Amateurism Certification Basics

GOLF, CROSS COUNTRY, TRACK AND FIELD, SWIMMING AND DIVING, FENCING, GYMNASTICS, RIFLE, BOWLING, EQUESTRIAN AND BEACH VOLLEYBALL

What the Eligibility Center reviews:

- Timeline of all team and individual competition.
- Signed agreements for funding, apparel or equipment sponsors.
- Breakdown of prize money and expenses for each calendar year.

What is Delayed Enrollment?

- For Divisions I and II, PSAs will lose one season of competition for each calendar year a PSA participates in organized competition after a 12-month period following their expected high school/secondary school graduation and before enrolling full time in a college or university.

PSAs may jeopardize their eligibility for Division I if they:

- Reach an agreement with an agent (written, verbal or for future representation).
- Accept benefits or services of any kind from an agent.
- Receive more payment than expenses to compete on a team.
- Compete on a professional team after the PSA has enrolled full time at a college or university.
- Accept more prize money than expenses in a calendar year.
- Receive funding for training not tied directly to competition or practice in preparation for competition.
- Sign an apparel, equipment or sponsorship agreement that provides for more than the PSA’s actual and necessary expenses.

PSAs may jeopardize their eligibility for Division II if they:

- Reach an agreement with an agent (written, verbal or for future representation).
- Enter into an agreement with or receive benefits from an agent.
- Compete on a professional team after the PSA has enrolled full time at a college or university.
- Accept more prize money than expenses for any event (event-by-event basis) after the PSA enrolls full time at a college or university.

º Note: All post-college or university prize money received before Jan. 21, 2017, even if less than expenses, is impermissible.
THE REVIEW PROCESS

Register with an Eligibility Center Certification Account before your sophomore/10th year at eligibilitycenter.org.

Select each sport you plan to play at an NCAA school.

Complete and update the sports participation section annually.

Before starting at an NCAA Division I or II college or university, request final amateurism certification and confirm you have provided complete and accurate information to the Eligibility Center.

Fall enrollees can request starting April 1 before their DI or DII enrollment.

January/midyear enrollees can request Oct. 1 before their DI or DII enrollment.

Visit ncaa.org to learn how to request final amateurism certification.

Check the task list in your Eligibility Center account to see if additional information is requested. You may complete tasks in any order.

If additional information is requested regarding your amateurism certification (through a task in your account), copy and paste the request into an email and reply to acp-processing@ncaa.org.

Visit the links below for more information.

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