



## NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER COVID-19 RESPONSE

Due to the impact of COVID-19, NCAA Divisions I and II have approved the following flexibility for prospective student-athletes (PSAs) who delay initial full-time collegiate enrollment and participate in organized competition following their [legislated grace period](#).

The Eligibility Center will apply this flexibility in the amateurism certification process, and it will be visible in the PSA's Eligibility Center account. Any additional relief from delayed-enrollment conditions may be considered via the legislative relief waiver process. NCAA Customer Service is available to assist with member questions Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Eastern time at 877-544-2950.

### Division I

PSAs who have not previously enrolled full time in a collegiate institution, and their legislated grace period ends before or during the 2020-21 academic year, may only receive relief from the delayed-enrollment legislation for organized competition that occurs in 2020-21.

DIVISION I SPORT EXAMPLES	Expected High School Grad Date	Grace Period	Initial Full-Time Enrollment	Organized Competition After Grace Period?	Delayed Enrollment Condition/Year In Residence?
Soccer	May 2019	2019-20	Fall 2021	Yes in 2020-21	No
Basketball	May 2019	2019-20	Winter/Spring 2022	Yes in 2020-21 Yes in 2021-22	No for 2020-21 Yes for 2021-22
Tennis	December 2019	January 2020 to Fall 2020 (six months)	Fall 2022	Yes in 2020-21 Yes in 2021-22	No for 2020-21 Yes for 2021-22
Men's Ice Hockey	May 2018	21st birthday	Fall 2021	Yes in 2020-21	No, if PSA turns 21 during 2020-21 academic year.

## Division II

PSAs who have not previously enrolled full time in a collegiate institution, and their legislated grace period ends before or during the 2021-22 academic year, may receive relief from the delayed-enrollment legislation for organized competition that occurs in **either 2020-21 or 2021-22** (whichever is more beneficial).

DIVISION II SPORT EXAMPLES	Expected High School Grad Date	Grace Period	Initial Full-Time Enrollment	Organized Competition After Grace Period?	Delayed Enrollment Condition/Year In Residence?
Baseball	May 2019	2019-20	Fall 2021	Yes in 2020-21	No
Field Hockey	May 2019	2019-20	Fall 2022	Yes in 2020-21 (20 games) Yes in 2021-22 (15 games)	May 2019(20 games) <i>*Flexibility applied to 2020-21 was most beneficial.</i>
Football	May 2019	2019-20	Fall 2022	Yes in 2020-21 (3 games) Yes in 2021-22 (11 games)	No for 2020-21 <b>Yes for 2021-22</b>

**Note:** In the certification process, the Eligibility Center will still apply relief via the minimal competition thresholds as part of the [Council-Approved Review Process](#) (DI) or [Streamlined Review Process](#) (DII).

*For questions on flexibility related to academic initial-eligibility requirements, please review our [COVID-19 FAQ](#).*