



2025-26 DIVISION I COUNCIL-APPROVED REVIEW PROCESS AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION GUIDELINES

In the amateurism certification process, the NCAA Eligibility Center may apply relief, as follows:

- 1. Delayed Enrollment Academic Year of Residence Condition.** When a PSA competed in greater than 50% of the maximum number of contests or dates of competition during a 12-month period after the legislated grace period and before initial full-time collegiate enrollment, relief of the academic year of residence condition may be applied (see [Figure 12-2](#)).
- 2. National/International Competition.** When a prospective student-athlete triggers the delayed-enrollment legislation due to national/international competition in countries that do *not* use a tiered elimination structure (e.g., tryouts, trials) for national team selection, relief from the season of competition and the academic year of residence (Bylaws 12.8.3.2.1.2 or 12.8.3.2.2.2) may be applied if competing in the event(s) was required to qualify for either the national team or events outlined in Bylaws 12.8.3.2.1.2-(a) or 12.8.3.2.2.2-(a).

This relief may be applied if the country's National Governing Body provides either (a) contemporaneous national team selection standards or (b) an [NGB Attestation Form](#) that specifies the events in which the PSA competed that were required for national team selection.

Note: this policy only applies to the first 12-month period after the PSA's legislated grace period.

- 3. COVID-19 Delayed Enrollment Relief.** PSAs who have not previously enrolled full time at a collegiate institution, and whose legislated grace period concluded before or during the 2020-21 academic year, may engage in organized competition during the 2020-21 academic year without using a season of competition (Bylaws 12.8.3.2.1 or 12.8.3.2.2).
- 4. Released Error Policy.** In accordance with its [released error policy](#), the Eligibility Center may consider an error in the waiver process.

Note: previous Division I Council-Approved Review Process (CARP) policies related to minimal competition and low level/minimally organized participation are now [legislated](#) (via the adoption of [Division I Proposal 2023-50](#) in January 2024) and thus have been removed from the CARP guidelines (see [Figure 12-2](#) for additional information regarding delayed-enrollment conditions).