staff will usually share information with the institution during an investigation, including information that may assist the institution in stopping an ongoing violation. However, to protect the integrity of the investigation, the staff may not in all instances be able to share information with the institution. (Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)

19.5.1.1 Conflict of Interest. Any enforcement staff member who has or had a personal relationship or institutional affiliation that may create the appearance of partiality should refrain from participating in the case. (Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)

19.5.1.2 Initial Determination. The staff shall have the discretion to submit information to the chair of the Committee on Infractions for an initial determination of how that information should be processed. In such cases, the chair shall not be appointed to the hearing panel, if any, later assigned to the case. (Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)

19.5.2 Public Announcements. The enforcement staff shall not publicly confirm or deny the existence of an infractions case before complete resolution of the case pursuant to this article. However, if information concerning a case is made public, the institution, enforcement staff and the involved individual may confirm, correct or deny the information made public. (Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)

19.5.3 Notice of Inquiry to Institution. Before the enforcement staff conducts an inquiry on an institution’s campus, the enforcement staff shall notify the institution’s president or chancellor of the inquiry, either orally or in writing. This notice shall toll the statute of limitations. The institution shall be informed of its obligation to cooperate and of the confidential nature of the inquiry. The institution shall be notified that if the inquiry develops reliable information of a possible Level I or Level II violation, a notice of allegations or summary disposition report
will be produced. In the alternative, the institution will be notified that the matter may be processed as a Level III or Level IV violation or that the matter has been concluded. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

**19.5.4 Representation by Legal Counsel.** When an enforcement staff member conducts an interview that may develop information detrimental to the interests of the individual being questioned, he or she may be represented by personal legal counsel. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

**19.5.5 Interview Notices.**

19.5.5.1 Disclosure of Purpose of Interview. When an enforcement staff member requests information that could be detrimental to the interests of the student-athlete or institutional employee being questioned, that individual shall be advised that the purpose of the interview is to determine whether the individual has knowledge of or has been involved directly or indirectly in any violation of the NCAA constitution and bylaws. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.5.5.2 Responsibility to Provide Truthful Information. At the beginning of an interview involving the enforcement staff, a current or former student-athlete or a current or former institutional employee shall be advised that refusing to furnish information or providing false or misleading information to the NCAA, conference or institution may result in an allegation that the individual has violated NCAA ethical-conduct bylaws. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

**19.5.6 Interviews with Member Institution.** The director of athletics or other appropriate official of an institution shall be contacted by the enforcement staff in order to schedule interviews on the institution's campus with enrolled student-athletes or coaching or other institutional staff members with athletically related responsibilities who are believed to have knowledge of possible violations. Interviews should be conducted without disrupting normally scheduled academic activities whenever reasonably possible. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.5.6.1 Presence of Institutional Representative During Interview. If an interview with an enrolled student-athlete or athletics department staff member is conducted on the campus of an institution, an institutional representative (as designated by the institution) may be present during the interview, provided the subject matter to be discussed in the interview relates directly to the individual's institution or could affect the individual's eligibility or employment at the institution. If the enforcement staff wishes to discuss information with a student-athlete or staff member that is related solely to institutions other than the one in which the student-athlete is enrolled or the staff member is employed, and would not reasonably affect the student's eligibility or the staff member's employment at that institution, only an institutional representative outside athletics (e.g., faculty athletics representative or general counsel) may be present during that portion of the interview. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.5.6.2 Use of Court Reporters. Institutional representatives or individuals being interviewed may use a court reporter to transcribe an interview subject to the following conditions. The institution or individual shall:

   (a) Pay the court reporter's fees;

   (b) Provide a copy of the transcript to the enforcement staff at no charge; and

   (c) Agree that the confidentiality standards of Bylaw 19.5.8 apply. An institutional representative or individual who chooses to use a court reporter shall submit a written notice of agreement with the required conditions to the enforcement staff prior to the interview.

   (d) If the enforcement staff chooses to use a court reporter, the NCAA will pay all costs of the reporter. A copy of the transcript prepared by the court reporter for the enforcement staff shall be made available to the institution and the involved individuals through the secure website.

19.5.8 Statement of Confidentiality. Individuals and institutional representatives shall be required to agree not to release recordings or interview transcripts to a third party. A statement of confidentiality shall be signed or recorded prior to an interview. Failure to enter into such an agreement precludes the individual or institutional representative from recording or transcribing the interview. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.5.9 Access to Information. For all cases to be considered by the Committee on Infractions, the enforcement staff shall make available to the institution or involved individuals recorded interviews, interview summaries and/or interview transcripts, and other factual information pertinent to the case. The institution and involved individuals may review such information through a secure website or at the NCAA national office. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

19.5.10 Termination of Investigation. The enforcement staff shall terminate the investigation related to any notice of inquiry in which the information that is developed does not appear to be of sufficient substance or reliability to warrant a notice of allegations or notice of Level III allegations. *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

19.5.11 Statute of Limitations. Allegations included in a notice of allegations shall be limited to possible violations occurring not earlier than four years before the date the notice of inquiry is provided to the institution or the date the institution notifies (or, if earlier, should have notified) the enforcement staff of its inquiries into the matter. However, the following shall not be subject to the four-year limitation: *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*
(a) Allegations involving violations affecting the eligibility of a current student-athlete;
(b) Allegations in a case in which information is developed to indicate a pattern of willful violations on the part of the institution or individual involved, which began before but continued into the four-year period; and
(c) Allegations that indicate a blatant disregard for the Association’s fundamental recruiting, extra benefit, academic or ethical-conduct bylaws or that involve an effort to conceal the occurrence of the violation. In such cases, the enforcement staff shall have a one-year period after the date information concerning the matter becomes available to the NCAA to investigate and submit to the institution a notice of allegations concerning the matter.
## FIGURE 19-1
Penalty Guidelines

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<td>Impose this penalty if greater than percent of budget fine + $5,000.</td>
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FIGURE 19-2
Processing a Typical NCAA Division I Infractions Case

Information indicating possible violations received and evaluated by NCAA enforcement staff, institution or conference. (See Bylaws 19.2.2 and 19.5.5.)

- Information is not substantiated -> Review ends.
- Enforcement staff, institution or conference believe Level III/IV violation(s) occurred.
  - Level III violations are required to be reported to the enforcement staff by the institution (Bylaw 19.11).
  - Appropriate penalty is determined by enforcement staff and institution/involved individual subject to show cause is notified.
  - Institution/involved individual subject to suspension/show cause may appeal Level III penalties to the Committee on Infractions (COI).
  - Level IV violations are reported to the conference (Bylaw 19.12).

- Staff/institution develops relevant and reliable information of a possible Level I or Level II violation (Bylaw 19.5.5).

Staff provides institution with Notice of Inquiry (NOI) and investigation occurs (Bylaw 19.5.3).

- Termination of investigation due to insufficient information to support the occurrence of a violation (Bylaw 19.5.10).
- Enforcement staff determines Level III/IV violation occurred.
- Enforcement staff determines sufficient information for the COI to conclude that Level I and/or II violation occurred.

Staff provides a draft of and/or issues Notice of Allegations (NOA) (Bylaw 19.7.1).

Summary Disposition (Bylaw 19.6)

- Hearing panel accepts findings and penalties. Hearing panel notifies institution and involved individual of decision.
- Hearing panel does not accept findings. NOA issued and case processed through hearing.

Prior to hearing, institution, involved individual and enforcement staff prepare written submissions for hearing panel’s review.

Hearing (Bylaw 19.7)

- Hearing panel holds hearing to determine factual findings and conclude whether violations occurred.
- Hearing panel prescribes appropriate penalties (Bylaw 19.9).
- Hearing panel notifies institution, involved individual of decision (Bylaw 19.8).

Institution, involved individual may appeal to Infractions Appeals Committee (Bylaw 19.10).
FIGURE 19-3
Processing a Typical NCAA Infractions Appeals Case

Institution (or involved individual) indicates it will appeal certain findings or penalties to NCAA Infractions Appeals Committee by submitting written notice of intent to appeal to Infractions Appeals Committee not later than 15 calendar days from the date of the public release of the Committee on Infractions' report.

Infractions Appeals Committee acknowledges receipt of timely appeal. Institution (or involved individual) is provided a 30-day period to submit its initial submission in support of its appeal.

After receiving institution's (and/or involved individual's) initial submission, the Committee on Infractions is provided a 30-day period to submit response to the institution's (or involved individual's) written appeal.

Institution (and/or involved individual) is provided 14 days to submit a rebuttal to the Committee on Infractions' response. Enforcement staff may provide written statement not later than 10 days from the rebuttal deadline.

Infractions Appeals Committee reviews the institution's (and/or involved individual's) appeal and the Committee on Infractions' response. The review is completed either through an appeal oral argument or on the written record. Appeal oral arguments include representatives on behalf of the institution, involved individual(s), the Committee on Infractions and enforcement staff.

Infractions Appeals Committee decision is announced.
Division Membership

20.7 Division Legislation.

20.7.1 Applicable Legislation. A member institution shall observe the applicable legislation and requirements of its membership division. However, if the institution is eligible to participate in a sport in Division I (see Bylaw 20.4 for multidivision-classification privileges), it shall apply the rules of Division I that govern the sport in question. (Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)

20.7.1.2 Division III Application. A Division III member institution that has a sport classified in Division I must apply the rules of both divisions, or the more stringent rule if both divisions have a rule concerning the same issue except that in either instance, the Division III institution may apply the Division I playing and practice season regulations of Bylaw 17 in the Division I sport. (Revised: 1/11/94)

20.7.1.2.1 Waivers. If a member institution conducts a men’s or women’s sport that was classified in Division I during the 1982-83 academic year, the Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers of the application of the Division III regulations to such a sport. (Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 8/7/14)

20.8 Eligibility for National Collegiate and Division Championships.

20.8.1 Eligibility for National Collegiate Championships. Separate championships in each division are not sponsored in the following sports: (Revised: 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 10/30/14 effective 8/1/15, 7/31/15)

Men's and women's fencing

An active member institution in good standing, regardless of division, is eligible for the National Collegiate Championships if a division championship in the respective sport is not offered in its division. Such an institution normally is required to meet only the institutional and individual eligibility requirements of its division that govern the sport in question.

20.8.2 Division II Options When No Division II Championship Is Conducted. An active member institution that holds membership in Division II is eligible to compete in the Division I championship in those sports for which no championship is conducted in Division II. The Division II institution shall declare its intention to compete by June 1. This declaration of intent shall be effective for a minimum of three years. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/92)

20.8.2.1 Participation in Division I Championship. To be eligible for the Division I championship in such a sport, the Division II member institution is required to meet all Division I institutional and individual eligibility requirements and may use Division I financial aid limitations in that sport as permitted under Bylaw 20.9.1.1. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/92)

20.8.2.2 Exception for Maximum Number of Contests or Dates of Competition. A Division II member institution that is eligible for a championship in another division because there is no championship in that sport in its membership division shall apply the maximum number of contests or dates of competition in the sport involved that applies to the division in which it declares its intention to compete.

20.9 Division I Membership.

20.9.1 Commitments to the Division I Collegiate Model. In addition to the purposes and fundamental policy of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, as set forth in Constitution 1, members of Division I support the following commitments in the belief that these commitments assist in defining the nature and purposes of the division. These commitments are not binding on member institutions, but serve as a guide for the preparation of legislation by the division and for planning and implementation of programs by institutions and conferences. (Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

20.9.1.1 The Commitment to Value-Based Legislation. Bylaws proposed and enacted by member institutions governing the conduct of intercollegiate athletics shall be designed to foster competition in amateur athletics, promote the Association's enduring values and advance the Collegiate Model as set forth in the NCAA Constitution. In some instances, a careful balancing of these values may be necessary to help achieve the purposes of the Association. (Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)

20.9.1.2 The Commitment to Amateaurism. Member institutions shall conduct their athletics programs for students who choose to participate in intercollegiate athletics as a part of their educational experience and in accordance with NCAA bylaws, thus maintaining a line of demarcation between student-athletes who participate in the Collegiate Model and athletes competing in the professional model. (Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)
20.9.1.3 **The Commitment to Fair Competition.** Bylaws shall be designed to promote the opportunity for institutions and eligible student-athletes to engage in fair competition. This commitment requires that all member institutions compete within the framework of the Collegiate Model of athletics in which athletics competition is an integral part of the student-athlete's effort to acquire a degree in higher education. The commitment to fair competition acknowledges that variability will exist among members, including facilities, geographic locations and resources, and that such variability should not be justification for future legislation. Areas affecting fair competition include, but are not limited to, personnel, eligibility and amateurism, recruiting, financial aid, the length of playing and practice seasons, and the number of institutional competitions per sport. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

20.9.1.4 **The Commitment to Integrity and Sportsmanship.** It is the responsibility of each member institution to conduct its athletics programs and manage its staff members, representatives and student-athletes in a manner that promotes the ideals of higher education and the integrity of intercollegiate athletics. Member institutions are committed to encouraging behavior that advances the interests of the Association, its membership and the Collegiate Model of athletics. All individuals associated with intercollegiate athletics programs and events should adhere to such fundamental values as respect, fairness, civility, honesty, responsibility, academic integrity and ethical conduct. These values should be manifest not only in athletics participation, but also in the broad spectrum of activities affecting the athletics programs. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

20.9.1.5 **The Commitment to Institutional Control and Compliance.** It is the responsibility of each member institution to monitor and control its athletics programs, staff members, representatives and student-athletes to ensure compliance with the Constitution and bylaws of the Association. Responsibility for maintaining institutional control ultimately rests with the institution's campus president or chancellor. It is also the responsibility of each member institution to report all breaches of conduct established by these bylaws to the Association in a timely manner and cooperate with the Association's infractions process. Upon a conclusion that one or more violations occurred, an institution shall be subject to such disciplinary and corrective actions as may be prescribed by the Association on behalf of the entire membership. *(Adopted: 1/19/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

20.9.1.6 **The Commitment to Student-Athlete Well-Being.** Intercollegiate athletics programs shall be conducted in a manner designed to enhance the well-being of student-athletes who choose to participate and to prevent undue commercial or other influences that may interfere with their scholastic, athletics or related interests. The time required of student-athletes for participation in intercollegiate athletics shall be regulated to minimize interference with their academic pursuits. It is the responsibility of each member institution to establish and maintain an environment in which student-athletes' activities, in all sports, are conducted to encourage academic success and individual development and as an integral part of the educational experience. Each member institution should also provide an environment that fosters fairness, sportsmanship, safety, honesty and positive relationships between student-athletes and representatives of the institution. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

20.9.1.7 **The Commitment to Sound Academic Standards.** Standards of the Association governing participation in intercollegiate athletics, including postseason competition, shall be designed to ensure proper emphasis on educational objectives and the opportunity for academic success, including graduation, of student-athletes who choose to participate at a member institution. Intercollegiate athletics programs shall be maintained as an important component of the educational program, and student-athletes shall be an integral part of the student body. Each member institution’s admission and academic standards for student-athletes shall be designed to promote academic progress and graduation and shall be consistent with the standards adopted by the institution for the student body in general. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

20.9.1.8 **The Commitment to Responsible Recruiting Standards.** Recruiting bylaws shall be designed to promote informed decisions and balance the interests of prospective student-athletes, their educational institutions, the Association's member institutions and intercollegiate athletics as a whole. This commitment includes minimizing the role of external influences on prospective student-athletes and their families and preventing excessive contact or pressure in the recruitment process. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

20.9.1.9 **The Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion.** The Division I membership believes in and is committed to the core values of diversity, inclusion and equity, because realization of those values improves the learning environment for all student-athletes and enhances excellence within the membership and in all aspects of intercollegiate athletics. The membership shall create diverse and inclusive environments, promote an atmosphere of respect for and sensitivity to the dignity of every person, and include diverse perspectives in the pursuit of academic and athletic excellence. Member institutions, with assistance from the national office, are expected to develop inclusive practices that foster positive learning and competitive environments for student-athletes, as well as professional development and opportunities for athletics administrators, coaches and staff from diverse backgrounds. *(Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*

20.9.2 **Division I Philosophy.** Members of Division I support the following principles in the belief that the following statements provide further definition of the nature and purposes of the division. These statements are not binding on member institutions, but serve as additional guidance for the preparation of legislation by the division and for planning and implementation of programs by institutions and conferences. A member of Division I: *(Revised: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13)*
(a) Subscribes to high standards of academic quality, as well as breadth of academic opportunity;
(b) Strives in its athletics program for regional and national excellence and prominence. Accordingly, its recruitment of student-athletes and its emphasis on and support of its athletics program are, in most cases, regional and national in scope;
(c) Recognizes the dual objective in its athletics program of serving both the university or college community (participants, student body, faculty-staff, alumni) and the general public (community, area, state, nation);
(d) Believes in offering extensive opportunities for participation in varsity intercollegiate athletics for both men and women;
(e) Sponsors at the highest feasible level of intercollegiate competition one or both of the traditional spectator-oriented, income-producing sports of football and basketball. In doing so, members of Division I recognize the differences in institutional objectives in support of football; therefore, the division provides competition in that sport in the Bowl Subdivision and the Championship Subdivision;
(f) Believes in scheduling its athletics contests primarily with other members of Division I, especially in the emphasized, spectator-oriented sports, as a reflection of its goal of maintaining an appropriate competitive level in its sports program;
(g) Maintains institutional control over all funds supporting athletics; and
(h) Understands, respects and supports the programs and philosophies of other divisions. Occasionally, institutions from other divisions or athletics associations will seek membership in Division I. In such cases, the applicants should be required to meet, over a period of time, prescribed criteria for Division I membership in order to assure that such institutions agree and comply with the principles and program objectives embodied in this statement.

20.9.3 Financial Aid Requirements.

20.9.3.1 Maximum Limitations. A member of Division I shall not make an award of financial aid (for which the recipient's athletics ability is considered in any degree) in excess of the number permitted by the provisions of the bylaws governing Division I financial aid awards limitations (see Bylaw 15.5). (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94)

20.9.3.2 Minimum Awards. A member of Division I shall provide institutional financial assistance that equals one of the following: (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94, 1/10/95, 1/9/96, 1/14/97 effective 9/1/97, 4/15/97 effective 8/1/98, 10/27/98 effective 8/1/99, 4/13/99, 4/11/00, 4/10/01, 8/14/02, 4/28/05, 4/27/06, 6/11/07, 1/11/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)

(a) A minimum of 50 percent of the maximum allowable grants in 14 sports, at least seven of which must be women's sports. If an institution uses indoor track and field, outdoor track and field and cross country to meet the financial aid criterion, it must award the equivalent of at least 80 percent of the full grants for men and 80 percent of the full grants for women in those sports. If the institution counts two of those three sports to meet the financial aid criterion, it must award the equivalent of at least 70 percent of the full grants for men and 70 percent of the full grants for women. If the institution counts indoor and outdoor track and field as one sport, it must award the equivalent of at least 50 percent of the full grants for men and 50 percent of the full grants for women;

(b) Financial aid representing a minimum aggregate expenditure of $1,459,433 in 2015-16 (with at least $729,717 in women's sports) and $1,500,297 in 2016-17 (with at least $750,149 in women's sports) exclusive of grants in football and men's and women's basketball, provided the aggregate grant value is not less than the equivalent of 38 full grants, with at least 19 full grants for women. The Council shall adjust the minimum aggregate figure annually to reflect inflation, based on changes in average national tuition charges for regionally accredited institutions. The Council shall announce the revised figure in the fall each year for the following academic year. If the institution does not sponsor men's or women's basketball, the minimum aggregate expenditure must be $963,524 in 2015-16 and $990,503 in 2016-17 for the gender without the basketball program, but in no case fewer than the equivalent of 29 full grants for that gender;

(c) A minimum of the equivalent of 50 full grants (at least 25 full grants in women's sports), exclusive of grants awarded in football and men's and women's basketball. If the member institution does not provide men's or women's basketball, it shall sponsor a minimum of 35 full grants in the sports program for the gender without the basketball program; or

d) A minimum of one-half of the required grants or aggregate expenditures cited in (a), (b) or (c) above, for institutions that depend on exceptional amounts of federal assistance to meet students' financial needs. This provision shall be applicable to an institution in a given year if the average per-student allotment of Pell Grant dollars for undergraduates reported to the U.S. Department of Education the previous September is more than one standard deviation above the mean for all reporting Division I member institutions that year. If an institution does not qualify under this provision after having been able to do so the previous year, the institution may continue to use this alternative for one year and shall not be required to meet the
provisions of (a), (b) or (c) above until the following year. This provision shall be applicable only to institutions that were members of Division I on September 1, 1990.

20.9.3.2.1 Aid Counted Toward Minimum Requirements. All institutional financial aid (including aid that is exempted from an equivalency computation per Bylaw 15.5.3.2.2) awarded by the member institution to a counter (per Bylaw 15.5.1) shall be used to meet the appropriate minimum. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94, 1/11/04, 10/27/05 effective 8/1/06)

20.9.3.2.2 Student-Athlete Who Has Exhausted Eligibility or Used Medical Exemption. Countable financial aid awarded to a student-athlete who has exhausted his or her eligibility in a sport during a previous academic year and countable aid provided to a medically exempt student-athlete per Bylaw 15.5.1.2 may be used to meet the appropriate minimum. (Adopted: 1/11/94)

20.9.3.2.3 Award Requirement. To be included in reaching the appropriate minimum, the financial aid actually must be awarded. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94)

20.9.3.2.4 Multisport Student-Athlete. Financial aid awarded to multisport student-athletes shall be counted against the minimum requirements pursuant to Bylaw 15.5.9. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94)

20.9.3.2.5 Emerging Sports. Financial aid awarded to student-athletes in those emerging sports for women, as defined in Bylaw 20.02.4, may be counted in reaching the appropriate financial aid minimum requirements as well as for revenue distribution. (Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 9/1/94)

20.9.3.2.6 Non-NCAA Sports. Financial aid awarded in non-NCAA sports per Bylaw 20.9.6.1.1 may be counted in reaching the appropriate minimum, but financial aid awarded to those other than student-athletes (e.g., cheerleaders) shall not be counted. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94)

20.9.3.2.7 Exemptions—No Institutional Athletics Aid. Member institutions that did not award any athletically related financial aid in any sport as of January 11, 1991, shall be exempted from the minimum requirements. (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94)

20.9.3.2.8 On-Campus Employment. On-campus employment earnings during the academic year outside the athletics department for which athletics interests of the institution do not intercede on behalf of the student-athlete are not countable for team equivalency purposes per Bylaw 15.02.4.2-(a) but may be counted in reaching the appropriate minimum. (Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 9/1/94)

20.9.3.2.9 Submission of Annual Form. A member institution must submit its annual form regarding minimum financial aid awards to the NCAA national office not later than September 15. (Adopted: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/01)

20.9.3.2.10 Waiver of Minimum Financial Aid Awards. The Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may waive the minimum financial aid awards required for Division I membership based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances that warrant the waiver of the normal application of that legislation. (Adopted: 1/9/96, Revised: 1/11/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)

20.9.4 Regular-Season Eligibility. A member institution shall conduct its regular-season competition under eligibility rules at least as stringent as the provisions of Bylaw 14.

20.9.5 Three-Season Requirement. The institution shall sponsor at least one sport involving an all-male team or a mixed team of males and females and at least one sport involving an all-female team in every sport season. An institution may use a sport to meet the three-season requirement only if the institution has met the minimum contests and participants requirements for sports sponsorship in that sport as set forth in Bylaw 20.9.6.3. (Revised: 5/8/06)

20.9.5.1 Counting Multiseason Sports. If an institution sponsors the same sport in two different seasons, it may count the sport only in the season in which its team participates in the most contests. To be counted as a fall sport, the majority of an institution’s contests or dates of competition would have to occur from September through December; to be counted as a spring sport February through May. (Revised: 5/8/06)

20.9.5.2 Mixed Team. A mixed team is a varsity intercollegiate sports team on which at least one individual of each gender competes. (Revised: 5/8/06)

20.9.5.3 Single-Gender Institution Exception. Institutions that sponsor and conduct athletics programs for only one gender need not meet the four-sport/three-season requirement for the other gender. (Revised: 5/8/06)

20.9.5.4 Waiver of Three-Season Requirement. The Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may waive the requirement that an active member shall conduct at least one sport in every sport season if the institution is precluded by its academic calendar and climatic conditions from conducting a sport in a particular season. (Revised: 5/8/06, 1/11/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)

20.9.6 Sports Sponsorship. A member institution shall sponsor teams in a minimum of: (Revised: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94, 1/16/93 effective 9/1/94, 1/11/94 effective 9/1/94, 12/15/06)

(a) Seven varsity intercollegiate sports, including at least two team sports, based on the minimum requirements of Bylaw 20.9.6.3 and involving all-male teams or mixed teams of males and females, and seven varsity intercollegiate sports (of which a maximum of two emerging sports per Bylaw 20.02.4 may be used), including at least two team sports, based on the minimum requirements of Bylaw 20.9.6.3 and involving all-female teams; or
Six varsity intercollegiate sports, including at least two team sports, based on the minimum requirements of Bylaw 20.9.6.3 and involving all-male teams or mixed teams of males and females, and eight varsity intercollegiate sports (of which a maximum of two emerging sports per Bylaw 20.02.4 may be used), including at least two team sports, based on the minimum requirements of Bylaw 20.9.6.3 and involving all-female teams. (See Bylaws 20.9.9.1 and 20.9.10.1 for additional sports sponsorship requirements for member institutions participating in football.)

20.9.6.1 Acceptable Sports. The sports designated to meet the sports sponsorship criteria shall: (Revised: 1/11/94 effective 9/1/94)

(a) Be among those in which the Association sponsors a championship or emerging sports for women (per Bylaw 20.02.4);

(b) Be recognized by the institution as varsity intercollegiate sports (see Constitution 3.2.4.5); and

(c) Involve all-male teams, mixed teams of males and females or all-female teams.

20.9.6.1.1 Waiver. The Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve a request from an active member institution to designate one sport involving all-male teams or mixed teams of males and females and one sport involving all-female teams other than those set forth in Bylaw 20.9.6.1-(a). (Revised: 1/11/89, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 12/17/10, 8/7/14)

20.9.6.2 Waiver of Minimum Women's Sports Sponsorship Criterion. The Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may grant waivers of the minimum women's sports sponsorship requirement for active members in accordance with the procedures listed below: (Revised: 1/10/90, 3/8/06, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)

(a) The institution shall submit its request for a waiver, signed by the institution's president or chancellor, to the NCAA president. The request shall include pertinent information supporting the institution's request, and it shall be received in the national office (by mail or electronic transmission) not later than October 1. Any request received after that date shall be postmarked not later than September 22.

(b) The institution shall provide data demonstrating that the ratio of male to female enrollment prohibits the offering of the required number of sports for women; or

(c) The institution shall provide data demonstrating insufficient student interest in establishing or maintaining the requisite number of teams.

(d) If the Council votes to reject the institution's request, the institution shall be placed in a division for which it qualifies or in the restricted membership category pursuant to the provisions of Bylaw 20.2.5.1.

20.9.6.3 Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship. In each sport, the institution's team shall engage in at least a minimum number of intercollegiate contests (against four-year, degree-granting collegiate institutions) each year. In the individual sports, the institution's team shall include a minimum number of participants in each contest that is counted toward meeting the minimum-contests requirement. The following minimums are applicable: (Revised: 1/11/94 effective 9/1/94, 1/12/99, 1/25/02 effective 8/1/02, 10/31/02, 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14, 7/31/15)

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(Note: The minimum-contest requirements set forth in Bylaws 20.9.6.3.1 through 20.9.6.3.8 apply only to the provisions of this section and do not apply to minimum-contest requirements in Bylaws 14 and 17.)

20.9.6.3.1 Completion of Contest. To count as a contest, the institution's team actually shall participate in and complete the contest. Scheduled contests that are canceled or not completed (in accordance with the playing rules of the sport in question) may not be counted.

20.9.6.3.3 Counting Multiteam Events in Individual Sports. In the individual sports, not more than three institution-versus-institution meetings shall be counted as contests in any multiteam competition (e.g., quadrangular track and field meet). If the institution achieves a single score in competition with the other competing institutions (e.g., a conference championship), it shall be counted as one contest. (Revised: 1/10/90 effective 9/1/90, 1/10/95)

20.9.6.3.3.1 Meets With No Team Scoring. In the individual sports, a meet at which no team scoring is kept counts as a contest for the purpose of meeting the minimum-contest requirement, provided at least the minimum number of participants per Bylaw 20.9.6.3 participate on the institution's team.

20.9.6.3.4 Individual Sports—One or More Sites. In the individual sports, if the minimum number of student-athletes participating on one or more teams, at one or more sites, on behalf of the institution on the same day equals or exceeds the minimum number of participants per Bylaw 20.9.6.3, an institution
may use the competition as a contest in meeting the minimum-contest requirements (see Bylaw 17.02.6.1).
(Adopted: 1/16/93)

20.9.6.3.5 Contests in Two Seasons. If an institution sponsors the same sport in two different seasons of the same academic year, it may count contests in both seasons, provided regular varsity competition is sponsored in both seasons and is so listed on the institution’s official schedule in that sport.

20.9.6.3.6 Contests vs. Club Teams. A contest against a collegiate institution’s club team may not be counted toward meeting minimum-contest requirements. However, a member is not precluded from scheduling club teams.

20.9.6.3.10 Waivers.

20.9.6.3.10.1 Minimum Contests and Participants. The Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers of the minimum number of intercollegiate contests or the minimum number of participants in a contest in situations in which unforeseen circumstances beyond the institution’s control have prevented the completion of a scheduled competition or the participation of the required minimum number of individuals and, despite a good-faith effort, the institution was unable to engage in at least the required minimum number of intercollegiate contests.
(Revised: 1/10/90, 4/24/03 effective 8/1/03, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 8/7/14)

20.9.6.3.10.2 Minimum Contests. The Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve an additional waiver of the minimum number of intercollegiate contests in a situation in which:
(a) The member institution can document that it had scheduled (for that academic year) the appropriate minimum number of contests under enforceable game contracts executed in writing;
(b) An opponent canceled a game that it had contracted to play that academic year; and
(c) Despite a good-faith effort, the institution was unable to re-arrange its schedule to play the appropriate minimum number of contests.

20.9.7 Scheduling—Sports Other Than Football and Basketball.

20.9.7.1 Scheduling Requirement—Sports Other Than Football, Basketball, Men’s Swimming and Diving, Men’s Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field, and Wrestling. In sports other than football, basketball, men’s swimming and diving, men’s indoor and outdoor track and field, and wrestling that an institution uses to meet the Division I sports sponsorship criteria, an institution shall schedule and play 100 percent of its contests against Division I opponents to meet the minimum number of contests specified in Bylaw 20.9.6.3. The institution shall schedule and play at least 50 percent of its contests beyond the number specified in Bylaw 20.9.6.3 against Division I opponents. (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94, Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 6/3/13)

20.9.7.3 Application of Scheduling Requirements—Sports Other Than Football and Basketball.

20.9.7.3.1 Reclassifying Opponents. A reclassifying institution shall be counted as a Division I opponent in the year the reclassifying institution must comply with Division I scheduling requirements (year two of reclassifying). (Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 9/1/94, Revised: 1/11/94, 6/3/13)

20.9.7.3.2 Multiteam Events—Individual Sports. In individual sports, if a multiteam event is not scored by division, an institution may use the event to satisfy the scheduling requirements, provided at least two-thirds of the institutions competing in the event are Division I members. If a multiteam event is scored by division, there is no minimum required percentage of participating Division I institutions. Regardless of whether a multiteam event is scored by division, an institution that is using a multiteam event to satisfy the scheduling requirements must satisfy the minimum required number of participants, per Bylaw 20.9.6.3. (Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 9/1/94, Revised: 1/11/94, 6/3/13)

20.9.7.3.3 Exception. The scheduling criteria in Bylaws 20.9.7.1 and 20.9.7.2 shall not apply in sports in which the only championship opportunity is the National Collegiate Championship per Bylaw 18.02.1.1 or sports in which there is no NCAA-sponsored postseason championship. (Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 9/1/94, Revised: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, 6/3/13)

20.9.7.3.4 Waiver—Situations Beyond Institutional Control. The Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers of the scheduling requirement in situations beyond the control of the institution (e.g., weather conditions or natural disasters) that prevent the completion of scheduled competition. (Adopted: 1/9/96, Revised: 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 6/3/13, 8/7/14)
**FIGURE 20-1**  
**General Requirements for Division I Membership**

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| Division I                          | Active or reclassifying member. | All but four games against Division I teams. At least 1/3 of regular-season contests must be played in home arena. | Active or reclassifying member. | All but four games against Division I teams. At least 1/3 of regular-season contests must be played in home arena. | Sports used to meet sports sponsorship criteria. An institution shall schedule and play 100% of its contests against Division I opponents to meet minimum number of contests. If the institution does not sponsor men's or women's basketball, the minimum aggregate expenditure must be $963,524 in 2015-16 for men or for women, but not fewer than the equivalent of 29 full grants for men or for women. | a) 50% of maximum allowable grants in each sport  
   or b) Minimum aggregate expenditure of $1,459,433 (with at least $729,717 in women's sports) in 2015-16 (excluding football and men's and women's basketball). Grant value may not be less than 38 full grants (with at least 19 for women).  
   or c) A minimum of the equivalent of 50 full grants (at least 25 full grants in women's sports), exclusive of grants in football and men's and women's basketball. |
| Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS)     | At least 60% of all games must be played against FBS members and at least five home games against members of FBS. | Average 15,000 in actual or paid attendance for home football games during a rolling two-year period. | | | | |
| Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) | More than 50% of all games must be played against FBS or FCS members if indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, and cross country are the primary sports. | | | | | |

1. In men's swimming and diving, men's indoor and outdoor track and field, and wrestling, an institution shall schedule and play at least 50% of its contests against Division I opponents to satisfy the minimum number of contests.

2. For institutions that depend on exceptional amounts of federal assistance to meet students' financial needs, the institution must provide a minimum of one-half of the required grants or aggregate expenditures cited in (a), (b) or (c) above. This provision shall be applicable to an institution in a given year if the average per-student allotment of Pell Grant dollars for undergraduates reported to the U.S. Department of Education in the previous September is more than one standard deviation above the mean for all reporting Division I member institutions that year. If an institution does not qualify under this provision after having been able to do so the previous year, the institution may continue to use this alternative for one year and shall not be required to meet the provisions of (a), (b), or (c) until the following year. This provision shall be applicable only to institutions that were members of Division I on September 1, 1990.

3. If an institution uses indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, and cross country to meet the financial aid criterion, it must award the equivalent of at least 80% of the full grants for men and 80% of the full grants for women in these sports. If the institution counts indoor and outdoor track and field as one sport, it must award the equivalent of at least 50% of the full grants for men and 50% of the full grants for women. If the institution does not sponsor indoor track and field, the minimum aggregate expenditure must be $596,324 in 2015-16 for men or for women, but not fewer than the equivalent of 29 full grants for men or for women.

4. If the institution does not sponsor men's or women's basketball, the minimum aggregate expenditure must be $596,324 in 2015-16 for men or for women, but not fewer than the equivalent of 29 full grants for men or for women. If the institution does not sponsor men's or women's basketball, it must provide a minimum of 35 full grants in the sports program for the gender without the basketball program.
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