



Summary of NCAA Regulations – Division III

For:	Student-athletes
Action:	Read and then sign Form 05-3c
Purpose:	To summarize NCAA regulations regarding eligibility of student-athletes to compete.

TO: STUDENT-ATHLETE

This summary of NCAA regulations contains information about your eligibility to compete in intercollegiate athletics. Carefully read the sections that apply to you, and then sign the Student-Athlete Statement (Form 05-3c).

This summary has two parts:

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

If you have questions, ask your director of athletics (or his or her official designee) or refer to the 2005-06 NCAA Division III Manual. The references in brackets after each summarized regulation show you where to find the regulation in the Division III Manual.

Part I: For All Student-Athletes

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

Ethical conduct – All sports:

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

You are **not eligible** to compete if you knowingly provide information to individuals involved in organized gambling activities concerning intercollegiate athletics competition, solicit a bet on any intercollegiate team, accept a bet on any team representing the institution or solicit or accept a bet on any intercollegiate competition for any item (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) that has tangible value. [Bylaw 10.3]

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

You are **not eligible** to compete if you have shown dishonesty in evading or violating NCAA regulations. [Bylaw 14.01.3.3]

Amateurism – All sports:

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

- Taken pay, or the promise of pay, for competing in that sport;
- Agreed (orally or in writing) to compete in professional athletics in that sport;
- Played on any professional athletics team as defined by the NCAA in that sport; or
- Used your athletics skill for pay in any form in that sport. (Prior to collegiate enrollment an individual may accept prize money based only on his or her place finish or performance from the sponsor of an open athletics event, the United States Olympic Committee or the appropriate national governing body and actual and necessary expenses associated with the individual's practice and competition on a professional team). [Bylaw 12.1.1]

You are **not eligible** in a sport if you ever have accepted money, transportation or other benefits from an agent or agreed to have an agent market your athletics ability or reputation in that sport. [Bylaw 12.3.1]

You are **not eligible** in any sport if, after you become a student-athlete, you accept any pay for promoting a commercial product or service or allow your name or picture to be used for promoting a commercial product or service, unless:

- The individual became involved in such activities for reasons independent of athletics ability;
- No reference is made in these activities to the individuals involvement in intercollegiate athletics, and;
- The individuals remuneration under such circumstances is at a rate commensurate with the individuals skill and experience as a model or performer and is not based in any way upon the individuals athletics ability or reputation. [Bylaws 12.5.1.3]

You are **not eligible** in any sport if, because of your athletics ability, you were paid for work you did not perform, were paid at a rate higher than the going rate or were paid for the value an employer placed on your reputation, fame or personal following. [Bylaw 12.4.1]

Seasons of Participation – All sports:

A student-athlete must count a season of participation when he/she practices or competes during or after the first contest following the student-athlete's initial participation at that institution. [Bylaw 14.2.4.1]

A season of participation shall not be counted when a student-athlete participates in a pre-season scrimmage or preseason exhibition. [Bylaw 14.2.4.1]

The following rules are applicable to all Division III student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2002:

If you did not enroll in college as a full-time student at your first opportunity following the graduation of your high-school class or if you discontinued full-time high-school enrollment and you participated in any of the activities listed below, you have used a season of intercollegiate competition for each calendar year or sport season in which you participated in such activities. [Bylaw 14.2.4.3]

Activities Constituting Use of a Season:

- (a) Any team competition or training in which pay in any form is provided to any of the participants above actual and necessary expenses;
- (b) Any individual competition or training in which the individual accepts pay in any form based on his or her place finish or any competition or training in which the individual accepts pay in any form above actual and necessary expenses;
- (c) Any competition pursuant to the signing of a contract for athletics participation or entering a professional draft; or
- (d) Any competition funded by a representative of an institution's athletics interest that is not open to all participants. [Bylaw 14.2.4.3.2]

Competition Exceptions:

If you participated in organized competition while enrolled in a post-graduate college preparatory school during the initial year of enrollment, you did not use a season of competition. In addition, a maximum one-time one-year exception is applicable for participation in the Olympic Games tryouts and competition, and other specified national and international competition. [Bylaw 14.2.4.3.2.1]

If you have used a season(s) of competition according to the regulations above, you must fulfill an academic year in residence prior to being eligible to represent your institution in intercollegiate competition. [Bylaw 14.2.4.3.1]

Financial aid - All sports:

You are **not eligible** if you receive financial aid other than the financial aid that your institution distributes. However, it is permissible to receive:

- Money from anyone upon whom you are naturally or legally dependent;
- Financial aid that has been awarded to you on a basis other than athletics ability; or
- Financial aid from an entity outside your institution that meets the requirements specified in the Division III Manual.

You must report to your institution any financial aid that you receive from a source other than your institution. However, you do not need to report financial aid received from anyone upon whom you are naturally or legally dependent. [Bylaw 15.2.3]

Academic standards – All sports:

Eligibility for competition

To be **eligible** to **compete**, you must:

- Have been admitted as a regularly enrolled, degree seeking student according to the published entrance requirements of your institution;
- Be in good academic standing according to the standards of your institution; and
- Be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time baccalaureate degree program (not less than 12 semester or quarter hours) and maintain satisfactory progress toward that degree, be enrolled in a full-time graduate or professional degree program (not less than eight semester or quarter hours) or be enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate degree at your institution. [Bylaws 14.01.2, 14.1.8.2 and 14.1.8.2.1.4]

If you are enrolled in less than a full-time program, you are **eligible** to **compete** only if you are enrolled in the last term of your *baccalaureate or graduate* degree program and are carrying credits necessary to finish your degree. [Bylaw 14.1.8.2.1.3]

You are **eligible** to **compete** during the official vacation period immediately before initial enrollment, provided you have been accepted by your institution for enrollment in a regular, full-time program of studies at the time of your initial participation, you are no longer enrolled in your previous educational institution and you are eligible under all institutional and NCAA requirements. [Bylaw 14.1.8.2.1.1]

You are **eligible to compete** between terms if you are continuing enrollment, provided you have been registered for the required minimum full-time load at the conclusion of the term immediately preceding the date of competition, or if you are either continuing enrollment or beginning enrollment, provided you have been accepted for enrollment as a regular full-time student for the regular term immediately following the date of competition. [Bylaw 14.1.8.2.1.2]

Eligibility for practice

You are **eligible to practice** if you are enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree as defined by the regulations of the certifying institution. [Bylaw 14.1.8.1]

You are **eligible to practice** during the official vacation period immediately preceding initial enrollment, provided you have been accepted by your institution for enrollment in a regular, full-time program of studies at the time of your initial participation, you no longer are enrolled in your previous educational institution, and you are eligible under all institutional and NCAA requirements. [Bylaw 14.1.8.1.1]

You also are **eligible to practice** if you are enrolled in the final semester or quarter of a baccalaureate program while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, and your institution certifies that you are carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements, as determined by the faculty of the institution. [Bylaw 14.1.8.1.3]

Other regulations concerning eligibility – All sports:

You are **not eligible** to participate in more than four seasons of intercollegiate competition. [Bylaw 14.2]

You are **not eligible** after the first 10 semesters or 15 quarters in which you were enrolled at a collegiate institution in at least a minimum full-time program of studies as determined by the college, except for extensions that have been approved in accordance with NCAA legislation. [Bylaws 14.2.2 and 30.6.1]

You are **eligible** if you are seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree or you are enrolled in a graduate or professional school provided you received your undergraduate degree from the same institution, you have seasons of participation remaining and your participation occurs within the applicable 10 semesters or 15 quarters. You are also **eligible** for championships that occur within 60 days of the date you complete the requirements for your degree. [Bylaws 14.1.9 and 14.1.9.2]

You are **not eligible** in your sport for the rest of your season if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which you were a member of an intercollegiate team, you competed as a member of any outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition in the sport during the

playing season. Competing in the Olympic Games tryouts and competition and other specified national and international competition is permitted. [Bylaws 14.7.1 and 14.7.3.1]

All-star football and basketball only:

You are **not eligible** if, after you completed your high-school eligibility in your sport and before your high-school graduation, you participated in more than two high-school all-star football or basketball games. [Bylaw 14.6]

There are no restrictions on the participation of Division III student-athletes in outside basketball competition during the summer. [Bylaw 14.7.2.7-(a)]

Transfer students only:

You are a transfer student if:

- The registrar or admissions officer from your former institution certified that you officially were registered and enrolled at that institution in any term in a minimum full-time load and you were present on the opening day of classes; or
- The director of athletics from your former institution certified that you reported for the regular squad practice that any staff member of the athletics department of your former institution announced before the beginning of any term. [Bylaw 14.5.2]

If you are a transfer student from a four-year institution, you are **not eligible** during your first academic year in residence unless you meet the provisions of one of the exceptions specified in Bylaw 14.5.5.1.1, 14.5.5.1.2 or 14.5.5.1.3 or one of the waivers specified in Bylaw 14.8.1.2.

If you are a transfer student from a two-year institution, you are **not eligible** during your first academic year in residence at your new institution unless you meet the academic and residence requirements specified in Bylaw 14.5.4.1 or the exception specified in Bylaw 14.5.4.1.2.

If you wish to correspond with another NCAA institution about your opportunity to transfer, the institution must have permission to contact you before any correspondence may occur. To contact a Division III institution, you may seek permission from your athletics director, or you are permitted to grant other Division III institutions permission to contact you. To grant an institution permission to contact you about a potential transfer (or for you to be able to contact the institution), complete the Permission to Contact-Self Release form that is provided by the NCAA national office. The form and instructions is available on the student-athlete home page of the NCAA Web site at ncaa.org.

To contact Division I or Division II institutions, you must seek permission from your athletics director.

Drugs – All sports:

If the NCAA tests you for the banned drugs listed in Bylaw 31.2.3.1 and you test positive (consistent with NCAA drug-testing protocol), you will be **ineligible** to participate in regular-season and postseason competition for one calendar year (i.e., 365 days) after your positive drug test and you will be charged with the loss of a minimum of one season of competition in all sports.

If you test positive a second time for the use of any drug, other than a “street drug” as defined in Bylaw 31.2.3.1, it will result in the loss of lifetime eligibility, while a combination of two positive tests involving street drugs (e.g. marijuana, heroin) in whatever order, will result in the loss of an additional year of eligibility. [Bylaw 18.4.1.5]

If you test positive for the use of a “street drug” after being restored to eligibility, you shall be charged with the loss of one additional season of competition in all sports and also shall remain ineligible for regular-season and postseason competition at least through the next calendar year. [Bylaw 18.4.1.5.1]

A policy adopted by the NCAA Executive Committee establishes that the penalty for missing a scheduled drug test is the same as the penalty for testing positive for the use of a banned drug other than a street drug. You will remain ineligible until you retest negative and your eligibility has been restored by the NCAA Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee. [Bylaw 18.4.1.5.1]

Non-NCAA athletics organization positive drug test - All sports:

If you test positive for banned substances by a non-NCAA athletics organization, you must notify your director of athletics regarding the positive drug test. You also must permit the NCAA to test you for the banned drugs listed in Bylaw 31.2.3.1.

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

The director of athletics must notify the vice president of NCAA education services in writing regarding a student-athlete's disclosure of a previous positive drug test administered by any other athletics organization.

If the student-athlete immediately transfers to a non-NCAA institution while ineligible and competes in collegiate competition within the 365-day period at a non-NCAA institution, the student-athlete will be ineligible for all NCAA regular-season and postseason competition until the student-athlete does not compete in collegiate competition for a 365-day period. Additionally, the student-athlete must retest negative (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Executive Committee) and request that eligibility be restored by the NCAA Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee.

The list is subject to change and the institution and student-athlete shall be held accountable for all banned drug classes on the current list. The list is located on the NCAA Web site (www.ncaa.org) or may be obtained from the NCAA health and safety staff in Education Services.

Part II: For New Student-Athletes Only

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

Recruitment

Offers – All sports:

You are **not eligible** if, before you enrolled at your institution, any staff member of your institution or any other representative of your institution's athletics interests offered to you, your relatives or your friends any financial aid or other benefits that NCAA legislation does not permit.

It is permissible for your summer employment to be arranged by the institution or for you to accept loans from a regular lending agency, provided you did not receive the job or loan before the end of your senior year in high school. [Bylaws 13.2.1, 13.2.4 and 13.2.5]

Contacts – All sports:

For purposes of this section, contact means “any face-to-face encounter between a prospect or the prospect's parents, relatives or legal guardian(s) 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 or that takes place on the grounds of the prospect's educational institution or at the site of organized competition or practice involving the prospect or the prospect's high-school, preparatory school, two-year college or all-star team shall be considered a contact, regardless of the conversation that occurs.” [Bylaw 13.02.2]

You are **not eligible** if any staff member of your institution or any other representative of your institution's athletics interests contacted you, your relatives or your legal guardians in person off your institution's campus before you completed your junior year in high school (except for students at military academies). [Bylaw 13.1.1.1]

You are **not eligible** if, while you were being recruited, any staff member of your institution or any other representative of your institution's athletics interests, contacted you during the day or days of competition at the site of any athletics competition in which you were competing. It was permissible for such contact to occur (during the permissible period) after the competition if the appropriate high-school authority released you prior to the contact. [Bylaw 13.1.4.2]

Publicity – All sports:

You are **not eligible** if, before you enrolled at your institution, your institution publicized any visit that you made to its campus. [Bylaw 13.11.4]

You are **not eligible** if, before you enrolled at your institution, you appeared on a radio or television program that involved a coach or another member of the staff of the athletics department at your institution. [Bylaw 13.11.3]

Source of funds – All sports:

You are **not eligible** if any organization or group of people outside your institution spent money recruiting you to attend your institution, including entertaining, giving gifts or services and providing transportation to you or your relatives or friends. [Bylaw 13.15.4]

You are eligible for intercollegiate competition if prior to initial full-time collegiate enrollment, a prospective student-athlete may receive normal and reasonable living expenses from an individual with whom he or she has an established relationship (e.g., high-school coach, nonscholastic athletics team coach, family of a teammate), even if the relationship developed as a result of athletics participation, provided:

- The individual is not an agent;
- The individual is not an athletics representative of a particular institution involved in recruiting the prospect; and
- Such living expenses are consistent with the types of expenses provided by the individual as a part of normal living arrangements (e.g., housing, meals, occasional spending money, use of the family car)."[Bylaw 12.1.1.1.6.1]

Tryouts – All sports:

You are **not eligible** if, after starting classes for the ninth grade, you displayed your abilities in any phase of any sport in a tryout conducted by or for your institution. [Bylaw 13.12.1.]

Member institutions are permitted to host intercollegiate athletics competitions in conjunction with high-school, preparatory school and two-year college contests. High schools, preparatory schools and two-year colleges must be located within a 50-mile radius of the member institution hosting the event, and all such competition must occur on the member institution's campus. Further, a collegiate athletics event may be conducted during a continuous session on the same day as the high school, preparatory school or two-year college contest under a single admission. [Bylaw 13.12.1.3]

Basketball only:

You are **not eligible** if a member of your institution's coaching staff participated in competition or in coaching activities involving a nonscholastic basketball team of which you were a member. [Bylaw 13.12.1.4]

Sports camps

You are **not eligible** if, before you enrolled at your institution, the institution, members of its staff or a representative of its athletics interests employed, or gave you free or reduced admission privileges to attend its camp or clinic after you had started classes for the ninth grade. [Bylaw 13.13.1.4]

Visits, transportation and entertainment – All sports:

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

- Your institution paid for you to visit its campus more than once;
- Your one expense-paid visit to the campus lasted longer than 48 hours;
- Your institution paid more than the actual round-trip cost by direct route between your home and the campus when you made your one expense-paid visit;
- Your institution entertained you, your parents (or legal guardians) or your spouse outside a 30-mile radius of the campus during your expense paid visit; **or**
- Your institution entertained you, your parents (or legal guardians) or your spouse excessively during your expense paid visit or entertained your friends or other relatives at any site.

You are **not eligible** if your institution paid for you to visit its campus before the first day of classes of your senior year in high school. [Bylaw 13.7.1.1.1]

You are **not eligible** if, at any time that you were visiting your institution's campus at your own expense, your institution paid for anything more than the following: Three free passes for you and those individuals who came with you to an athletics event on campus in which your institution's team competed. [Bylaw 13.8.2.1]

- Transportation, when accompanied by a staff member, to see off-campus practice and competition sites and other institutional facilities located within a 30-mile radius of the campus. [Bylaw 13.6.3]

- A meal at the dining hall of your institution or a meal at an off-campus site if all institutional dining halls were closed and the institution normally provides similar meals to all visiting prospective students. [Bylaw 13.8.2.1.1]
- Housing at your institution that is generally available to all visiting prospective students. [Bylaw 13.8.2.1.2]

You are **not eligible** if, when you were being recruited, staff members of your institution or any representatives of its athletics interests paid the transportation costs for your relatives or friends to visit the campus or elsewhere. [Bylaw 13.6.2.8]

You are **not eligible** if, when you were being recruited, your institution gave you complimentary admissions to more than one regular-season home game scheduled outside your institution's community or gave you more than three complimentary admissions to that one regular-season home game scheduled outside your institution's community. [Bylaw 13.8.2.2]

You are **not eligible** if, when you were being recruited, a staff member of your institution's athletics department spent money other than what was necessary for the staff member's (or representative's) personal expenses during an off-campus visit with you. [Bylaw 13.15.2]

You are **not eligible** if any person, at his or her own expense, paid for you to visit your institution once and did not accompany you on the visit or paid for you to visit more than once. [Bylaw 13.7.1.1]

Precollege or postgraduate expense – All sports:

You are **not eligible** if your institution, or any representative of its athletics interests, offered you money, directly or indirectly, to pay for any part of your educational expenses or other expenses during any period of time before you enrolled at your institution. This applies to your post-graduate education as well. [Bylaw 13.16.1]