



**2022-23 Council-Approved Review Process
Delayed Enrollment/Organized Competition Guidelines**

1. Minimal Competition.

- a. When a prospective student-athlete has participated in organized competition beyond the legislated grace period, staff will calculate the number of contests (or dates of competition) in which the PSA participated as a percentage of the maximum number of permissible contest (or dates of competition) in the applicable sport, per NCAA Division I Bylaw 17 (see below).

| Sport | Max | Contests | | Dates of Competition | |
|---------------------------|-----|----------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| | | 20 | 50% | 20% | 50% |
| Baseball | 56 | 12 | 28 | | |
| Basketball | 29 | 6 | 15 | | |
| Bowling, Women's | 32 | | | 7 | 16 |
| Cross Country | 7 | | | 2 | 4 |
| Equestrian | 15 | | | 3 | 8 |
| Fencing | 11 | | | 3 | 6 |
| Field Hockey | 20 | 4 | 10 | | |
| Football FBS | 12 | 3 | 6 | | |
| FCS | 11 | 3 | 6 | | |
| Golf | 24 | | | 5 | 12 |
| Gymnastics | 13 | | | 3 | 7 |
| Ice Hockey | 34 | 7 | 17 | | |
| Lacrosse | 17 | | | 4 | 9 |
| Rifle | 13 | | | 3 | 7 |
| Rowing, Women's | 20 | | | 4 | 10 |
| Rugby, Women's | 11 | 3 | 6 | | |
| Sand Volleyball | 16 | | | 4 | 8 |
| Skiing | 32 | | | 7 | 16 |
| Soccer | 20 | 4 | 10 | | |
| Softball | 56 | 12 | 28 | | |
| Swimming and Diving | 20 | | | 4 | 10 |
| Tennis | 25 | | | 5 | 13 |
| Track and Field Indoor | 9 | | | 2 | 5 |
| Outdoor | 9 | | | 2 | 5 |
| Volleyball | 28 | | | 6 | 14 |
| Water Polo | 21 | | | 5 | 11 |
| Wrestling | 16 | | | 4 | 8 |

- b. Staff will apply relief in accordance with the following guidelines:

| Percentage of Maximum Number of Contests/Dates of Competition | | |
|--|--|--|
| ≤ 20% | 20 to 50% | > 50% |
| Apply a one-for-one withholding condition when the PSA competed in no more than 20% of the maximum number of contests (dates of competition) during each 12- month period. | Waive the academic year of residence requirement and charge one season of competition when the PSA competed in more than 20% but less than 50% of the maximum number of contests (dates of competition) during each 12-month period. | Apply the legislation when the PSA competed in more than 50% of the maximum number of contests (dates of competition) during each 12-month period. |

- c. When a PSA participated in organized competition during more than one 12-month period beyond the legislated delayed period, staff will apply the guidelines on a year-by-year basis. Staff may not provide relief of the academic year of residence if the PSA engaged in more than 50% of the maximum number of contests (dates of competition) in the applicable sport during any 12-month period of the delay. [Note: For the Committee on Legislative Relief's guidance on applying a withholding condition, click [here](#).]
2. **National/International Competition.** When a PSA triggered the delayed enrollment legislation due to national/international competition, staff will provide relief from the academic year of residence and the season of competition. [Note: This only applies to individual sports (see Bylaw 17.02.18.2) or team sports in countries that do not use a tiered-elimination structure to select its national team.] This guideline shall apply only when the following information is presented:
- Documentation from the PSA's home country's National Governing Body's administration certifying that the competition in which the PSA participated was officially recognized and sanctioned competition from which participants could qualify for the national team or events outlined in Bylaw 12.8.3.2.1.2 (a) or Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2.2 (a);
 - Documentation from the National Governing Body's administration certifying that it does not select its national team through a tiered-based elimination structure; and
 - The competition the PSA participated in was required to qualify for the country's national team.
3. **Low-level/Loosely Organized Participation.** When a PSA triggered the delayed enrollment legislation because of participation that meets the definition of organized competition, but concerns are raised during the certification process regarding the caliber of the event, staff may apply additional relief beyond the minimal competition threshold, as approved by NCAA Eligibility Center leadership.



4. **COVID-19 Delayed Enrollment Relief.** Due to the impact of COVID-19, the Division I Council Coordination Committee approved flexibility that permits 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, to engage in organized competition during the 2020-21 academic year without using a season of competition. The Eligibility Center will apply this flexibility during the amateurism certification process.
5. **Eligibility Center Released Error Policy.** Per its released error policy, the Eligibility Center will correct inaccurate account information identified in a PSA's amateurism certification but honor the previously-released error during the amateurism certification process.
6. **Standardized Dates.** When a PSA is subject to the delayed-enrollment legislation, a standard date (Oct. 1 or March 1, whichever date immediately follows the expiration of the student's legislated grace period) will be used by the Eligibility Center to determine the start of the delayed enrollment analysis.
7. **Applicable Division I Legislation.**
 - a. Bylaw 12.8.3.2.1 (sports other than men's ice hockey, skiing and tennis).
 - b. Bylaw 12.8.3.2.1.2 (exception – national/international competition).
 - c. Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2 (tennis).
 - d. Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2.2 (exception – national/international competition).
 - e. Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2.4 (matriculation after 20th birthday – tennis).
 - f. Bylaw 12.8.3.5 (participation after 21st birthday – men's ice hockey and skiing).