



New Legislation

12.1.1.1.3.1 Participation Before Certification— Recruited and Non-recruited Student- Athlete

If a recruited or non-recruited student-athlete reports for athletics participation before the student-athlete's amateur status has been certified, the student-athlete may practice, but not compete, for a maximum of 45 days, provided the student-athlete is enrolled full time or has been accepted for enrollment as a regular full-time student. After this 45-day period, the student shall have established minimum requirements as an amateur (as certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center) to continue practicing or to compete. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, for all final certifications for student-athletes initially enrolling at a Division II institution on or after 8/1/07, Revised: 4/23/07)*



13.15.1.6.1 Athletics Equipment

An institution or conference may provide used athletics equipment to a high school or 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 or conference's regular policy regarding the discarding of equipment. *(Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

13.6.2 Requirements for Official Visit

An institution shall not provide an official visit to a high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete until he or she: *(Adopted: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 1/10/92, 1/16/93, 1/13/98, 4/29/04, 4/28/05, 1/9/06, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

- (a) Presents a score from a PSAT, an SAT, a PLAN or an ACT test taken on a national testing date under national testing conditions, or an ACT test taken on a state testing date under state testing conditions. The score must be presented in writing through a testing-agency document or on a high school (or college) academic transcript (official or unofficial) or through the use of the applicable testing agency's automated-voice system. A foreign or learning-disabled prospective student-athlete who requires a special administration of the PSAT, SAT, PLAN or ACT may present such a score on the approval of the appropriate academic requirements committee; *(Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*
- (b) Registers with the NCAA Eligibility Center; and *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*
- (c) Is placed on the institution's institutional request list (IRL) with the NCAA Eligibility Center. *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07.)*

13.9.1 N CAA Eligibility Center Registration and Institutional Request List

An institution shall not provide a high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete a written offer of athletically related financial aid (per Bylaw 15.3.2.3) until the prospective student-athlete has registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center and the institution has placed the prospective student-athlete on the institutional request list (IRL) with the Eligibility Center. *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

Text Messaging

The Division II Management Council backed modified text-message limits during its July 23-24 in Washington, D.C., that may provide a middle ground for people who favor outright elimination and others who want no restrictions at all.

The compromise came after a motion to reconsider an earlier decision to ask the Presidents Council to send a proposal to eliminate text messaging to the Convention floor. The amendment would allow text messaging only after a prospect has signed a National Letter of Intent or has signed the institution's written offer of financial aid or admission.

Hot Topics

- Sportsmanship
- Skill Instruction
- Male Practice Players



Reminders

1. Recruiting Logs
2. Countable Activity
3. Official Visits
4. Unofficial Visits
5. Transfer Releases

Important Dates

October 27, 2007

High School Day

November 12 (7:00 am) - November 14 (7:00 am)

Dead Period for all except football and soccer.

November 14-21, 2007

Early Signing Period, except football and soccer

February 4 (7:00 am)-February 6 (7:00 am)-

Dead Period football and soccer.

February 6, 2008

Signing Period football and soccer

Upcoming Events

Women's Soccer Home Opener

August 24, 2007

Football Home Opener

September 1, 2007

Men's Soccer Home Opener

September 8, 2007

Volleyball Home Opener

September 11, 2007

Lynn University Infractions

In the spring of 2005 the former head coach intentionally supplied impermissible benefits in the form of cash payments to two enrolled student-athletes ("student-athletes 1 and 2," respectively). He then allowed the two student-athletes to compete throughout the spring 2005 softball season, which culminated in a national championship for the institution.

The violations came to light in September 2005 when student-athlete 2 asked an athletics administrator about receiving funds to purchase textbooks for her fall classes. When the athletics administrator asked student-athlete 2, who had not previously received institutional athletically related financial aid, why she expected to receive book money, the young lady replied that she had received book funds from the former head coach during the 2004-05 academic year when he was the head coach of the softball team. [Note: The former head coach left Lynn for the current employing institution in summer 2005, prior to the violations being discovered.]

The ensuing investigation revealed that while recruiting student-athlete 2 in the fall of 2004, the former head coach agreed to provide her financial aid for textbooks when she enrolled in January 2005. On her first day on campus, student-athlete 2 "priced" the various books she would need for classes that semester. Two days later, following practice, the former head coach called her to his truck and gave her \$500 cash from an envelope with instructions to buy her books and return the change and a receipt to him. She complied, spending \$458.61 on textbooks and giving him the rest of the money.