

Eligibility: Academic and General Requirements

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14.01 General Principles.

14.01.1 Institutional Responsibility. An institution shall not permit a student-athlete to represent it in intercollegiate athletics competition, unless the student-athlete meets all applicable eligibility requirements and the institution has certified the student-athlete’s eligibility. A violation of this bylaw in which the institution fails to certify the student-athlete’s eligibility prior to allowing him or her to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such a violation shall not affect the student-athlete’s eligibility, provided all necessary information to certify the student-athlete’s eligibility was available to the institution and the student-athlete otherwise would have been eligible for competition. *(Revised: 1/14/02, 10/23/07)*

14.01.2 Academic Status. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time program of studies, be in good academic standing and maintain progress toward a baccalaureate or equivalent degree. *(Revised: 5/12/09)*

14.01.2.1 Good Academic Standing. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall be in good academic standing as determined by the academic authorities who determine the meaning of such phrases for all students of the institution, subject to controlling legislation of the conference(s) or similar association of which the institution is a member. *(Revised: 5/12/09)*

14.01.3 Compliance With Other NCAA and Conference Legislation. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall be in compliance with all applicable provisions of the constitution and bylaws of the Association and all rules and regulations of the institution and the conference(s), if any, of which the institution is a member. A violation of this bylaw that relates only to a violation of a conference rule shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such a violation shall not affect the student-athlete’s eligibility. Specific attention is called to legislation affecting eligibility in the following areas. *(Revised: 10/17/06, 4/4/07)*

14.01.3.1 Amateurism. A student-athlete shall not be eligible for participation in an intercollegiate sport, if following initial full-time collegiate enrollment the individual takes or has taken pay, or has accepted the promise of pay in any form, for participation in that sport, or if the individual has violated any of the other regulations related to amateurism set forth in Bylaw 12. (See Bylaw 12.1) *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

14.01.3.2 Awards, Benefits and Expenses. Receipt by a student-athlete of nonpermissible awards, extra benefits, or excessive or improper expenses not authorized by NCAA legislation violates the Association’s amateurism principle and renders the student-athlete ineligible for athletics participation in the sport for which the improper award, benefit or expense was received (see Bylaw 16). A student-athlete who receives an institutional postgraduate scholarship as part of a senior scholar-athlete award as set forth in Bylaw 16.1.3.1.1 shall not be eligible for intercollegiate athletics participation in all sports, except that a student may complete the remainder of any season currently in progress at the time of the award (e.g., postseason competition in a spring sport which occurs after graduation). *(Revised: 1/10/05)*

14.01.3.3 Unethical Conduct. A prospective or enrolled student-athlete who is found to have engaged in unethical conduct (see Bylaw 10.1) shall be ineligible for intercollegiate competition in all sports. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 4/26/06)*

14.01.3.4 Financial Aid. A student-athlete who receives financial assistance other than that authorized by the Association shall not be eligible for intercollegiate athletics competition (see Bylaw 15).

14.01.3.5 Recruitment. Solicitation of a student-athlete's enrollment by the certifying institution or any representative of its athletics interests in violation of the Association's legislation shall render the student-athlete ineligible to represent that institution in intercollegiate athletics. A student-athlete is responsible during his or her recruitment for involvement in a violation of NCAA regulations, and the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement may restore the eligibility of a student involved in such violation only when circumstances clearly warrant restoration. The eligibility of a student-athlete involved in a major violation shall not be restored other than through an exception authorized by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement in a unique case on the basis of specifically stated reasons (see Bylaw 13).

14.02 Definitions and Applications.

14.02.1 Branch School. A branch school is an educational institution that usually offers two years of college work, does not award degrees independently, and is wholly controlled and operated by a four-year, degree-granting parent institution.

14.02.2 Religious Mission, Official. An official religious mission is one that is required by the religious organization of which the individual is a member and that results in the individual being unable to attend a collegiate institution during the period of the mission. (*Revised: 4/19/10*)

14.02.3 Collegiate Institution. A collegiate institution (for purposes of NCAA legislation) is an institution of higher education that:

- (a) Is accredited at the college level by an agency or association recognized by the Secretary of the Department of Education and legally authorized to offer at least a one-year program of study creditable toward a degree; (*Revised: 1/10/90*)
- (b) Conducts an intercollegiate athletics program, even though the institution is not accredited at the college level and authorized to offer at least a one-year program of study creditable toward a degree; or
- (c) Is located in a foreign country.

14.02.4 Education-Impacting Disability. An education-impacting disability is a current impairment that has a substantial educational impact on a student's academic performance and requires accommodation. (*Adopted: 10/21/08*)

14.02.5 Exception. An exception is the granting of relief from the application of a specific regulation (e.g., the residence requirement for a transfer student to become eligible for competition). Formal approval by the Management Council or an NCAA committee is not required. The action granting the exception may be taken solely by the certifying institution, based on evidence that the conditions on which the exception is authorized have been met (see Bylaw 14.02.14).

14.02.6 Good Academic Standing and Progress Toward Degree. The phrases "good academic standing" and "progress toward degree" are to be interpreted at each member institution by the academic officials who determine the meaning and application of such phrases for all students, subject to the controlling regulations of the institution; the conference(s) (or similar associations), if any, of which the institution is a member; and applicable NCAA legislation (see Bylaw 14.4).

14.02.7 Intercollegiate Competition. Intercollegiate competition occurs when a student-athlete in either a two-year or a four-year collegiate institution: (*Revised: 1/10/95*)

- (a) Represents the institution in any contest against outside competition, regardless of how the competition is classified (e.g., scrimmage, exhibition or joint practice session with another institution's team) or whether the student is enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies; (*Revised: 1/10/91*)
- (b) Competes in the uniform of the institution or, during the academic year, uses any apparel (excluding apparel no longer used by the institution) received from the institution that includes institutional identification (see Bylaw 16.11.1.6 for regulations governing the use of equipment during the summer); (*Revised: 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 4/11/06, 7/24/07*)
- (c) Competes and receives expenses (e.g., transportation, meals, room or entry fees) from the institution for the competition; or (*Revised: 7/24/07*)
- (d) Competes in outside competition as a member of a club team at a two-year or four-year collegiate institution, provided the institution sponsors the sport on the varsity level. (*Adopted: 7/24/07*)

14.02.7.1 Exempted Events. Participation in events listed in Bylaws 16.8.1.3-(a), -(b) and -(c) is exempted from the application of this legislation. (*Revised: 1/10/92*)

14.02.7.2 Exemption—Tryouts. The participation of student-athletes in contests against prospective student-athletes trying out at member institutions (in accordance with Bylaw 13.11.2.1) shall be exempted from the application of this legislation. (*Adopted: 1/10/91*)

14.02.8 National Team. A national team is one selected, organized and sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic sport, the equivalent

organization of that sport). The selection for such a team shall be made on a national qualification basis, either through a defined selective process or by actual tryouts, publicly announced in advance. In addition, the international competition in question shall require that the entrants officially represent their respective nations, although it is not necessary to require team scoring by nation.

14.02.9 Participation in Intercollegiate Athletics. Participation in intercollegiate athletics occurs when a student-athlete either practices in a sport (see Bylaw 17.02.1) or competes in a sport, as defined in Bylaw 14.02.7. Eligibility rules for competition may differ from those for practice.

14.02.10 Qualification Status.

14.02.10.1 Qualifier. A qualifier is a student who, for purposes of determining eligibility for financial aid, practice and competition in Divisions I and II institutions, has met all of the following requirements (see Bylaw 14.3):

- (a) Graduation from high school;
- (b) Successful completion of a required core curriculum consisting of a minimum number of courses in specified subjects;
- (c) Specified minimum grade-point average in the core curriculum; and
- (d) Specified minimum SAT or ACT score.

14.02.10.2 Partial Qualifier. A partial qualifier is a student who does not meet the requirements for a qualifier but who, at the time of graduation from high school, presents one of the following academic requirements (see Bylaw 14.3): (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91*)

- (a) Successful completion of a required core curriculum consisting of a minimum number of courses and a specified minimum grade-point average in the core curriculum; or
- (b) Specified minimum SAT or ACT score.

14.02.10.3 Nonqualifier. A nonqualifier is a student who has not graduated from high school or who, at the time specified in the regulation (see Bylaw 14.3), presented neither the core-curriculum grade-point average and SAT/ACT score required for a qualifier.

14.02.11 Residence. Residence is enrollment in a full-time academic program (as defined by the institution) at a collegiate institution during a regular term of an academic year. A summer term may not be used to satisfy an academic term or year of residence. Any student-athlete (e.g., qualifier, nonqualifier, transfer student) admitted after the 12th class day may not use that semester or quarter for the purpose of satisfying an academic term or year of residence. (*Revised: 4/30/10*)

14.02.11.1 Academic Year of Residence. To satisfy an academic year of residence, a student shall: (*Adopted: 4/30/10*)

- (a) Be enrolled in and complete a minimum full-time program of studies for two full semesters or three full quarters; or
- (b) Be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies for two semesters or three quarters and pass a number of hours (including hours earned at the certifying institution during a summer term) that is at least equal to the sum total of the minimum load of each of the required terms. (*Revised: 4/9/13*)

14.02.12 Grade-Point Average. For purposes of calculating a grade-point average for NCAA eligibility (e.g., progress toward degree), a student must achieve a minimum grade-point average based on a maximum of 4,000 grading scale, unless otherwise specified in the legislation. (*Adopted: 4/29/04*)

14.02.13 Transfer Student. A transfer student, in the application of NCAA eligibility requirements, is a student who transfers from any collegiate institution after having met any one of the conditions set forth in Bylaw 14.5.2.

14.02.14 Waiver. A waiver is an action exempting an individual or institution from the application of a specific regulation. A waiver requires formal approval (e.g., by the Management Council, an NCAA committee or a conference, as specified in the legislation) based on evidence of compliance with the specified conditions or criteria under which the waiver is authorized (see Bylaw 14.02.5).

14.1 General Eligibility Requirements.

14.1.1 Postseason and Regular-Season Competition. To be eligible for regular-season competition, NCAA championships, and for postseason football bowl games, the student-athlete shall meet all of the Association's general eligibility requirements and any additional eligibility requirements adopted by the applicable membership division. (*Revised: 10/22/13*)

14.1.1.1 Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs. A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, is found to have used a substance on the list of banned drugs, as set forth in Bylaw 31.2.3.2, shall be declared ineligible for further participation in postseason and regular-season competition in accordance with the ineligibility provisions in Bylaws 18.4.1.5.1 and 18.4.1.5.2. (*Adopted: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, Revised: 4/29/04*)

14.1.2 Validity of Academic Credentials. As a condition and obligation of membership, it is the responsibility of a member institution to determine the validity of the information on which the eligibility of a student-athlete is based. Therefore, it is the responsibility of a member institution to determine whether a transcript is valid for purposes of applying appropriate NCAA legislation to the eligibility of a student-athlete when the institution receives notification, or otherwise has cause to believe, that a student-athlete's high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college transcript is not valid.

14.1.2.1 Invalidation of Academic Credentials After Initial-Eligibility Certification. If a student-athlete's academic credentials (e.g., transcript, test scores) are invalidated after his or her initial eligibility has been certified, the institution must report any violation that may have occurred as a result of the student-athlete's receipt of financial aid or participation in practice or competition and declare the student-athlete ineligible for competition. If such a violation occurred, the student-athlete remains ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement regardless of whether an initial-eligibility waiver is granted after the invalidation of the academic credentials. (*Adopted: 10/16/12*)

14.1.2.2 High School Review Committee. The High School Review Committee shall have the authority to establish policies and procedures related to the academic review of high schools and to determine the validity of a high school (e.g., core courses, curriculum, grades) for the purpose of meeting initial-eligibility requirements. A review may result in a determination that a high school shall not be used for the purpose of meeting initial-eligibility requirements. The policies and procedures for the review shall be approved by the Academic Requirements Committee. (See Bylaw 21.6.4.) (*Adopted: 7/24/07*)

14.1.2.3 Student Records Review Committee. The Student Records Review Committee shall have the authority to establish policies and procedures related to the review of a prospective student-athlete's academic credentials and to determine the validity of a prospective student-athlete's academic credentials for the purpose of meeting initial-eligibility requirements. A review may result in a determination that a prospective student-athlete's academic credentials shall not be used for the purpose of meeting initial-eligibility requirements. The policies and procedures for the review shall be approved by the Academic Requirements Committee. (See Bylaw 21.6.5.) (*Adopted: 7/24/07*)

14.1.2.4 NCAA Eligibility Center. An institution shall use the NCAA Eligibility Center, approved by the Executive Committee, to determine the validity of the information on which the initial eligibility of a student-athlete is based. (*Adopted: 1/16/93 effective 8/1/94 for student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/94, Revised: 1/10/95, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 4/27/06, for those student-athletes whose initial collegiate enrollment occurs in the 2006-07 academic year and thereafter, 4/23/07, 7/24/07*)

14.1.2.4.1 Institutional Responsibility. An institution is responsible for promptly reporting all discrepancies in information used in a student-athlete's initial-eligibility certification to the NCAA Eligibility Center. Discrepancies in information include, but are not limited to, corrections, additions, potential academic misconduct with regard to high schools attended, grades, completion of coursework or test scores. (*Adopted: 4/27/06, for those student-athletes whose initial collegiate enrollment occurs in the 2006-07 academic year and thereafter, Revised: 4/23/07*)

14.1.3 Student-Athlete Statement.

14.1.3.1 Content and Purpose. Before participation in intercollegiate competition each academic year, a student-athlete shall sign a statement in a form prescribed by the Management Council in which the student-athlete submits information related to eligibility, recruitment, financial aid, amateur status, previous positive drug tests administered by any other athletics organization and involvement in organized gambling activities related to intercollegiate or professional athletics competition under the Association's governing legislation. Failure to complete and sign the statement shall result in the student-athlete's ineligibility for participation in all intercollegiate competition. Details about the content, administration and disposition of the statement are set forth in Bylaw 14.1.3. [D] (*Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, 1/14/97, 1/13/98*)

14.1.3.2 Administration. The following procedures shall be used in administering the student-athlete statement: (*Revised: 8/4/89, 7/20/10*)

- (a) The statement shall be administered individually to each student-athlete by the director of athletics or the director of athletics' designee before the student's participation in intercollegiate competition each academic year;
- (b) The director of athletics and head coach in the sport in which the student-athlete participates shall sign the eligibility list form; (*Revised: 4/11/06, 7/24/12 effective 8/1/13*)
- (c) The statement shall be kept on file by the director of athletics and shall be available for examination on request by an authorized representative of the NCAA; and
- (d) The director of athletics shall promptly notify in writing the NCAA director of sports sciences regarding a student-athlete's disclosure of a previous positive drug test administered by any other athletics organization.

14.1.3.3 Institutional Responsibility—Notification of Positive Test. The institution shall promptly notify in writing the NCAA chief medical officer regarding a student-athlete's disclosure of a previous positive

test for banned substances administered by any other athletics organization. (Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 12/5/06, 6/11/14)

14.1.4 Drug-Testing Consent Form.

14.1.4.1 Content and Purpose. Each academic year, a student-athlete shall sign a form prescribed by the Management Council in which the student-athlete consents to be tested for the use of drugs prohibited by NCAA legislation. Failure to complete and sign the consent form before practice or competition, or before the Monday of the fourth week of classes, whichever is earlier, shall result in the student-athlete's ineligibility for participation (i.e., practice and competition) in all intercollegiate athletics (see Constitution 3.3.4.10.3). [D] (Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 1/16/93, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97, 7/20/10, 10/19/10, 6/22/11)

14.1.4.2 Administration. The following procedures shall be used in administering the drug-testing consent form required (see Constitution 3.3.4.10): [D] (Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 1/8/01, 1/10/05, 7/20/10, 6/22/11)

- (a) The consent form shall be administered individually to each student-athlete by the director of athletics or the director of athletics' designee each academic year;
- (b) The director of athletics or the director of athletics' designee shall disseminate the list of banned drug classes to all student-athletes and educate them about products that might contain banned drugs. All student-athletes are to be notified that the list may change during the academic year and that updates may be found on the NCAA website (i.e., www.ncaa.org) and are to be informed of the appropriate athletics department procedures for disseminating updates to the list; and
- (c) The consent forms shall be kept on file by the director of athletics and shall be available for examination on request by an authorized representative of the NCAA.

14.1.4.3 Exception—14-Consecutive Calendar Day Grace Period. A student-athlete who is trying out for a team is not required to complete the NCAA Drug-Testing Consent Form for 14-consecutive calendar days from the first date the student-athlete engages in countable athletically related activities or before the student-athlete participates in competition, whichever occurs first. (Adopted: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08)

14.1.5 Student-Athlete Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Authorization/Buckley Amendment Consent Form—Disclosure of Protected Health Information.

14.1.5.1 Content and Purpose. Each academic year, a student-athlete may voluntarily sign a statement in a form prescribed by the Management Council in which the student-athlete authorizes/consents to the institution's physicians, athletic trainers and health care personnel to disclose the student-athlete's injury/illness and participation information associated with the student-athlete's training and participation in intercollegiate athletics to the NCAA and to its Injury Surveillance Program (ISP), agents and employees for the purpose of conducting research into the reduction of athletics injuries. The authorization/consent by the student-athlete is voluntary and is not required for the student-athlete to be eligible to participate. [D] (Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 6/22/11)

14.1.5.2 Administration. The following procedures shall be used in administering the Student-Athlete HIPAA Authorization/Buckley Amendment consent form: [D] (Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 7/20/10, 6/22/11)

- (a) The authorization/consent form shall be administered individually to each student-athlete by the director of athletics or the director of athletics' designee before the student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics each academic year. (Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)
- (b) Signing the authorization/consent shall be voluntary and is not required by the student-athlete's institution for medical treatment, payment for treatment, enrollment in a health plan or for any benefits (if applicable) and is not required for the student-athlete to be eligible to participate. (Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)
- (c) Any signed authorization/consent forms shall be kept on file by the director of athletics. (Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04)

14.1.6 Admission and Enrollment.

14.1.6.1 Admission. A student-athlete shall not represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, unless the student-athlete has been admitted as a regularly enrolled, degree-seeking student in accordance with the regular, published entrance requirements of that institution.

14.1.7 Full-Time Enrollment.

14.1.7.1 Requirement for Practice or Competition. To be eligible for practice or competition, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree as defined by the institution, which for purposes of this bylaw and its subsections shall not be less than 12-semester or -quarter hours, regardless of the institution's definition of a minimum full-time program of studies. [D for practice only] (Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 6/22/11)

14.1.7.1.1 Drop/Add Course. A student-athlete no longer shall be considered enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies (after dropping a course that places the student below full-time status) when

the dropped course becomes official in accordance with procedures determined by the institution for all students. A student-athlete who is adding a course to reach full-time status shall become eligible for practice and competition once the course has been approved by the appropriate department head (or designated representative) and submitted to the registrar. (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*)

14.1.7.1.2 Withdrawal or Dismissal. A student-athlete who withdraws or is dismissed from an institution is considered to be a prospective student-athlete eligible for recruitment by other NCAA institutions and may not continue to practice or compete with the original institution's team. (See Bylaw 13.1.1.2.) (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*)

14.1.7.1.3 Noncredit Work. Hours of noncredit work (including remedial courses) may be counted toward fulfilling the minimum full-time enrollment requirement, provided the noncredit work is given the same academic load value and is considered by the institution to be a requirement for the degree currently being pursued by the student-athlete. (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*)

14.1.7.1.4 Concurrent Courses at Two Institutions. Courses taken concurrently at a second institution may be counted toward meeting the minimum 12-hour enrollment requirement, provided: (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*)

- (a) The certifying institution officially recognizes the student-athlete's combined hours as full-time enrollment for a minimum of 12 hours; and
- (b) Courses taken at the second institution will be included on the student-athlete's transcript at the institution where the student-athlete is seeking the degree.

14.1.7.1.5 Cooperative Educational Exchange Program. A student-athlete may practice or compete for the certifying institution even though the student-athlete is enrolled in another institution in a cooperative educational exchange or work experience program (e.g., co-op, internship, practicum, student-teaching), provided: (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 1/11/12*)

- (a) The certifying institution considers the student-athlete to be regularly enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies; and
- (b) All academic coursework is placed on the student-athlete's transcript and accepted toward his or her undergraduate degree at the certifying institution.

14.1.7.1.6 Nontraditional Courses. Enrollment in a nontraditional course (e.g., distance-learning, correspondence, extension, Internet/virtual courses, independent study or any other course or credit that is not earned in a face-to-face classroom environment with regular interaction between the instructor and the student) offered by the certifying institution may be used to satisfy the full-time enrollment requirement for competition, provided the following conditions are met: (*Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13*)

- (a) The course is available to any student at the institution;
- (b) The student-athlete enrolls in the course in the same manner as is available to any student;
- (c) Enrollment in the course occurs within the institution's regular enrollment periods (preregistration or drop-add period) in accordance with the institution's academic calendar and applicable policies and procedures; and
- (d) The course is conducted during the institution's regular academic schedule (term time) in accordance with the institution's academic calendar and applicable policies and procedures.

14.1.7.1.7 Exceptions.

14.1.7.1.7.1 Practice or Competition—Before Initial Full-Time Enrollment. To be eligible for practice or competition during the official vacation period immediately before initial enrollment, the student-athlete shall: (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*)

- (a) Have been accepted by the institution for enrollment in a regular, full-time program of studies at the time of the individual's participation;
- (b) No longer be enrolled in the previous educational institution(s); and
- (c) Be eligible under all institutional and NCAA requirements.

14.1.7.1.7.2 Practice or Competition—Eligibility Between Terms. To be eligible for practice or competition that takes place between terms, the student-athlete shall: (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*)

- (a) Have been registered for the required minimum full-time program of studies (see Bylaw 14.1.7.1) at the conclusion of the term immediately preceding the date of competition, if the student-athlete is continuing enrollment; or
- (b) Be accepted for enrollment as a regular full-time student for the regular term immediately after the date of competition, if the student-athlete is either continuing enrollment or beginning enrollment (see Bylaw 14.1.9).

14.1.7.1.7.3 Practice or Competition—Final Semester/Quarter. A student-athlete with athletics eligibility remaining may compete or participate in organized practice sessions while enrolled in

less than a minimum full-time program of studies, provided the student-athlete is enrolled in the final semester or quarter of the baccalaureate program and the institution certifies that the student-athlete is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements. Thereafter, the student-athlete shall forfeit eligibility in all sports, unless the student-athlete completes all degree requirements during that semester or quarter and is eligible to receive the baccalaureate diploma on the institution's next degree-granting date. *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

14.1.7.1.7.3.1 Practice or Competition—Postseason. The student-athlete granted eligibility to compete under this provision shall be eligible for any NCAA championship that begins within 60 days after said semester or quarter, provided the student-athlete has not exhausted the 10 semesters/15 quarters for completion of the individual's four seasons of eligibility (see Bylaw 14.2). Thereafter, the student-athlete shall forfeit eligibility in all sports, unless the student-athlete completes all degree requirements during that semester or quarter and is eligible to receive the baccalaureate diploma on the institution's next degree-granting date. *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

14.1.7.1.7.3.1.1 Waiver—Postseason. The Management Council, or a committee designated by the Management Council to act for it, may waive the 60-day requirement when an NCAA championship is conducted at the conclusion of the championship segment of the playing season but begins more than 60 days after the end of said term. (See Bylaw 15.01.5.1 for legislation related to the eligibility of student-athletes enrolled less than full time to receive institutional financial aid.) *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

14.1.7.1.7.4 Practice or Competition—Graduate Program. A student-athlete may practice or compete while enrolled in a full-time graduate program as defined by the institution for all graduate students in that program (see Bylaw 14.1.8). *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 1/9/06)*

14.1.7.1.7.5 Practice—First Week of Class. A student-athlete may practice, but may not compete, during the institution's first five days of classes, if the student-athlete is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, provided the student-athlete is otherwise eligible under all institutional, conference and NCAA requirements. *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

14.1.7.1.8 Waivers of the 12-Hour Requirement for Practice or Competition.

14.1.7.1.8.1 Practice or Competition—Student-Athletes with Education-Impacting Disabilities. The Academic Requirements Committee may waive the 12-hour requirement for a student-athlete when objective evidence demonstrates that an institution defines full-time enrollment for that student-athlete to be less than 12 hours to accommodate for the student-athlete's education-impacting disability. *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 10/21/08)*

14.1.7.1.8.2 Practice or Competition—Nontraditional Academic Calendars or Cooperative Educational Programs. A student-athlete enrolled in an institution that determines enrollment hours on a basis other than traditional semester or quarter hours or that conducts a cooperative educational or work experience program (e.g., co-op, internship, practicum, student-teaching), may practice or compete, if at the time of practice or competition the student-athlete is enrolled for a comparable minimum academic program of studies as determined by the Academic Requirements Committee. *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 1/11/12)*

14.1.7.1.8.3 Practice or Competition—Olympic, Pan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games, World University Championships or World Youth Championships. The Academic Requirements Committee may waive the minimum full-time enrollment requirement for any participant in the junior or elite levels of the Olympic, Pan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games, World University Championships or World Youth Championships who, because of such participation, may lose eligibility for practice or competition in any sport. *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 1/9/06, 10/17/06, 10/18/11)*

14.1.7.1.8.4 Practice—U.S. Olympic Committee/National Governing Body—Individual Sports or Rowing. A student-athlete with eligibility remaining who is not enrolled or who is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies or a former student-athlete who has graduated and has no eligibility remaining, may participate on a regular basis in organized practice sessions that involve an individual sport or rowing, provided the following conditions are met: *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 10/19/10)*

- (a) The practice sessions take place only at the institution(s) the individual previously attended as an undergraduate or currently attends or previously attended as a graduate student, except that a former student-athlete who has graduated and has no eligibility remaining may participate in practice sessions at an institution other than the one he or she previously attended; *(Revised: 10/19/10)*
- (b) The U.S. Olympic Committee or national governing body in the sport has recommended the individual's participation;

- (c) The individual does not participate in any coaching activities unless the institution designates the individual in the appropriate coaching limits;
- (d) In the case of a student-athlete with NCAA eligibility remaining in the sport, such participation occurs only during the academic year immediately before the Olympic Games; and
- (e) In the case of a former student-athlete, such participation shall be limited to the number of years that allows the individual to practice with the institution's team in preparation for two consecutive Olympic Games following exhaustion of eligibility or completion of degree, whichever is earlier. A student-athlete who has not graduated must be enrolled (full or part time) and making progress toward a degree. (*Adopted: 10/19/10*)

14.1.7.1.8.5 Practice—U.S. Olympic Committee/National Governing Body—Team Sports. A student-athlete with eligibility remaining who is not enrolled or who is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies or a former student-athlete who has graduated and has no eligibility remaining, may participate on a regular basis in organized practice sessions that involve a team sport, provided the following conditions are met: (*Adopted: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 10/19/10*)

- (a) The practice sessions take place only at the institution(s) the individual previously attended as an undergraduate or currently attends or previously attended as a graduate student, except that a former student-athlete who has graduated and has no eligibility remaining may participate in practice sessions at an institution other than the one he or she previously attended; (*Revised: 10/19/10*)
- (b) The U.S. Olympic Committee or national governing body in the sport has recommended the individual's participation;
- (c) The individual does not participate in any coaching activities unless the institution designates the individual in the appropriate coaching limits;
- (d) The participation occurs only during the academic year immediately before the Olympic Games; and
- (e) In the case of a former student-athlete, such participation shall be limited to the number of years that allows the individual to practice with the institution's team in preparation for two consecutive Olympic Games following exhaustion of eligibility or completion of degree, whichever is earlier. A student-athlete who has not graduated must be enrolled (full or part time) and making progress toward a degree.

14.1.7.1.8.5.1 Administration. Waivers of Bylaw 14.1.7.1.8.4 or 14.1.7.1.8.5 shall be approved by the conference members of the Association or, in the case of independent institutions, by the Management Council. A member institution shall submit a waiver request that includes documentation that demonstrates that the conditions of Bylaw 14.1.7.1.8.4 or 14.1.7.1.8.5 have been met for each individual who wishes to participate in the institution's practice sessions. (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05*)

14.1.7.1.8.6 Practice and Competition—All Other Full-Time Enrollment Waivers. Unless otherwise specified under this bylaw, the Academic Requirements Committee may waive the 12-hour requirement for competition and practice. (*Adopted: 1/9/06, Revised: 4/4/07*)

14.1.8 Graduate Student/Postbaccalaureate/Second Baccalaureate Participation. A student-athlete who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of the institution he or she previously attended as an undergraduate (regardless of whether the individual has received a United States baccalaureate degree or its equivalent), a student-athlete who is enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree at the same institution, or a student-athlete who has graduated and is continuing as a full-time student at the same institution while taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of another major or degree as defined and documented by the institution, may participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student has eligibility remaining and such participation occurs within the applicable 10-semester/15-quarter period set forth in Bylaw 14.2 (see Bylaw 14.1.7.1.7.4). (*Revised: 1/10/90, 1/16/93 effective 8/1/93, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07*)

14.1.8.1 Transfer Exception. A student who transfers and enrolls in a graduate program, professional school or second baccalaureate or equivalent degree program at an institution other than the institution he or she previously attended as an undergraduate may participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student has eligibility remaining. (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96 for those student-athletes who transfer to the certifying institution on or after 8/1/96, Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07*)

14.1.8.2 International Student Exception. The remaining eligibility of a student who has received a foreign postsecondary degree that is identified as a "baccalaureate" but is not equivalent to a United States baccalaureate and who is entering an undergraduate program must be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Division II Academic Requirements Committee and its International Student Records Consultants. (*Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 2/24/11*)

14.1.8.3 NCAA Championship Following Last Term of Eligibility. A student-athlete who is eligible during the term in which degree work is completed (or is eligible as a graduate, per Bylaw 14.1.8) remains eligible

for any NCAA championship that begins within 60 days after the end of the term in which the student completes the requirements for the degree (or graduate eligibility). The Management Council, or a committee designated by the Management Council to act for it, may waive the 60-day requirement when an NCAA championship, postseason bowl game or National Invitation Tournament is conducted at the conclusion of the traditional playing season but begins more than 60 days after the end of said term. *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/10/95, 10/22/13)*

14.1.9 Change in Eligibility Status. If a student-athlete's academic eligibility changes at the end of a quarter or semester, the student-athlete shall become eligible or ineligible to compete on the date his or her eligibility officially is certified by the appropriate institutional authority. In a case in which the student becomes eligible at the end of the term, the earliest date on which the student can become eligible to compete is the day after the date of the last scheduled examination listed in the institution's official calendar for the term that is ending. In a case in which the student becomes ineligible, the ineligibility shall become effective not later than the first day of classes of the following semester or quarter. In any case, if the student-athlete is academically eligible to compete at the time of the student-athlete's or the institution's first participation in an NCAA championship, he or she shall remain eligible for the remainder of the championship.

14.1.9.1 Exception.

14.1.9.1.1 Institutions With Official Posting Date for Grades. An institution whose official posting date for grades falls within three days of the first day of classes for the following academic term shall have three business days from the official date on which grades must be posted to certify that student-athletes have satisfactorily completed at least six-semester or six-quarter hours of academic credit the preceding regular academic term (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1). For those institutions that post grades on a rolling basis, the three-business day period shall begin within the first week of classes. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

14.1.9.1.2 Institutions With No Official Posting Date for Grades. An institution whose official submission date for grades falls on or after the first day of classes for the following academic term shall have five business days from the date on which grades are submitted to certify that student-athletes have satisfactorily completed at least six-semester or six-quarter hours of academic credit the preceding regular academic term (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1). *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

14.1.9.1.3 Certification of Eligibility. During the three-business-day or five-business-day period, a student-athlete who is otherwise eligible under NCAA, conference and institutional requirements, shall be permitted to compete. If during the exception period, a student-athlete is certified ineligible, the student-athlete shall be declared immediately ineligible for competition. If the three-business-day or five-business-day period concludes prior to the certification of eligibility for any student-athlete, the student-athlete(s) shall be ineligible until such time as the student-athlete(s) is declared eligible for competition. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

14.1.9.1.4 Notification to the NCAA National Office. As a condition of the exception, an institution shall provide to the NCAA national office the number of student-athlete(s) who are ultimately declared ineligible for the academic term but competed during the exception period. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*

14.1.10 Eligibility for Male Students or Male Student-Athletes to Practice With Women's Teams. A male student or male student-athlete (see Bylaw 17.02.9) may engage in practice sessions with women's teams under the following conditions: *(Adopted: 5/5/09)*

- (a) Male students who practice with an institution's women's team must be certified in accordance with all applicable NCAA eligibility regulations for practice (e.g., enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies, sign a drug-testing consent form, included on the institution's eligibility list, certify insurance coverage of medical expenses per Constitution 3.3.4.13). A male student who practices with an institution's women's team is not required to have his amateurism status certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center. *(Revised: 7/26/11, 7/24/12 effective 8/1/13)*
- (b) It is not permissible for an institution to provide male students financial assistance, which includes room and board, tuition and fees, and books, in return for practicing with the women's team.
- (c) It is not permissible for an institution to provide male students awards and benefits set forth in Bylaw 16.
- (d) It is not permissible for an institution to provide male students room and board to remain on campus during a vacation period to participate in practice sessions with a women's team.
- (e) It is not permissible for a male student or male student-athlete who is serving an academic year in residence as a nonqualifier to participate in practice sessions with a women's team.
- (f) It is permissible for an institution to provide practice apparel to male students for the purpose of practicing with a women's team.

14.2 Seasons of Competition: 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule.

A student-athlete shall not engage in more than four seasons of intercollegiate competition in any one sport (see Bylaws 14.02.7 and 14.2.2). An institution shall not permit a student-athlete to represent it in intercollegiate competition unless the individual completes all of his or her seasons of participation in all sports within the time periods specified below:

14.2.1 Collegiate Enrollment Concurrent With Service Assignment. Any time in which a student-athlete is enrolled for a minimum full-time load as a regular student in a collegiate institution while simultaneously on active duty in the U.S. military, on an official religious mission or with a recognized foreign aid service of the U.S. government shall count against the 10 semesters or 15 quarters in which the four seasons of eligibility must be completed. *(Revised: 4/19/10)*

14.2.2 Ten-Semester/15-Quarter Rule. A student-athlete shall complete his or her seasons of participation during the first 10 semesters or 15 quarters in which the student is enrolled in a collegiate institution in at least a minimum full-time program of studies, as determined by the regulations of that institution. For an institution that conducts registration other than on a traditional semester or quarter basis, the Academic Requirements Committee shall determine an equivalent enrollment period.

14.2.2.1 Use of Semester or Quarter. A student-athlete is considered to have used a semester or quarter under this rule when the student-athlete is officially registered in a collegiate institution (domestic or foreign) in a regular term of an academic year for a minimum full-time program of studies, as determined by the institution, and attends the first day of classes for that term, even if the student-athlete drops to part-time status during that first day of classes (see Bylaw 14.2.3). *(Revised: 1/10/05)*

14.2.2.2 Pregnancy Exception. A member institution may approve a two-semester or three-quarter extension of this 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility for a female student-athlete for reasons of pregnancy.

14.2.2.3 Ten-Semester/15-Quarter Rule Waivers. The Management Council, or a committee designated by the Management Council to act for it, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers to the 10-semester/15-quarter rule as it deems appropriate. *(Revised: 7/20/10)*

14.2.2.3.1 Waiver Criteria. A waiver of the 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility is designed to provide a student-athlete with the opportunity to participate in four seasons of intercollegiate competition within a 10-semester/15-quarter period. This waiver may be granted, based upon objective evidence, for reasons that are beyond the control of the student-athlete and the institution, which deprive the student-athlete of the opportunity to participate for more than one season in his/her sport within the 10-semester/15-quarter period. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement reserves the right to review requests that do not meet the more-than-one-year criteria detailed in this bylaw for extraordinary circumstances or extreme hardship. *(Revised: 4/17/91, 1/11/94, 8/10/94, 10/12/95, 1/8/01, 10/22/02, 7/20/10)*

14.2.2.3.1.1 Application of Waiver. If the waiver is granted, it shall be applied during the next available opportunity to enroll [e.g., next semester(s), quarter(s)]. *(Adopted: 10/19/10)*

14.2.2.3.1.2 Circumstances Beyond Control. Circumstances considered to be beyond the control of the student-athlete and the institution and do not cause a participation opportunity to be used shall include, but are not limited to, the following: *(Adopted: 8/10/94, Revised: 10/12/95, 10/22/02, 7/20/10)*

- (a) Situations clearly supported by contemporaneous medical documentation, which states that a student-athlete is unable to participate in intercollegiate competition as a result of incapacitating physical or mental circumstances;
- (b) The student-athlete is unable to participate in intercollegiate athletics as a result of a life-threatening or incapacitating injury or illness suffered by a member of the student-athlete's immediate family that clearly is supported by contemporaneous medical documentation; *(Revised: 10/26/06)*
- (c) Reliance by the student-athlete on written, contemporaneous, clearly erroneous academic advice provided to the student-athlete from a specific academic authority from a collegiate institution regarding the academic status of the student-athlete or prospective student-athlete that directly leads to that individual not being eligible to participate and, but for the clearly erroneous advice, the student-athlete would have established eligibility for intercollegiate competition; *(Revised: 10/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*
- (d) Natural disaster (e.g., earthquakes, floods); and
- (e) Extreme financial difficulties as a result of a specific event (e.g., layoff, death in the family) experienced by the student-athlete or by an individual on whom the student-athlete is legally dependent that prohibits the student-athlete from participating in intercollegiate athletics. These circumstances must be clearly supported by objective documentation (e.g., decree of bankruptcy, proof of termination) and must be beyond the control of the student-athlete or the individual on whom the student-athlete is legally dependent. *(Adopted: 10/12/95, Revised: 10/28/97)*

14.2.2.3.1.3 Circumstances Within Control. Circumstances that are considered to be within the control of the student-athlete and the institution and cause a participation opportunity to be used include, but are not limited to, the following: *(Adopted: 8/10/94, Revised: 10/12/95, 10/22/02, 7/20/10)*

- (a) A student-athlete's decision to attend an institution that does not sponsor his/her sport, or decides not to participate at an institution that does sponsor his/her sport;

- (b) An inability to participate due to failure to meet institutional/conference or NCAA academic requirements, or disciplinary reasons or incarceration culminating in or resulting from a conviction; *(Revised: 10/12/95)*
- (c) Reliance by a student-athlete on misinformation from a coaching staff member;
- (d) Redshirt year, unless it meets the exception pursuant to Bylaw 14.2.2.3.1.4; *(Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06)*
- (e) An inability to participate as a result of a transfer year in residence or fulfilling a condition for restoration of eligibility; and
- (f) A student-athlete's lack of understanding regarding the specific starting date of his or her 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility. *(Adopted: 10/9/96 effective 8/1/97)*

14.2.2.3.1.4 Waiver—Student-Athlete Who Does Not Use Season of Competition During Initial Year of Collegiate Enrollment. For a student-athlete who does not use a season of competition during his or her initial year of full-time collegiate enrollment at any institution, a waiver may be granted if all of the following conditions are met: *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 7/24/07, 7/19/10)*

- (a) The student-athlete was academically and athletically eligible and was on the institution's eligibility list (formerly squad list) during his or her initial year of collegiate enrollment; *(Revised: 1/9/06, 7/24/12 effective 8/1/13)*
- (b) The student-athlete was denied one participation opportunity per Bylaw 14.2.2.3.1 following his or her initial year of collegiate enrollment; and
- (c) The institution has filed the waiver prior to the beginning of student-athlete's 11th semester or 16th quarter of full-time enrollment.

14.2.2.3.1.4.1 Application of Waiver. If the waiver is granted, it must be used during the next available opportunity [e.g., next semester(s) or quarter(s)] and shall be applied at the institution where the student-athlete exhausted his or her 10th semester or 15th quarter of full-time enrollment. *(Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, 7/20/10)*

14.2.2.3.2 Practice While Waiver Is Pending. A student-athlete, who has exhausted his or her 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility, may practice, but not compete, for 30 consecutive calendar days, provided the institution has filed a 10-semester/15-quarter waiver request with the NCAA national office. *(Adopted: 7/20/10)*

14.2.3 Additional Applications of the 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule.

14.2.3.1 Athletics Competition. Even though a student is enrolled for less than a minimum full-time program of studies at a collegiate institution, a student shall use a semester or quarter under the 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility if the individual represents the institution in intercollegiate athletics. *(Revised: 1/10/05)*

14.2.3.2 Nonrecognized College. Enrollment in a postsecondary, noncollegiate institution (e.g., technical school, seminary or business college) in the United States that is not accredited at the college level by an agency or association recognized by the secretary of the Department of Education and legally authorized to offer at least a one-year program of study creditable toward a degree, constitutes enrollment in the application of the 10-semester/15-quarter rule (Bylaw 14.2) only if: *(Revised: 1/10/90)*

- (a) The student is enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies at such an institution that conducts an intercollegiate athletics program; or
- (b) The student, whether enrolled for a minimum full-time program of studies or not, represents the institution in intercollegiate athletics.

14.2.3.3 Joint College/High School Program. A student-athlete's eligibility under the 10-semester/15-quarter rule does not begin while a student is enrolled in a collegiate institution in a joint high school/college academic program for high school students, in which the courses count as both high school graduation credit and college credit, provided the student has not officially graduated from high school and does not practice (including limited preseason tryouts) or compete for the college's athletics programs. *(Revised: 1/13/98, 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01, 1/14/02)*

14.2.3.4 Vocational Program. A student-athlete's eligibility under the 10-semester rule does not begin while the student is enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies as a part of a special vocational program that combines enrollment in regular college courses and participation in vocational training courses, provided the student is not considered to be regularly matriculated by the institution, does not go through the customary registration and testing procedures required of all regular entering students and is not eligible for the institution's extracurricular activities, including athletics.

14.2.3.5 Eligibility for Practice. A student-athlete receiving institutional financial aid after having engaged in four seasons of intercollegiate competition in a sport may continue to take part in organized, institutional practice sessions in that sport without being a counter (see Bylaw 15.02.3), provided the individual has eligibility remaining under the 10-semester rule.

14.2.4 Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility.

14.2.4.1 Minimum Amount of Competition. Any competition (including a scrimmage with outside competition), regardless of time, during a season in an intercollegiate sport shall be counted as a season of competition in that sport. This provision is applicable to intercollegiate athletics competition conducted by a two-year or four-year collegiate institution at the varsity or subvarsity level. (*Revised: 1/11/94, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13*)

14.2.4.1.1 Exception—Two-Year College Scrimmages. A two-year college prospective student-athlete may compete in a scrimmage as a member of a two-year college team without counting such competition as a season of competition, provided the competition meets all of the following conditions: (*Adopted: 1/11/94, Revised: 4/4/07*)

- (a) The scrimmage is approved by the two-year college;
- (b) No official score is kept;
- (c) No admission is charged;
- (d) No official time is kept;
- (e) The scrimmage is played before the two-year college's first regularly scheduled outside competition; and
- (f) The student-athlete participates in not more than two such scrimmages or dates of competition per academic year.

14.2.4.1.2 Exception—Competition in the Nonchampionship Segment. In field hockey, men's and women's soccer, women's volleyball and men's water polo, a student-athlete may engage in outside competition during the segment of the playing season that does not conclude with the NCAA championship without using a season of competition, provided the student-athlete was academically eligible during the segment in the same academic year that concludes with the NCAA championship. In baseball, softball and men's and women's lacrosse, a student-athlete may engage in outside competition during the segment of the playing season that does not conclude with the NCAA championship without using a season of competition. Prior to participating against outside competition during the nonchampionship segment, student-athletes shall be certified as eligible (e.g., amateurism, enrolled full time). (*Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 7/26/11*)

14.2.4.1.3 Alumni Game, Fundraising Activity or Celebrity Sports Activity. A student-athlete may engage in outside competition in either one alumni game, one fundraising activity or one celebrity sports activity during a season without counting such competition as a season of competition, provided the event is exempted from the institution's maximum number of contests or dates of competition as permitted in the particular sport per Bylaw 17. (*Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11*)

14.2.4.1.4 Preseason Exhibition Contests or Dates of Competition/Preseason Scrimmages During Initial Year. During a student-athlete's initial year of collegiate enrollment, he or she may compete in preseason exhibition contests or dates of competition and preseason scrimmages (as permitted in the particular sport per Bylaw 17) that occur prior to the first countable contest or date of competition in the sport without counting such competition as a season of competition. (*Adopted: 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13*)

14.2.4.2 Participation in Organized Competition Before Initial Collegiate Enrollment. An individual who does not enroll in a collegiate institution as a full-time student in the regular academic term that begins immediately after a one-year time period (the next opportunity to enroll after the one calendar-year period has elapsed) following his or her high school graduation date shall use one season of intercollegiate competition for each consecutive 12-month period after the one-year time period and before initial full-time collegiate enrollment in which the individual participates in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2. (*Adopted: 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01, Revised: 2/21/08, 1/16/10*)

14.2.4.2.1 Administration of Participation in Organized Competition.

14.2.4.2.1.1 High School Graduation. An individual's high school graduation date (or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility) shall be considered to be the graduation date of the final high school class (e.g., junior, senior) of which he or she was a member. (*Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, for individuals who are issued a final amateurism certification by the NCAA Eligibility Center on or after 4/1/10*)

14.2.4.2.1.1.1 Early High School Graduation. If an individual graduates early from high school, he or she becomes a member of that class and the date of graduation for the individual is the expected date of that class. (*Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, for individuals who are issued a final amateurism certification by the NCAA Eligibility Center on or after 4/1/10*)

14.2.4.2.1.1.2 Late High School Graduation—Required Repeat Year. If an individual is required to repeat an entire year of high school attendance, he or she becomes a member of that class and the date of graduation for the individual is the expected date of that class. (*Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, for individuals who are issued a final amateurism certification by the NCAA Eligibility Center on or after 4/1/10*)

14.2.4.2.1.1.3 Discontinued High School Enrollment. An individual who discontinues high school enrollment and then participates in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2 shall use one season of intercollegiate competition for each consecutive 12-month period after a one-year time period (the next opportunity to enroll after one calendar year has elapsed) following the discontinued enrollment and before initial full-time collegiate enrollment. *(Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, for individuals who are issued a final amateurism certification by the NCAA Eligibility Center on or after 4/1/10)*

14.2.4.2.1.2 Organized Competition. Athletics competition shall be considered organized if any one of the following conditions exists: *(Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, for individuals who are issued a final amateurism certification by the NCAA Eligibility Center on or after 4/1/10)*

- (a) Competition is scheduled in advance;
- (b) Official score is kept;
- (c) Individual or team standings or statistics are maintained;
- (d) Official timer or game officials are used;
- (e) Admission is charged;
- (f) Teams are regularly formed or team rosters are predetermined;
- (g) Team uniforms are used;
- (h) An individual or team is privately or commercially sponsored; or
- (i) The competition is either directly or indirectly sponsored, promoted or administered by an individual, an organization or any other agency.

14.2.4.2.1.3 Academic Year in Residence. An individual who uses a season of competition in a specific sport per Bylaw 14.2.4.2 shall fulfill an academic year in residence at any member institution before being eligible to represent the certifying institution in that specific sport in intercollegiate competition. *(Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, for individuals who are issued a final amateurism certification by the NCAA Eligibility Center on or after 4/1/10)*

14.2.4.2.1.3.1 Exception—Transfer Student. A student who has attended a two-year or a four-year collegiate institution for at least two full-time semesters or three full-time quarters and who has satisfactorily completed an average of at least 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferable degree credit for each full-time academic term of attendance at the two-year or four-year collegiate institution is not required to fulfill an academic year in residence before being eligible to represent the certifying institution in that specific sport in intercollegiate competition. This exception shall not apply to the use of a season(s) of intercollegiate competition for each 12-month period after the one-year time period and before initial full-time collegiate enrollment in which an individual participates in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2. (See Bylaws 14.4 and 14.5 for progress-toward-degree and transfer requirements.) *(Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, for individuals who are issued a final amateurism certification by the NCAA Eligibility Center on or after 4/1/10, Revised: 5/7/10, 4/15/14)*

14.2.4.2.1.3.2 Exception—Graduate Student. A student who transfers and enrolls in a graduate program, professional school or equivalent degree program is not required to fulfill an academic year in residence before being eligible to represent the certifying institution in that specific sport in intercollegiate competition. (See Bylaws 14.1.8 and 14.4 for progress-toward-degree and transfer requirements.) *(Adopted: 4/15/14)*

14.2.4.2.2 Exceptions to Participation in Organized Competition. An individual shall not be charged with a season of intercollegiate competition, provided the individual satisfies any of the following exceptions for each consecutive 12-month period in which the individual participates in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2 following the one-year time period after the individual's high school graduation and before initial full-time collegiate enrollment. *(Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, for individuals who are issued a final amateurism certification by the NCAA Eligibility Center on or after 4/1/10)*

14.2.4.2.2.1 U.S. or Canadian Armed Services Exception. Participation in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2 shall be excepted during time spent on active duty in the U.S. or Canadian Armed Services. *(Adopted: 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01, for those individuals first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/01, 4/15/14, Revised: 7/22/14)*

14.2.4.2.2.2 National/International Competition Exception. For a maximum of one year, participation in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2 shall be excepted if the competition is national or international competition that includes participation in: *(Adopted: 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01, for those individuals first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/01)*

- (a) Official Pan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games, World University Championships and Olympic training, tryouts and competition; *(Revised: 10/18/11)*
- (b) Officially recognized training and competition directly qualifying participants for final Olympic tryouts; or

- (c) Official tryouts and competition involving national teams sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic sport, the equivalent organization of that sport).

14.2.4.2.2.3 Skiing Exception. For a maximum of two years, participation in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2 shall be excepted in skiing when such participation is part of competition sanctioned by the U.S. Skiing Association and its international counterparts. *(Adopted: 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01, for those individuals first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/01)*

14.2.4.2.2.4 Men's Ice Hockey Exception. In men's ice hockey, for a maximum of one year, participation in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2 shall be excepted, provided such participation is part of competition sanctioned by the United States Hockey Association or the international equivalent. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

14.2.4.2.2.4.1 Major Junior Ice Hockey—Men's Ice Hockey. An individual who participates on a Major Junior men's ice hockey team shall use a season of intercollegiate competition for each consecutive 12-month period in which the individual participates, regardless of when such participation occurs. The individual shall fulfill an academic year of residence (see Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.3) before being eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition in men's ice hockey. *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11)*

14.2.4.2.3 Waiver. The Committee for Legislative Relief shall have the authority to review and grant waivers of the organized competition legislation. *(Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, for individuals who are issued a final amateurism certification by the NCAA Eligibility Center on or after 4/1/10)*

14.2.4.3 Road Racing. Participation in road racing is essentially the same as cross country or track and field competition and cannot be separated effectively from those sports for purposes of organized competition before initial collegiate enrollment. Therefore, an individual who does not enroll in a collegiate institution as a full-time student in the regular academic term that begins immediately after a one-calendar year time period following high school graduation and participates in a road race(s) shall use one season of intercollegiate competition in cross country and track and field for each consecutive 12-month period after the one-year time period and before initial full-time collegiate enrollment. The individual shall also fulfill an academic year in residence at any member institution before being eligible to represent the certifying institution in cross country or track and field competition. *(Adopted: 7/23/13)*

14.2.4.4 Track and Field and Cross Country. Cross country, indoor track and field, and outdoor track and field shall be considered separate sports. *(Revised: 1/10/90)*

14.2.4.5 Triathlon and Cross Country, Track and Field and Swimming. Triathlon includes elements of competition similar to cross country, track and field and swimming competition and cannot be separated effectively from those sports for purposes of organized competition. Therefore, triathlon and cross country are considered the same sport, triathlon and track and field are considered the same sport, and triathlon and swimming are considered the same sport for purposes of the organized competition legislation. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

14.2.4.6 Volleyball and Sand Volleyball. Volleyball and sand volleyball are considered the same sport for purposes of Bylaw 14.2.4.2. *(Adopted: 10/16/12)*

14.2.4.7 Intercollegiate Competition. A student-athlete is considered to have engaged in a season of intercollegiate competition when he or she competes in an athletics event involving any one of the conditions characterizing intercollegiate competition per Bylaw 14.02.7.

14.2.4.8 Foreign-Tour Competition. A student-athlete who did not compete during the institution's season just completed and who represents the institution in a certified foreign tour after that intercollegiate season and before the start of the next academic year shall not be charged with a season of eligibility (see Bylaw 17.29.1.5). *(Revised: 1/12/99)*

14.2.5 Hardship Waiver. A student-athlete may be granted an additional year of competition by the conference or the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for reasons of "hardship." Hardship is defined as an incapacity resulting from an injury or illness that has occurred under all of the following conditions: *(Revised: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02)*

- (a) The incapacitating injury or illness occurs in one of the four seasons of intercollegiate competition at any two-year or four-year collegiate institution; *(Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92)*
- (b) The injury or illness results in an incapacity to compete for the remainder of that playing season; and *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, for any injury or illness occurring on or after 8/1/03)*
- (c) The injury or illness occurs when the student-athlete has not participated in more than two contests or dates of competition (whichever is applicable to that sport), 20 percent of the institution's completed contests or dates of competition or 20 percent of the maximum permissible number of contests or dates of competition set forth in Bylaw 17 in his or her sport (see Bylaw 14.2.5.2.3.1.1 for information regarding percent

calculation in track and field). Competition (excluding scrimmages and exhibition contests per Bylaw 17 in the applicable sport) against outside participants during the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship, or, if so designated, during the official NCAA championship playing season in that sport (e.g., spring baseball, fall soccer), shall be countable under this limitation. *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, 4/29/04, 1/10/05 for any competition occurring on or after 8/1/04, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 1/16/13)*

14.2.5.1 Administration of Hardship Waiver. The hardship waiver shall be administered by the member conferences of the Association or, in the case of an independent member institution, by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. An institution may appeal a decision by its conference to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. *(Revised: 1/13/03 for any hardship waiver denied on or after 2/1/00)*

14.2.5.1.1 Administration of Hardship Waiver for Injury or Illness Occurring at a Non-NCAA Institution. In cases in which a student-athlete suffers an incapacitating injury or illness during a season of intercollegiate competition at a non-NCAA institution (e.g., two-year college, National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics four-year college), the NCAA institution must apply for a hardship waiver through its conference office or, in the case of an independent member institution, the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. This regulation is applicable even if the student-athlete was previously granted a hardship waiver at the non-NCAA institution. *(Adopted: 7/24/07)*

14.2.5.2 Criteria for Administration of Hardship Waiver. The following criteria are to be employed in the administration of the hardship waiver: *(Revised: 12/5/06)*

14.2.5.2.1 Nature of Injury/Illness. It is not necessary for the incapacitating injury or illness to be the direct result of the student's participation in the institution's organized practice or game competition. The student-athlete may qualify for the hardship waiver as a result of any incapacitating injury or illness occurring after the individual becomes a student-athlete by reporting on call for regular squad practice or after attending the first day of classes as a full-time student at a member institution.

14.2.5.2.2 Medical Documentation. Contemporaneous medical documentation from a physician or medical doctor that establishes the student-athlete's inability to compete for the remainder of the playing season as a result of an injury or illness shall be submitted with any hardship-waiver request. Chiropractic records do not constitute medical documentation for purposes of administering a hardship-waiver request. For circumstances involving psychological or mental illnesses, the required contemporaneous or other appropriate medical documentation may be provided by an individual who is qualified and licensed to diagnose and treat the particular illness (e.g., psychologist). *(Adopted: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, Revised: 4/28/05, 10/20/09)*

14.2.5.2.3 Percent Calculation. The following requirements apply in determining the percent calculation under this waiver provision: (Note: The percent calculation requirements set forth in Bylaws 14.2.5-(c) and 14.2.5.2.3 apply only to the waiver provisions of this section and do not apply to the maximum- and minimum-contests requirements in Bylaws 17 and 20.) *(Revised: 7/21/09)*

14.2.5.2.3.1 Denominator in Percent Computation. The denominator in the percent calculation shall be based on the institution's number of completed varsity contests or dates of competition or the maximum number of contests or dates of competition set forth in Bylaw 17 for the applicable sport. If the number of completed contests or dates of competition is used, exempted events in Bylaw 17 are included in the percent calculation, except for discretionary exemptions in the applicable sport. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/12/99, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/10/05 for any competition occurring on or after 8/1/04, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09)*

14.2.5.2.3.1.1 Denominator in Percent Computation—Track and Field. The denominator in the percent calculation for indoor and outdoor track and field shall be based on the institution's number of completed varsity dates of competition. For an institution that sponsors only indoor track and field or outdoor track and field, but not both, and a student-athlete who only competes in indoor track and field or outdoor track and field, but not both, the institution's number of completed varsity dates of competition or the maximum number of dates of competition set forth in Bylaw 17 may be used in the denominator. *(Adopted: 1/16/13)*

14.2.5.2.3.2 Fraction in Percent Computation. Any computation of the percent limitation that results in a fractional portion of a contest or date of competition shall be rounded to the next whole number (e.g., 20 percent of a 26-game basketball schedule—5.2 games—shall be considered six games). *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

14.2.5.2.3.3 NCAA Postseason Competition. For purposes of the percent calculation, postseason competition conducted after the completion of the institution's regular-season schedule and conference tournament shall not be included. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/10/05 for any competition occurring on or after 8/1/04, 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09)*

14.2.5.2.3.4 NCAA Regional Cross Country Meet. The NCAA regional cross country meet may be counted as one date of competition in determining the institution's scheduled or completed dates of competition, provided no qualifying standards exist for participation in the meet. *(Adopted: 10/17/06)*

14.2.5.2.4 Transfer Student-Athletes. The hardship-waiver criteria for a transfer student-athlete who suffers an injury or illness while attending an NCAA Division I or Division III institution may be based on the method that would be most beneficial to the student-athlete (the rule applicable to the member division in which the injury or illness occurred or the Division II rule). The application of a particular division's legislation must include all the applicable elements of that division's legislation, as opposed to selected elements of the legislation of each division. *(Adopted: 7/21/09, Revised: 7/20/10)*

14.2.5.2.5 Foreign-Tour Competition. A student-athlete who qualifies for a hardship for the previous academic year would not use a season of competition if the student-athlete represents the institution on a certified foreign tour during the summer-vacation period at the conclusion of that academic year. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/14/02)*

14.2.6 Season-of-Competition Waiver—Competition While Ineligible. In conjunction with a request for restoration of eligibility and any conditions imposed thereon per Bylaw 14.12, a student-athlete may be granted an additional season of competition by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement when he or she participated in a limited amount of competition. The competition must have occurred under all of the following conditions: *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

- (a) As a result of a good-faith, erroneous formal declaration of eligibility by the institution's appropriate certifying authority; or
- (b) As a result of a student-athlete's good-faith, erroneous reliance upon a coaching staff member's decision to place the student-athlete into competition before the coaching staff member receiving a formal declaration of eligibility for the student-athlete from the institution's appropriate certifying authority.
 - (1) The competition occurred while the student-athlete was representing an NCAA member institution;
 - (2) The competition occurred within 60 days of the date the student-athlete first reported for athletics participation;
 - (3) The student-athlete did not participate in more than two events or 10 percent (whichever number is greater) of the institution's scheduled or completed events in his or her sport. All competition (including a scrimmage) against outside participants shall be countable under this limitation in calculating both the number of events in which the student-athlete participated and the number of completed events during that season (both segments) in the sport; *(Revised: 1/10/05 for any competition occurring on or after 8/1/04)*
 - (4) The student-athlete was involved innocently and inadvertently in the erroneous declaration of eligibility, which permitted the student-athlete to compete while ineligible; and
 - (5) The student-athlete, in the case of a coaching staff member's erroneous decision, had reason to believe he or she was eligible to participate, and the student-athlete did not contribute to the coaching staff member's erroneous decision to allow the student-athlete to participate.

14.2.6.1 Administrative Criteria. The following criteria shall be employed in the administration of the season-of-competition waiver: *(Adopted: 1/16/93)*

14.2.6.1.1 Ten Percent Calculation. The following requirements are to be met in determining the percent calculation under this waiver provision: (Note: The percent calculation requirements set forth in Bylaws 14.2.6-(b)-(3) and 14.2.6.1.1 apply only to the waiver provisions of this section and do not apply to the maximum- and minimum-contest requirements in Bylaws 17 and 20.) *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 5/8/09 effective 8/1/09)*

14.2.6.1.1.1 Denominator in Percent Computation. The denominator in the institution's percent calculation shall be based on the institution's number of scheduled or completed varsity contests or dates of competition [see Bylaw 14.2.6-(b)-(3)] as computed for playing and practice season purposes in Bylaw 17 for the applicable sport. Exempted events in Bylaw 17 are included in the percent calculation, except for discretionary exemptions in the applicable sport. *(Adopted: 5/8/09 effective 8/1/09)*

14.2.6.1.1.2 Fraction in Percent Calculation. Any computation of the percent limitation that results in a fractional portion of a contest or date of competition shall be rounded to the next whole number (e.g., 10 percent of a 26-game basketball schedule—2.6 games—shall be considered three games). *(Adopted: 5/8/09 effective 8/1/09)*

14.2.6.1.1.3 Conference Championships. A conference championship shall be counted as one contest or date of competition in determining the institution's scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition in the sport, regardless of the number of dates or games involved in the championship. However, for purposes of this regulation, the calculation of scheduled contests or dates of competition in a particular season does not include postseason competition conducted after the completion of the institution's regular-season schedule and conference tournament. *(Adopted: 5/8/09 effective 8/1/09)*

14.2.6.1.1.4 NCAA Regional Cross Country Meet. The NCAA regional cross country meet may be counted as one date of competition in determining the institution's scheduled or completed dates of competition, provided no qualifying standards exist for participation in the meet. *(Adopted: 5/8/09 effective 8/1/09)*

14.2.7 Season-of-Competition Waiver—Competition While Eligible. A student-athlete may be granted an additional season of competition by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement when, due to extenuating circumstances (per Bylaw 14.2.7.1.2), the student-athlete, while eligible, did not compete in more than two contests or dates of competition (whichever is applicable to that sport) or 20 percent (whichever number is greater) of the institution's scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition. All competition (including a scrimmage) against outside participants shall be countable under this limitation in calculating both the number of contests or dates of competition in which the student-athlete participated and the number of the institution's scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition during that season (both segments) in the sport. (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 1/10/05 for any competition occurring on or after 8/1/04, 10/21/08*)

14.2.7.1 Administrative Criteria. The following criteria shall be employed in the administration of this season-of-competition waiver: (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*)

14.2.7.1.1 Twenty Percent Calculation. The requirements specified in Bylaw 14.2.6.1.1 shall apply to the 20 percent calculation specified in this waiver. (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 5/8/09 effective 8/1/09*)

14.2.7.1.2 Extenuating Circumstances. Extenuating circumstances include, but are not limited to, the following: (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*)

- (a) The student-athlete is unable to compete as a result of a life-threatening injury or illness suffered by a member of the student-athlete's immediate family, which clearly is supported by contemporaneous medical documentation; (*Revised: 1/10/05 for any competition occurring on or after 8/1/03*)
- (b) The student-athlete is unable to compete as a result of extreme financial difficulties as a result of a specific event (e.g., layoff, death in family) experienced by the student-athlete or an individual on whom the student-athlete is legally dependent. These circumstances must be clearly supported by objective documentation (e.g., decree of bankruptcy, proof of termination) and must be beyond the control of the student-athlete or the individual on whom the student-athlete is legally dependent; (*Revised: 1/10/05 for any competition occurring on or after 8/1/03*)
- (c) The student-athlete's institution dropped the sport (in which the student has practiced or competed) from its intercollegiate program; and
- (d) The student-athlete participated in nonregular-season competition (e.g., alumni contest, exhibition contests, scrimmages, nonchampionship segment contests) due to a coach's documented misunderstanding of the legislation. The competition must have occurred while the student-athlete was representing an NCAA institution. (*Adopted: 1/14/08, Revised: 7/22/08 effective 8/1/08, 10/21/08*)

14.2.7.1.3 Review Authority. In cases where a student-athlete does not meet the extenuating circumstances listed in Bylaw 14.2.7.1.2, the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement shall have authority to review and grant waivers based on additional documented extenuating circumstances. (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*)

14.3 Freshman Academic Requirements.

14.3.1 Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition. A student-athlete who enrolls in a Division II institution as an entering freshman with no previous full-time college attendance shall meet the following academic requirements, as certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center, and approved by the Executive Committee, and any applicable institutional and conference regulations, to be considered a qualifier and thus be eligible for financial aid, practice and competition during the first academic year in residence. (*Revised: 1/16/93 effective 8/1/94, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/97, 4/23/07*)

14.3.1.1 Qualifier. A qualifier is defined as one who is a high school graduate and who presented the following minimum academic qualifications: (*Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/95, 1/8/01 effective 8/1/05, for student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/05, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/05, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution full time on or after 8/1/05*)

- (a) A minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.000 (based on a maximum 4.000) in a successfully completed core curriculum of at least 16 academic courses per Bylaw 14.3.1.2, including the following: (*Revised: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/13, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/13*)

English	3 years
Mathematics	2 years
Natural or physical science (including at least one laboratory course if offered by the high school)	2 years
Additional courses in English, mathematics or natural or physical science	3 years
Social science	2 years
Additional academic courses [in any of the above areas or foreign language, philosophy or non doctrinal religion (e.g., comparative religion) courses]	4 years

The record of the above courses and course grades must be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center using an official high school transcript forwarded directly from the high school or on a high school transcript forwarded by an institution's admissions office; and (*Revised: 2/9/95, 4/27/06, 4/23/07*)

- (b) A minimum combined score on the SAT verbal/critical reasoning and math sections of 820 or a minimum sum score of 68 on the ACT. The required SAT or ACT score must be achieved under national testing conditions on a national testing date [i.e., no residual (campus) testing or regional testing dates (see Bylaw 14.3.1.3)]. (*Revised: 1/10/92, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, for student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/96, 1/9/06*)

14.3.1.1.1 Exception—Institutions Located in Puerto Rico. A prospective student-athlete entering an institution located in Puerto Rico may use a minimum combined score on the Prueba de Aptitud Académica verbal and math reasoning sections of 730 to satisfy the test-score requirement in Bylaw 14.3.1.1-(b). (*Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, for those students first entering a collegiate institution in Puerto Rico full time on or after 8/1/10*)

14.3.1.1.2 Exception—Early Academic Certification. A prospective student-athlete shall be certified as a qualifier, provided he or she has achieved the following academic criteria: (*Adopted: 1/14/08, for those students first entering a collegiate institution full time on or after 8/1/08*)

- (a) A minimum combined score on the SAT critical reading and math sections of 1000 or a minimum sum score on the ACT of 85, per the requirements of Bylaw 14.3.1.3; and
- (b) A core-course grade-point average of 3.000 (based on a maximum of 4.000) in a minimum of 12 core courses on completion of six semesters (or the equivalent). The 12 core courses shall include three core courses in English, two in mathematics (at the level of Algebra I or higher), two in natural or physical science (including at least one laboratory course if offered at the high school) and five additional core courses in any NCAA core area. The record of the course and course grades must be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center using either an official high school transcript forwarded directly from the high school or a high school transcript forwarded by an institution's admissions office.

14.3.1.1.2.1 Submission of Final Transcript(s). An institution must submit a final high school transcript(s) (official or unofficial) to the NCAA Eligibility Center by November 15 following a student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment for any student-athlete who is certified as a qualifier pursuant to the early academic certification exception. **[D]** (*Adopted: 1/14/09 effective 8/1/09, Revised: 6/22/11*)

14.3.1.2 Core-Curriculum Requirements. [#] For purposes of meeting the core-curriculum requirement to establish eligibility at a member institution, a "core course" must meet all of the following criteria: (*Revised: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/00, 8/1/05, for student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/05, 1/14/12*)

- (a) A course must be a recognized academic course and qualify for high school graduation credit in one or a combination of the following areas: English, mathematics, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy;
- (b) A course must be considered college-preparatory by the high school. College-preparatory is defined for these purposes as any course that prepares a student academically to enter a four-year collegiate institution on graduation from high school;
- (c) A mathematics course must be at the level of Algebra I or higher-level mathematics course;
- (d) A course must be taught by a qualified instructor as defined by the appropriate academic authority (e.g., high school, school district or state agency with authority over such matters); and
- (e) A course must be taught at or above the high school's regular academic level (i.e., remedial, special education or compensatory courses shall not be considered core courses). However, the prohibition against the use of remedial or compensatory courses is not applicable to courses designed for students with education-impacting disabilities (see Bylaw 14.3.1.2.5). (*Revised: 10/21/08*)

14.3.1.2.1 Core-Curriculum Time Limitation. A student is permitted to use all core courses completed following the start of the ninth grade and prior to initial full-time enrollment at a collegiate institution as certified on the official transcript or by official correspondence. (*Revised: 1/14/02*)

14.3.1.2.2 Nontraditional Courses. [#] Courses taught via the Internet, distance-learning, independent-study, individualized-instruction, correspondence and courses taught by similar means, may be used to satisfy NCAA core-course requirements, if all of the following conditions are satisfied: (*Revised: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/00, 1/14/12*)

- (a) The course meets all requirements for a core course as defined in Bylaw 14.3.1.2;
- (b) The instructor and the student have ongoing access to one another for purposes of teaching, evaluating and providing assistance to the student throughout the duration of the course; (*Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/11*)

- (c) The instructor and the student have regular interaction with one another for purposes of teaching, evaluating and providing assistance to the student throughout the duration of the course; (*Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/11*)
- (d) The student's work (e.g., exams, papers, assignments) is available for evaluation and validation; (*Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/11*)
- (e) Evaluation of the student's work is conducted by the appropriate academic authorities in accordance with the high school's established academic policies;
- (f) The course includes a defined time period for completion; and (*Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/11*)
- (g) The course is acceptable for any student and is placed on the high school transcript.

14.3.1.2.3 College Courses. College courses may be used to satisfy core-curriculum requirements if accepted by the high school, provided the courses are accepted for any other student, meet all other requirements for core courses and are placed on the student's high school transcript. (*Revised: 1/14/12*)

14.3.1.2.4 English as a Second Language Course. [#] It is permissible to use an advanced level English as a Second Language (ESL) course to satisfy core-curriculum requirements, provided it is reviewed through the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Waiver process. Other ESL courses taught in disciplines other than English (e.g., social studies) may satisfy a core-course requirement, provided they are qualitatively and quantitatively the same as the comparison course in the regular course offering. (*Adopted: 4/13/99, Revised: 1/14/12*)

14.3.1.2.5 Courses for Students With Education-Impacting Disabilities. [#] High school courses for students with education-impacting disabilities may be used to fulfill the core-curriculum requirements, even if such courses appear to be taught at a level below the high school's regular academic instructional level (e.g., special education courses), if the high school principal submits a written statement to the NCAA Eligibility Center indicating that courses are substantially comparable, quantitatively and qualitatively, to similar core-course offerings in that academic discipline and the courses appear on the high school's list of approved core courses. Students with education-impacting disabilities still must complete the required core courses and achieve the minimum required grade-point average in the core curriculum. The fact that the title of a course includes a designation such as "remedial," "special education," "special needs," or other similar titles used for courses designed for students with education-impacting disabilities does not, in and of itself, disqualify a course from satisfying core-curriculum requirements. (*Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/15/98, 1/10/03, 1/12/04, 10/21/08, 5/5/09, 1/14/12*)

14.3.1.2.6 Grade Value of Core Courses. The following grade values are to be used in determining a student's grade-point average in the core courses: A = 4 quality points, B = 3 quality points, C = 2 quality points, D = 1 quality point. In determining the core-curriculum grade-point average, each grade earned in a course (including all numerical grades) must be converted to this 4.000 scale on an individual-course basis. Pluses or minuses within a grade level shall not receive greater or lesser quality points. A school's normal practice of weighting honors or advanced courses may be used to compute the quality points awarded in those courses and the cumulative grade-point average, provided a written statement verifying the grading policy accompanies the prospective student-athlete's official grade transcript. An honors or an advanced course shall receive not greater than 1.000 additional quality point (e.g., A = 5.000). In calculating the grade in a weighted honors or advanced course, if a high school does not assign quality points to its courses, quality points shall be added to each course before calculating the student's grade-point average and not added to a student's cumulative core-course grade-point average. The core-curriculum grade-point average may be calculated using the student's 16 best grades from courses that meet the distribution requirements of the core curriculum. Additional core courses (beyond the 16 required) may be used to meet the core-curriculum grade-point average, provided the distribution requirements are met. (*Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97, 4/15/98, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/05, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution full time on or after 8/1/05, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/13, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/13, 7/23/13*)

14.3.1.2.6.1 Grade-Point Average Computation. In determining a student-athlete's eligibility, it is not permissible to round the student's high school grade-point average, regardless of the number of digits to which the computation is carried (e.g., a high school grade-point average of 1.9999 would not make a prospective student-athlete a partial qualifier). (*Adopted: 5/20/13*)

14.3.1.2.6.2 Multiple Grade-Point Average Calculations. If a high school uses more than one method to compute cumulative grade-point averages for all of its students, the high school may use the method most beneficial to a prospective student-athlete, provided that under its normal procedures the high school actually computes (without any special request by the student or a member institution) a cumulative grade-point average, using that same method for each student at the high school. (*Adopted: 5/20/13*)

14.3.1.2.6.3 Multiple High School Attendance. When a prospective student-athlete attends more than one high school, it is necessary for the high school from which the student graduated to provide the student's total high school grade-point average. Eligibility shall not be established solely on the basis of work accomplished at the high school from which the student graduated. *(Adopted: 5/20/13)*

14.3.1.2.7 Pass-Fail Grades. [#] Courses that are awarded pass-fail grades may be used to satisfy core-curriculum requirements. The NCAA Eligibility Center shall assign the course the lowest passing grade that the high school assigns for a pass-fail course. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/13/98, 4/23/07, 1/14/12)*

14.3.1.2.8 Repeat Courses. [#] A repeated course may be used only once to satisfy core-curriculum requirements. The best grade in that course may be used to calculate the grade-point average in the core curriculum. *(Revised: 1/14/12)*

14.3.1.2.9 Multiple High School Attendance. For a student-athlete who attends more than one high school, a Form 48-H (core-course form) and an official transcript from each high school the student-athlete attended must be used. However, the NCAA Eligibility Center may receive the official transcript from either the student-athlete's original high school or the high school from which the student-athlete graduated, or from an institution's admissions office. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/14/12)*

14.3.1.3 Test-Score Requirements. [#] The minimum required SAT or ACT score (see Bylaw 14.3.1.1) must be achieved under national testing conditions on a national testing date [i.e., no residual (campus) testing or regional testing dates] except that a state-administered ACT may be used to meet the test-score requirement. *(Revised: 1/9/06, 1/14/12)*

14.3.1.3.1 Test-Score Time Limitation. The minimum required SAT or ACT score shall be achieved before the individual's first full-time enrollment in a collegiate institution. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/16/93, 1/10/95)*

14.3.1.3.2 Combined Test Scores. [#] For students using the SAT examination, the highest scores achieved on the critical reading and mathematics sections of the SAT from two different national testing dates may be combined in determining whether the student has met the minimum test-score requirements. For students using the ACT examination, the highest scores achieved on the individual subtests of the ACT from more than one national testing date or state-administered examination may be combined in determining whether the student's sum score has met the minimum test-score requirement. *(Revised: 1/9/06, 1/14/12)*

14.3.1.3.3 Nonstandard Test Administration. [#] Students with education-impacting disabilities may use scores achieved during a nonstandard administration of the SAT or ACT. A student who takes a nonstandard SAT or ACT still must achieve the minimum required test score; however, the test does not have to be administered on a national testing date. *(Revised: 1/10/03, 10/21/08, 1/14/12)*

14.3.1.3.4 Test-Score Report. [#] The minimum SAT or ACT score(s) used for initial-eligibility purposes must be provided to the NCAA Eligibility Center by the appropriate testing agency through an official test-score report. *(Adopted: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/07, for those student-athletes whose initial collegiate enrollment occurs in fall 2007 or thereafter, Revised: 4/23/07, 1/14/12)*

14.3.1.4 Early Admissions Program Waiver. A waiver may be granted by the Academic Requirements Committee for a student who left high school after completion of the junior year or during the senior year to enter a member institution under an early admissions program (open to students solely on the basis of outstanding academic performance and promise), provided the following conditions are met: *(Revised: 1/14/97, 1/13/98 effective 8/1/97)*

- (a) For the last four semesters completed in high school, the student maintained a cumulative, minimum grade-point average of 3.500 (based on a maximum of 4.000) and ranked in the top 20 percent of the student's class; and
- (b) The student has met all the requirements of a qualifier except graduation from high school.

14.3.1.5 Initial-Eligibility Waivers. The Academic Requirements Committee shall have the authority to waive all initial-eligibility requirements based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances that warrant the waiver of the normal application of this regulation. The committee shall establish the process for granting such waivers and shall report at least annually to the Management Council and to the membership, the actions taken, in summary, aggregate form. *(Revised: 7/20/10)*

14.3.2 Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition—Partial Qualifier and Non-qualifier.

14.3.2.1 Partial Qualifier. A partial qualifier is a student who does not meet the requirements for a qualifier but who, at the time of graduation from high school, presents one of the following academic requirements (see Bylaw 14.3.1.1): *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91)*

- (a) Successful completion of a required core curriculum consisting of a minimum number of courses and a specified minimum grade-point average in the core curriculum; or
- (b) Specified minimum SAT or ACT score.

14.3.2.1.1 Eligibility for Aid, Practice and Competition. An entering freshman with no previous college attendance who enrolls in an institution and who is a partial qualifier may receive institutional fi-

financial aid (see Bylaw 15.02.4.1) based on institutional and conference regulations and may practice only on campus or at the institution's regular practice facility but may not compete during the first academic year in residence. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/96, 3/17/05)*

14.3.2.2 Nonqualifier. A nonqualifier is a student who has not graduated from high school or who, at the time specified in the regulation (see Bylaw 14.3.1.1), presented neither the core-curriculum grade-point average and SAT/ACT score required for a qualifier.

14.3.2.2.1 Eligibility for Aid, Practice and Competition. An entering freshman with no previous college attendance who is a nonqualifier at the time of enrollment shall not be eligible for regular-season competition and practice during the first academic year in residence. However, such a student (recruited or nonrecruited) for whom financial aid was granted without regard to athletics ability shall be eligible for nonathletics institutional financial aid, provided there is on file in the office of the athletics director certification by the faculty athletics representative and the chair of the financial aid committee that financial aid was so granted. *(Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 1/14/02)*

14.3.2.3 Practice-Session Attendance. A student-athlete who is a nonqualifier and who, therefore, is not eligible for practice may not attend any practice sessions in any capacity, nor may the student-athlete attend any meeting characterized as practice (see Bylaw 17.02.1). *(Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/96, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/96, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/96)*

14.3.2.4 Outside Competition—Partial Qualifier and Nonqualifier. A partial qualifier or nonqualifier may participate in the institution's intramural program (provided the intramural team is not coached by a member of the institution's athletics department staff), but during the first year of enrollment, such an individual is not permitted to practice or compete on an institutional club team or on an outside sports team.

14.3.3 Seasons of Competition—Partial Qualifier and Nonqualifier. Partial qualifiers and non-qualifiers, recruited or nonrecruited, shall not engage in more than four seasons of competition. A student-athlete, who is a nonqualifier and who has exhausted three seasons of competition at a Division I institution, shall be eligible for a fourth season of competition following a transfer to a Division II institution, provided the student-athlete has completed the Division I progress-toward-degree requirements to earn a fourth season of competition. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 8/31/11)*

14.3.4 Residence Requirement—Partial Qualifier or Nonqualifier. A partial qualifier must fulfill an academic year of residence in order to be eligible to compete and to practice away from the institution. A non-qualifier must fulfill an academic year of residence in order to be eligible for practice, competition and financial aid other than that permitted per Bylaw 14.3.2.2.1 (see Bylaw 14.02.11 regarding the requirements that must be met to fulfill an academic year in residence). *(Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/96, 4/30/10)*

14.3.5 Determination of Freshman Eligibility.

14.3.5.1 Participation Before Certification—Recruited and Nonrecruited Student-Athlete. If a recruited or nonrecruited student-athlete reports for athletics participation before the high school core-curriculum grade-point average and test score have been certified, the student-athlete may practice, but not compete, for a maximum of 45 days, provided the student-athlete is enrolled full time or has been accepted for enrollment as a regular full-time student. After this 45-day period, the student shall have established minimum requirements as a qualifier (as certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center) to continue practicing or to compete, or the minimum requirements as a partial qualifier to continue practicing. *(Revised: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, 4/23/07)*

14.3.5.1.1 Exception—Minimum Test Score Achieved. During a student-athlete's initial year of collegiate enrollment, he or she may continue to practice beyond the 45-day period, provided: *(Adopted: 10/22/13 effective 8/1/14)*

- (a) The student-athlete's NCAA Eligibility Center account reflects an official test score that meets the minimum test-score requirements [see Bylaw 14.3.1.1-(b)]; and
- (b) The student-athlete has received a final amateurism certification with at least one season of competition remaining following the application of any amateurism certification conditions.

14.3.5.2 GED Test/Equivalency Diploma. A prospective student-athlete who does not graduate from high school but who completes the General Educational Development (GED) test and obtains a state high school equivalency diploma may satisfy the graduation requirement of Bylaw 14.3, but not the core-curriculum or test-score requirement, if the following conditions are met:

- (a) Only scores from a GED test taken by the prospective student-athlete not earlier than the date the prospective student-athlete's high school class (i.e., the last class of which the student was a member while enrolled in high school) normally would have graduated from high school shall be used; *(Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05, for entering freshmen whose initial collegiate enrollment occurs during the 2005-06 academic year and thereafter)*

- (b) The prospective student-athlete must present the state high school equivalency diploma before initial enrollment as a full-time, regularly matriculated student in a collegiate institution;
- (c) The prospective student-athlete may qualify for athletically related financial aid and practice on campus or at the institution's regular home facility, but not for competition, by presenting a minimum average score of 45 or 450 (depending on the year the test was taken) on the five-part GED test and satisfying either the minimum grade-point average and core-course requirements or the minimum standardized test score as set forth in Bylaw 14.3.2.1.1, and *(Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99)*
- (d) To qualify for financial aid, practice and competition, the prospective student-athlete must meet the core-curriculum grade-point average and test-score requirements (see Bylaw 14.3.1.1) in addition to presenting a minimum average score of 45 or 450 (depending on the year the test was taken) on the five-part GED test.

14.3.5.3 Advanced Placement. If the student-athlete is admitted with a minimum of 24-semester hours or a minimum of 36-quarter hours of advanced placement from a College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) examination (or from a similar proficiency examination) and/or concurrent high school/college credit without previous enrollment at a collegiate institution, the student-athlete shall be immediately eligible. Credits earned from extension or summer-session courses may not be counted in satisfaction of this requirement. A "similar proficiency examination" must be an advanced or higher level, nationally administered proficiency exam with a uniform grading scale that is taken after high school graduation. *(Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

14.3.5.3.1 International Certification. An institution shall use the NCAA Eligibility Center to determine whether a "similar proficiency examination" taken by an international student-athlete is an advanced or higher level, nationally administered proficiency exam with a uniform grading scale that is taken after high school graduation. In addition, the Eligibility Center shall certify the eligibility of an international student-athlete based on the number of advanced placement and concurrent high school/college credit hours accepted by the certifying institution. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

14.3.5.4 International Academic Standards. A student from a foreign country shall satisfy both the requirements outlined in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility and the test-score requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1.1-(b).

14.3.6 Notification of Initial-Eligibility Standards. The NCAA Eligibility Center shall provide information regarding the initial-eligibility standards contained in Bylaw 14.3 to a prospective student-athlete and his or her parents or legal guardians after he or she has registered with the Eligibility Center. *(Adopted: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, for all prospective student-athletes who register with the NCAA Eligibility Center on or after 8/1/10)*

Delayed effective date. See specific date below.

14.3 Freshman Academic Requirements.

14.3.1 Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition—Qualifiers, Partial Qualifiers and Nonqualifiers.

14.3.1.1 Qualifier. A qualifier is defined as one who is a high school graduate and who presented the following minimum academic qualifications: *(Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/95, 1/8/01 effective 8/1/05, for student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/05, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/05, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution full time on or after 8/1/05)*

- (a) A minimum cumulative grade-point average as specified in Bylaw 14.3.1.1.3 (based on a maximum 4.000) in a successfully completed core curriculum of at least 16 academic courses per Bylaw 14.3.1.3, including the following: *(Revised: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/13, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/13, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/18 for student-athletes initially enrolling in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/18)*

English	3 years
Mathematics	2 years
Natural or physical science (including at least one laboratory course if offered by the high school)	2 years
Additional courses in English, mathematics or natural or physical science	3 years
Social science	2 years
Additional academic courses [in any of the above areas or foreign language, philosophy or non-doctrinal religion (e.g., comparative religion) courses]	4 years

The record of the above courses and course grades must be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center using an official high school transcript forwarded directly from the high school or on a high school transcript forwarded by an institution's admissions office; and *(Revised: 2/9/95, 4/27/06, 4/23/07)*

- (b) A minimum combined score on the SAT verbal/critical reasoning and math sections or a minimum sum score on the ACT as specified in Bylaw 14.3.1.1.3. The required combined SAT or sum ACT score, respectively, must be achieved under national testing conditions on a national testing date [i.e., no residual (campus) testing or regional testing dates (see Bylaw 14.3.1.4)]. *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, for student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/96, 1/9/06, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/18 for student-athletes initially enrolling in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/18)*

14.3.1.1.1 Exception—Institutions Located in Puerto Rico. A prospective student-athlete entering an institution located in Puerto Rico may use a minimum combined score on the Prueba de Aptitud Académica verbal and math reasoning sections of 730 to satisfy the test-score requirement in Bylaw 14.3.1.1-(b). *(Adopted: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, for those students first entering a collegiate institution in Puerto Rico full time on or after 8/1/10)*

14.3.1.1.2 Exception—Early Academic Certification. A prospective student-athlete shall be certified as a qualifier, provided he or she has achieved the following academic criteria: *(Adopted: 1/14/08, for those students first entering a collegiate institution full time on or after 8/1/08)*

- (a) A minimum combined score on the SAT critical reading and math sections of 1000 or a minimum sum score on the ACT of 85, per the requirements of Bylaw 14.3.1.4; and
- (b) A core-course grade-point average of 3.000 (based on a maximum of 4.000) in a minimum of 12 core courses on completion of six semesters (or the equivalent). The 12 core courses shall include three core courses in English, two in mathematics (at the level of Algebra I or higher), two in natural or physical science (including at least one laboratory course if offered at the high school) and five additional core courses in any NCAA core area. The record of the course and course grades must be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center using either an official high school transcript forwarded directly from the high school or a high school transcript forwarded by an institution's admissions office.

14.3.1.1.2.1 Submission of Final Transcript(s). An institution must submit a final high school transcript(s) (official or unofficial) to the NCAA Eligibility Center by November 15 following a student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment for any student-athlete who is certified as a qualifier pursuant to the early academic certification exception. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/14/09 effective 8/1/09, Revised: 6/22/11)*

14.3.1.1.3 Initial-Eligibility Index for Qualifiers. A student-athlete must meet the requirements of the following eligibility index to be certified as a qualifier: *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/18, for student-athletes initially enrolling in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/18)*

Core GPA	SAT	Sum ACT	Core GPA	SAT	Sum ACT	Core GPA	SAT	Sum ACT
3.300 & above	400	37	2.925	550	47	2.525	710	58
3.275	410	38	2.900	560	48	2.500	720	59
3.250	420	39	2.875	570	49	2.475	730	60
3.225	430	40	2.850	580	49	2.450	740	61
3.200	440	41	2.825	590	50	2.425	750	61
3.175	450	41	2.800	600	50	2.400	760	62
3.150	460	42	2.775	610	51	2.375	770	63
3.125	470	42	2.750	620	52	2.350	780	64
3.100	480	43	2.725	630	52	2.325	790	65
3.075	490	44	2.700	640	53	2.300	800	66
3.050	500	44	2.675	650	53	2.275	810	67
3.025	510	45	2.650	660	54	2.250	820	68
3.000	520	46	2.625	670	55	2.225	830	69
2.975	530	46	2.600	680	56	2.200	840	70
2.950	540	47	2.575	690	56	&	&	&
			2.550	700	57	above	above	above

14.3.1.1.4 Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition—Qualifier. A student-athlete who enrolls in a Division II institution as an entering freshman with no previous full-time college attendance shall meet the academic requirements for a qualifier, as certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center, and approved by the Executive Committee, and any applicable institutional and conference regulations, to be eligible for financial aid, practice and competition during the first academic year in residence. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/18, for student-athletes initially enrolling in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/18)*

14.3.1.2 Partial Qualifier. A partial qualifier is defined as a student who does not meet the requirements for a qualifier (see Bylaw 14.3.1.1) but who, at the time of graduation from high school, meets the requirements of

the initial eligibility index for partial qualifiers set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1.2.1. A student-athlete is required to successfully complete a core curriculum of 16 academic courses as outlined in Bylaw 14.3.1.1-(a) in order to achieve partial qualifier status. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/18, for student-athletes initially enrolling in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/18)*

14.3.1.2.1 Initial-Eligibility Index for Partial Qualifiers. A student-athlete must meet the requirements of the following eligibility index to be certified as a partial qualifier: *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/18, for student-athletes initially enrolling in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/18)*

Core GPA	SAT	Sum ACT	Core GPA	SAT	Sum ACT	Core GPA	SAT	Sum ACT
3.050			2.700	540	47	2.325	690	56
& above	400	37	2.675	550	47	2.300	700	57
3.025	410	38	2.650	560	48	2.275	710	58
3.000	420	39	2.625	570	49	2.250	720	59
2.975	430	40	2.600	580	49	2.225	730	60
2.950	440	41	2.575	590	50	2.200	740	61
2.925	450	41	2.550	600	50	2.175	750	61
2.900	460	42	2.525	610	51	2.150	760	62
2.875	470	42	2.500	620	52	2.125	770	63
2.850	480	43	2.475	630	52	2.100	780	64
2.825	490	44	2.450	640	53	2.075	790	65
2.800	500	44	2.425	650	53	2.050	800	66
2.775	510	45	2.400	660	54	2.025	810	67
2.750	520	46	2.375	670	55	2.000	820	68
2.725	530	46	2.350	680	56		&	&
							above	above

14.3.1.2.2 Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition—Partial Qualifier. A student-athlete who enrolls in a Division II institution as an entering freshman with no previous full-time college attendance and who is a partial qualifier may receive institutional financial aid (see Bylaw 15.02.4.1) based on institutional and conference regulations and may practice only on campus or at the institution's regular practice facility but may not compete during the first academic year in residence. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/18, for student-athletes initially enrolling in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/18)*

14.3.1.2.3 Outside Competition—Partial Qualifier. A partial qualifier may participate in the institution's intramural program (provided the intramural team is not coached by a member of the institution's athletics department staff); however, during the first year in residence, such an individual is not permitted to practice or compete on an institutional club team or on an outside sports team. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/18, for student-athletes initially enrolling in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/18)*

14.3.1.2.4 Seasons of Competition—Partial Qualifier. A partial qualifier shall not engage in more than four seasons of competition. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/18, for student-athletes initially enrolling in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/18)*

14.3.1.2.5 Residence Requirement—Partial Qualifier. A partial qualifier must fulfill an academic year of residence to be eligible to compete and to practice away from the institution (see Bylaw 14.02.11 regarding the requirements that must be met to fulfill an academic year in residence). *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/18, for student-athletes initially enrolling in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/18)*

14.3.1.3 Core-Curriculum Requirements. [#] For purposes of meeting the core-curriculum requirement to establish eligibility at a member institution, a "core course" must meet all of the following criteria: *(Revised: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/00, 8/1/05, for student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/05, 1/14/12)*

- (a) A course must be a recognized academic course and qualify for high school graduation credit in one or a combination of the following areas: English, mathematics, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language or non doctrinal religion/philosophy;
- (b) A course must be considered college-preparatory by the high school. College-preparatory is defined for these purposes as any course that prepares a student academically to enter a four-year collegiate institution on graduation from high school;
- (c) A mathematics course must be at the level of Algebra I or higher-level mathematics course;
- (d) A course must be taught by a qualified instructor as defined by the appropriate academic authority (e.g., high school, school district or state agency with authority over such matters); and
- (e) A course must be taught at or above the high school's regular academic level (i.e., remedial, special education or compensatory courses shall not be considered core courses). However, the prohibition against the

use of remedial or compensatory courses is not applicable to courses designed for students with education-impacting disabilities (see Bylaw 14.3.1.3.5). *(Revised: 10/21/08)*

14.3.1.3.1 Core-Curriculum Time Limitation. A student is permitted to use all core courses completed following the start of the ninth grade and prior to initial full-time enrollment at a collegiate institution as certified on the official transcript or by official correspondence. *(Revised: 1/14/02)*

14.3.1.3.2 Nontraditional Courses. [#] Courses taught via the Internet, distance-learning, independent-study, individualized-instruction, correspondence and courses taught by similar means, may be used to satisfy NCAA core-course requirements, if all of the following conditions are satisfied: *(Revised: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/00, 1/14/12)*

- (a) The course meets all requirements for a core course as defined in Bylaw 14.3.1.3;
- (b) The instructor and the student have ongoing access to one another for purposes of teaching, evaluating and providing assistance to the student throughout the duration of the course; *(Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/11)*
- (c) The instructor and the student have regular interaction with one another for purposes of teaching, evaluating and providing assistance to the student throughout the duration of the course; *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/11)*
- (d) The student's work (e.g., exams, papers, assignments) is available for evaluation and validation; *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/11)*
- (e) Evaluation of the student's work is conducted by the appropriate academic authorities in accordance with the high school's established academic policies;
- (f) The course includes a defined time period for completion; and *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/11)*
- (g) The course is acceptable for any student and is placed on the high school transcript.

14.3.1.3.3 College Courses. College courses may be used to satisfy core-curriculum requirements if accepted by the high school, provided the courses are accepted for any other student, meet all other requirements for core courses and are placed on the student's high school transcript. *(Revised: 1/14/12)*

14.3.1.3.4 English as a Second Language Course. [#] It is permissible to use an advanced level English as a Second Language (ESL) course to satisfy core-curriculum requirements, provided it is reviewed through the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Waiver process. Other ESL courses taught in disciplines other than English (e.g., social studies) may satisfy a core-course requirement, provided they are qualitatively and quantitatively the same as the comparison course in the regular course offering. *(Adopted: 4/13/99, Revised: 1/14/12)*

14.3.1.3.5 Courses for Students with Education-Impacting Disabilities. [#] High school courses for students with education-impacting disabilities may be used to fulfill the core-curriculum requirements, even if such courses appear to be taught at a level below the high school's regular academic instructional level (e.g., special education courses), if the high school principal submits a written statement to the NCAA Eligibility Center indicating that courses are substantially comparable, quantitatively and qualitatively, to similar core-course offerings in that academic discipline and the courses appear on the high school's list of approved core courses. Students with education-impacting disabilities still must complete the required core courses and achieve the minimum required grade-point average in the core curriculum. The fact that the title of a course includes a designation such as "remedial," "special education," "special needs," or other similar titles used for courses designed for students with education-impacting disabilities does not, in and of itself, disqualify a course from satisfying core-curriculum requirements. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/15/98, 1/10/03, 1/12/04, 10/21/08, 5/5/09, 1/14/12)*

14.3.1.3.6 Grade Value of Core Courses. The following grade values are to be used in determining a student's grade-point average in the core courses: A = 4 quality points, B = 3 quality points, C = 2 quality points, D = 1 quality point. In determining the core-curriculum grade-point average, each grade earned in a course (including all numerical grades) must be converted to this 4.000 scale on an individual-course basis. Pluses or minuses within a grade level shall not receive greater or lesser quality points. A school's normal practice of weighting honors or advanced courses may be used to compute the quality points awarded in those courses and the cumulative grade-point average, provided a written statement verifying the grading policy accompanies the prospective student-athlete's official grade transcript. An honors or an advanced course shall receive not greater than 1.000 additional quality point (e.g., A = 5.000). In calculating the grade in a weighted honors or advanced course, if a high school does not assign quality points to its courses, quality points shall be added to each course before calculating the student's grade-point average and not added to a student's cumulative core-course grade-point average. The core-curriculum grade-point average may be calculated using the student's 16 best grades from courses that meet the distribution requirements of the core curriculum. Additional core courses (beyond the 16 required) may be used to meet the core-curriculum

grade-point average, provided the distribution requirements are met. *(Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/95, 1/14/97, 4/15/98, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/05, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution full time on or after 8/1/05, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/13, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/13, 7/23/13)*

14.3.1.3.6.1 Grade-Point Average Computation. In determining a student-athlete's eligibility, it is not permissible to round the student's high school grade-point average, regardless of the number of digits to which the computation is carried (e.g., a high school grade-point average of 1.9999 would not make a prospective student-athlete a partial qualifier). *(Adopted: 5/20/13)*

14.3.1.3.6.2 Multiple Grade-Point Average Calculations. If a high school uses more than one method to compute cumulative grade-point averages for all of its students, the high school may use the method most beneficial to a prospective student-athlete, provided that under its normal procedures the high school actually computes (without any special request by the student or a member institution) a cumulative grade-point average, using that same method for each student at the high school. *(Adopted: 5/20/13)*

14.3.1.3.6.3 Multiple High School Attendance. When a prospective student-athlete attends more than one high school, it is necessary for the high school from which the student graduated to provide the student's total high school grade-point average. Eligibility shall not be established solely on the basis of work accomplished at the high school from which the student graduated. *(Adopted: 5/20/13)*

14.3.1.3.7 Pass-Fail Grades. [#] Courses that are awarded pass-fail grades may be used to satisfy core-curriculum requirements. The NCAA Eligibility Center shall assign the course the lowest passing grade that the high school assigns for a pass-fail course. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/13/98, 4/23/07, 1/14/12)*

14.3.1.3.8 Repeat Courses. [#] A repeated course may be used only once to satisfy core-curriculum requirements. The best grade in that course may be used to calculate the grade-point average in the core curriculum. *(Revised: 1/14/12)*

14.3.1.3.9 Multiple High School Attendance. For a student-athlete who attends more than one high school, a Form 48-H (core-course form) and an official transcript from each high school the student-athlete attended must be used. However, the NCAA Eligibility Center may receive the official transcript from either the student-athlete's original high school or the high school from which the student-athlete graduated, or from an institution's admissions office. *(Adopted: 1/10/92, Revised: 1/14/12)*

14.3.1.4 Test-Score Requirements. [#] The minimum required SAT or ACT score (see Bylaw 14.3.1.1) must be achieved under national testing conditions on a national testing date [i.e., no residual (campus) testing or regional testing dates] except that a state-administered ACT may be used to meet the test-score requirement. *(Revised: 1/9/06, 1/14/12)*

14.3.1.4.1 Test-Score Time Limitation. The minimum required SAT or ACT score shall be achieved before the individual's first full-time enrollment in a collegiate institution. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/16/93, 1/10/95)*

14.3.1.4.2 Combined Test Scores. [#] For students using the SAT examination, the highest scores achieved on the critical reading and mathematics sections of the SAT from two different national testing dates may be combined in determining whether the student has met the minimum test-score requirements. For students using the ACT examination, the highest scores achieved on the individual subtests of the ACT from more than one national testing date or state-administered examination may be combined in determining whether the student's sum score has met the minimum test-score requirement. *(Revised: 1/9/06, 1/14/12)*

14.3.1.4.3 Nonstandard Test Administration. [#] Students with education-impacting disabilities may use scores achieved during a nonstandard administration of the SAT or ACT. A student who takes a nonstandard SAT or ACT still must achieve the minimum required test score; however, the test does not have to be administered on a national testing date. *(Revised: 1/10/03, 10/21/08, 1/14/12)*

14.3.1.4.4 Test-Score Report. [#] The minimum SAT or ACT score(s) used for initial-eligibility purposes must be provided to the NCAA Eligibility Center by the appropriate testing agency through an official test-score report. *(Adopted: 4/27/06 effective 8/1/07, for those student-athletes whose initial collegiate enrollment occurs in fall 2007 or thereafter, Revised: 4/23/07, 1/14/12)*

14.3.1.5 Early Admissions Program Waiver. A waiver may be granted by the Academic Requirements Committee for a student who left high school after completion of the junior year or during the senior year to enter a member institution under an early admissions program (open to students solely on the basis of outstanding academic performance and promise), provided the following conditions are met: *(Revised: 1/14/97, 1/13/98 effective 8/1/97)*

- (a) For the last four semesters completed in high school, the student maintained a cumulative, minimum grade-point average of 3.500 (based on a maximum of 4.000) and ranked in the top 20 percent of the student's class; and
- (b) The student has met all the requirements of a qualifier except graduation from high school.

14.3.1.6 Nonqualifier. A nonqualifier is a student who has not graduated from high school or who, at the time specified in the regulations, did not satisfy the requirements of the initial-eligibility indices for qualifiers set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1.1 or partial qualifiers set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1.2. *(Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/18, for student-athletes initially enrolling in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/18)*

14.3.1.6.1 Eligibility for Aid, Practice and Competition—Nonqualifier. A student who enrolls in a Division II institution as an entering freshman with no previous college attendance who is a nonqualifier at the time of enrollment shall not be eligible for regular-season competition and practice during the first academic year in residence. However, such a student for whom financial aid was granted without regard to athletics ability shall be eligible for nonathletics institutional financial aid, provided there is on file in the office of the athletics director certification by the faculty athletics representative and the chair of the financial aid committee that financial aid was so granted. *(Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 1/14/02, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/18, for student-athletes initially enrolling in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/18)*

14.3.1.6.2 Practice-Session Attendance—Nonqualifier. A student-athlete who is a nonqualifier and who, therefore, is not eligible for practice may not attend any practice sessions in any capacity, nor may the student-athlete attend any meeting characterized as practice (see Bylaw 17.02.1). *(Revised: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/96, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/96, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/96, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/18, for student-athletes initially enrolling in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/18)*

14.3.1.6.3 Outside Competition—Nonqualifier. A partial qualifier or nonqualifier may participate in the institution's intramural program (provided the intramural team is not coached by a member of the institution's athletics department staff), but during the first year in residence, such an individual is not permitted to practice or compete on an institutional club team or on an outside sports team. *(Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/18, for student-athletes initially enrolling in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/18)*

14.3.1.6.4 Seasons of Competition—Nonqualifier. Nonqualifiers shall not engage in more than four seasons of competition. A student-athlete, who is a nonqualifier and who has exhausted three seasons of competition at a Division I institution, shall be eligible for a fourth season of competition following a transfer to a Division II institution, provided the student-athlete has completed the Division I progress-toward-degree requirements to earn a fourth season of competition. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 8/31/11, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/18, for student-athletes initially enrolling in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/18)*

14.3.1.6.5 Residence Requirement—Nonqualifier. A nonqualifier must fulfill an academic year of residence in order to be eligible for practice, competition and financial aid other than that permitted per Bylaw 14.3.1.6.1 (see Bylaw 14.02.11 regarding the requirements that must be met to fulfill an academic year in residence). *(Revised: 1/10/90 effective 8/1/90, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96, for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/96, 4/30/10, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/18, for student-athletes initially enrolling in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/18)*

14.3.2 Determination of Freshman Eligibility.

14.3.2.1 Participation Before Certification—Recruited and Nonrecruited Student-Athlete. If a recruited or nonrecruited student-athlete reports for athletics participation before the high school core-curriculum grade-point average and test score have been certified, the student-athlete may practice, but not compete, for a maximum of 45 days, provided the student-athlete is enrolled full time or has been accepted for enrollment as a regular full-time student. After this 45-day period, the student shall have established minimum requirements as a qualifier (as certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center) to continue practicing or to compete, or the minimum requirements as a partial qualifier to continue practicing. *(Revised: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, 4/23/07)*

14.3.2.1.1 Exception—Minimum Test Score Achieved. During a student-athlete's initial year of collegiate enrollment, he or she may continue to practice beyond the 45-day period, provided: *(Adopted: 10/22/13)*

- (a) The student-athlete's NCAA Eligibility Center account reflects an official test score that meets the minimum test-score requirements (see Bylaw 14.3.1.1.3); and
- (b) The student-athlete has received a final amateurism certification that permits at least one season of competition remaining following the application of any amateurism certification conditions.

14.3.2.2 GED Test/Equivalency Diploma. A prospective student-athlete who does not graduate from high school but who completes the General Educational Development (GED) test and obtains a state high school equivalency diploma may satisfy the graduation requirement of Bylaw 14.3, but not the core-curriculum or test-score requirement, if the following conditions are met:

- (a) Only scores from a GED test taken by the prospective student-athlete not earlier than the date the prospective student-athlete's high school class (i.e., the last class of which the student was a member while enrolled in high school) normally would have graduated from high school shall be used; *(Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05, for entering freshmen whose initial collegiate enrollment occurs during the 2005-06 academic year and thereafter)*

- (b) The prospective student-athlete must present the state high school equivalency diploma before initial enrollment as a full-time, regularly matriculated student in a collegiate institution;
- (c) The prospective student-athlete may qualify for athletically related financial aid and practice on campus or at the institution's regular home facility, but not for competition, by presenting a minimum average score of 45 or 450 (depending on the year the test was taken) on the five-part GED test and satisfying the requirements of the initial-eligibility index for partial qualifiers as set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1.2.1; and *(Revised: 1/12/99 effective 8/1/99, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/18, for student-athletes initially enrolling in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/18)*
- (d) To qualify for financial aid, practice and competition, the prospective student-athlete must meet the requirements of the initial-eligibility index for qualifiers as set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1.1.3 in addition to presenting a minimum average score of 45 or 450 (depending on the year the test was taken) on the five-part GED test. *(Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/18, for student-athletes initially enrolling in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/18)*

14.3.2.3 Advanced Placement. If the student-athlete is admitted with a minimum of 24-semester hours or a minimum of 36-quarter hours of advanced placement from a College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) examination (or from a similar proficiency examination) and/or concurrent high school/college credit without previous enrollment at a collegiate institution, the student-athlete shall be immediately eligible. Credits earned from extension or summer-session courses may not be counted in satisfaction of this requirement. A "similar proficiency examination" must be an advanced or higher level, nationally administered proficiency exam with a uniform grading scale that is taken after high school graduation. *(Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

14.3.3.3.1 International Certification. An institution shall use the NCAA Eligibility Center to determine whether a "similar proficiency examination" taken by an international student-athlete is an advanced or higher level, nationally administered proficiency exam with a uniform grading scale that is taken after high school graduation. In addition, the Eligibility Center shall certify the eligibility of an international student-athlete based on the number of advanced placement and concurrent high school/college credit hours accepted by the certifying institution. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/14)*

14.3.2.4 International Academic Standards. A student from a foreign country shall satisfy both the requirements outlined in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility and the test-score requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1.1-(b) to be certified as a qualifier. To be certified as a partial qualifier, a student from a foreign country shall satisfy both the requirements outlined in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility and the test score requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1.2.1. *(Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/18, for student-athletes initially enrolling in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/18)*

14.3.3 Notification of Initial-Eligibility Standards. The NCAA Eligibility Center shall provide information regarding the initial-eligibility standards contained in Bylaw 14.3 to a prospective student-athlete and his or her parents or legal guardians after he or she has registered with the Eligibility Center. *(Adopted: 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, Revised: 1/16/10 effective 8/1/10, for all prospective student-athletes who register with the NCAA Eligibility Center on or after 8/1/10)*

14.3.4 Initial-Eligibility Waivers. The Academic Requirements Committee shall have the authority to waive all initial-eligibility requirements based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances that warrant the waiver of the normal application of this regulation. The committee shall establish the process for granting such waivers and shall report at least annually to the Management Council and to the membership, the actions taken, in summary, aggregate form. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/18, for student-athletes initially enrolling in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/18)*

14.4 Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements.

14.4.1 Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall maintain progress toward a baccalaureate or equivalent degree at that institution as determined by the regulations of that institution. As a general requirement, "progress toward degree" is to be interpreted at each member institution by the academic authorities who determine the meaning of such phrases for all students, subject to controlling legislation of the conference(s) or similar association of which the institution is a member. (See Constitution 3.3.4.6 regarding the obligations of members to publish their progress-toward-degree requirements for student-athletes.) *(Revised: 5/12/09)*

14.4.1.1 Exchange Student. The eligibility of an exchange student shall be based on satisfactory completion of at least: *(Revised: 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 7/20/10)*

- (a) Six-semester or six-quarter hours of academic credit during the preceding regular academic term in which the student has been enrolled full time at any collegiate institution [see Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(a)];
- (b) Credit-hour requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(b);
- (c) Credit hours earned during the regular academic year as set forth in Bylaw 14.4.3.1.4; and
- (d) Cumulative minimum grade-point average as set forth in Bylaw 14.4.3.2.

14.4.1.2 Temporary Student. A student-athlete having the status of temporary, transient or exchange student shall not represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, unless such status is specifically allowed and governed by provisions adopted by the membership.

14.4.2 Eligibility for Financial Aid and Practice. Eligibility for institutional financial aid and practice during each academic year after a student-athlete's initial year in residence or after the student-athlete has used one season of eligibility in a sport shall be based upon the rules of the institution and the conference(s), if any, of which the institution is a member. See Bylaw 14.1.7 for additional rules regarding eligibility for practice.

14.4.3 Eligibility for Competition.

14.4.3.1 Fulfillment of Credit-Hour Requirements. Eligibility for competition shall be based on the following requirements: *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

- (a) Satisfactory completion of six-semester or six-quarter hours of academic credit the preceding regular academic term in which the student-athlete has been enrolled full time at any collegiate institution; and *(Adopted: 1/12/04 effective immediately following the institution's 2005 fall term; thus, applicable to hours earned during the 2005 fall term)*
- (b) For a midyear transfer student-athlete, for a student-athlete following the student-athlete's first academic year in residence or after the student-athlete has used one season of eligibility in any sport at the certifying institution, the certification shall be determined by the student-athlete's academic record in existence at the beginning of the fall term or at the beginning of any other regular term of that academic year, based on:
 - (1) Satisfactory completion before each fall term of a cumulative total of academic semester or quarter hours equivalent to an average of at least 12-semester or quarter hours during each of the previous academic terms in academic years in which the student-athlete has been enrolled in a term or terms; or
 - (2) Satisfactory completion of 24-semester or 36-quarter hours of academic credit since the beginning of the previous fall term or since the beginning of the certifying institution's preceding regular two semesters or three quarters.

14.4.3.1.1 Transfer Student—Six-Hour Requirement. For purposes of certifying eligibility for transfer students per Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(a), the six-semester or six-quarter hours must be transferable degree credit. (See Bylaw 14.5.4.4.3.) *(Adopted: 1/12/04 effective immediately following the institution's 2005 fall term; thus, applicable to hours earned during the 2005 fall term)*

14.4.3.1.2 Academic Year in Residence. The definition of "year in residence" for purposes of initiating the requirement for progress-toward-degree certification is based on full-time enrollment and attendance during any portion of a term in an academic year, except that when a student-athlete is granted a medical-absence waiver per Bylaw 14.4.3.5-(a) during the first year of academic residence, that term is not counted in determining whether the student-athlete has been in residence at the certifying institution for one academic year. *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

14.4.3.1.3 Part-Time Enrollment. Semester or quarter hours earned by a student-athlete while enrolled in less than a full-time program of studies (per Bylaw 14.1.7.1) shall not be used to meet progress-toward-degree requirements of Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(b)-(1), unless the student-athlete is held accountable for the term(s) of part-time enrollment at the time of certification. *(Adopted: 10/23/07)*

14.4.3.1.4 Hours Earned During Regular Academic Year. A student-athlete shall earn at least 75 percent of the minimum number of semester or quarter hours required for progress toward degree during the regular academic year. The student-athlete shall earn no more than 25 percent of the minimum number of semester or quarter hours required for progress toward degree during the summer or through correspondence courses. *(Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, for credit hours earned during the 1992-93 academic year and thereafter, Revised: 1/11/94)*

14.4.3.1.4.1 Regular Academic Year. For purposes of Bylaw 14.4.3.1.4, the regular academic year consists of the time beginning with the opening of the institution's fall term and concluding with the institution's spring commencement exercises. *(Adopted: 1/9/96)*

14.4.3.1.4.2 Waiver Procedures. The Division II Academic Requirements Committee Subcommittee on Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers shall have the authority to authorize waivers of this requirement based upon objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances that warrant the waiver of the normal application of this regulation. The committee shall establish the process for granting such waivers and shall report at least annually to the Management Council and to the membership, the actions taken in summary, aggregate form. *(Adopted: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, Revised: 1/16/93, 10/28/97)*

14.4.3.1.4.3 Waiver or Exception—Prorating Hours. A student-athlete who qualifies for an exception to or waiver of the progress-toward-degree rule set forth in Bylaws 14.4.3.4 and 14.4.3.5 may prorate the 75 percent requirement based on the number of hours the student-athlete must earn to meet progress-toward-degree requirements. *(Adopted: 1/9/96)*

14.4.3.1.5 Designation of Degree Program. A student-athlete shall designate a program of studies leading toward a specific baccalaureate degree at the certifying institution by the beginning of the third year of enrollment (fifth semester or seventh quarter) and thereafter shall make progress toward that specific degree. This provision shall be applicable to the eligibility not only of a continuing student, but also of a transfer student from a four-year or two-year collegiate institution who is entering his or her third year of collegiate enrollment, even if the student has not yet completed an academic year in residence or used a season of eligibility in a sport at the certifying institution. Designation of a specific baccalaureate degree program may be accomplished by: **[D]** (*Revised: 6/22/11*)

- (a) Formal enrollment by the student-athlete in a specific baccalaureate degree program; or
- (b) Approval by an appropriate academic official (who must not be an academic adviser/counselor employed by the athletics department) of the program leading to the specific baccalaureate degree that the student-athlete is pursuing.

14.4.3.1.5.1 Documentation of Degree Program Designation. If the designation is in accordance with Bylaw 14.4.3.1.5-(a), the official enrollment records of the institution shall constitute the documentation of the program against which progress toward degree under this regulation shall be measured. If the designation is in accordance with Bylaw 14.4.3.1.5-(b), the record of the degree program designation, approved by the appropriate academic official, shall constitute that documentation. For purposes of certifying eligibility for competition, an appropriate academic official shall affirm in writing the number of credit hours applicable to the designated degree program that have been completed satisfactorily. The institution's records for all student-athlete degree program designations and progress-toward-degree evaluations shall be retained for inspection (on request) by an authorized representative of the NCAA. **[D]** (*Revised: 6/22/11*)

14.4.3.1.6 Hours Earned or Accepted for Degree Credit. The provision that the calculation of credit hours under the progress-toward-degree regulation shall be based on hours earned or accepted for degree credit at the certifying institution in a student-athlete's specific baccalaureate degree program (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1.5) shall be met as follows:

- (a) During the first two years of enrollment, a student-athlete may use credits acceptable toward any of the institution's degree programs; (*Revised: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*)
- (b) By the beginning of the third year of enrollment (fifth semester or seventh quarter), a student-athlete shall be required to have designated a program of studies leading toward a specific baccalaureate degree. From that point, the credits used to meet progress-toward-degree requirements must be degree credit toward the student's designated degree program;
- (c) A student-athlete who changes his or her designated degree program may comply with the progress-toward-degree requirements if:
 - (1) The change in programs is documented appropriately by the institution's academic authorities;
 - (2) The credits earned before the change are acceptable toward a degree previously sought; and
 - (3) The credits earned from the time of the change are acceptable toward the new desired degree;
- (d) A student-athlete who has designated a specific degree program with an identified major may not use a course to fulfill the credit-hour requirement for meeting progress toward degree even if the course fulfills an elective component of the student-athlete's degree program, if the student ultimately must repeat the course to fulfill the requirements of the student's major; and (*Adopted: 1/14/97*)
- (e) A student-athlete who has designated a specific degree program may only use credits earned in a minor to fulfill the credit-hour requirement for meeting progress toward degree if the minor is a required element for all students to obtain the original baccalaureate degree. Credit hours earned toward a voluntary or optional minor (i.e., a minor that is not a required element of the original baccalaureate degree program for all students) may not be used to satisfy credit-hour requirements after the first two years of enrollment, even if the student-athlete must complete the requirements for the voluntary or optional minor in order to graduate. (*Revised: 10/22/13*)

14.4.3.1.6.1 Exception—Final Academic Year of Degree Program—Six-Hour Requirement. A student-athlete who is in the final academic year (i.e., final two semesters or three quarters) of his or her designated degree program may use credit hours acceptable toward any of the institution's degree programs to satisfy the six-hour requirement per Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(a), provided the institution certifies, through review by appropriate academic officials, that the student-athlete is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete degree requirements at the end of the two semesters or three quarters. Thereafter, the student-athlete shall forfeit eligibility in all sports, unless the student-athlete completes all degree requirements during the final two semesters or three quarters and is eligible to receive the baccalaureate diploma on the institution's next degree-granting date. (*Adopted: 1/10/05 following the institution's 2005 fall term; thus, applicable to hours earned during the 2005 fall term and thereafter*)

14.4.3.2 Fulfillment of Minimum Grade-Point-Average Requirements. A student-athlete shall meet the "satisfactory completion" provision of this requirement by maintaining a grade-point average that places the individual in good academic standing, as established by the institution for all students who are at an equivalent

stage of progress toward a degree. To fulfill the “satisfactory completion” provision of this requirement, a student-athlete must achieve the following cumulative minimum grade-point average (based on a maximum of 4.000) at the beginning of the fall term or at the beginning of any other regular term of that academic year, based on the student-athlete earning: (*Adopted: 1/14/89 effective 8/1/89, Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/9/06*)

- (a) 24-semester or 36-quarter hours: 1.800;
- (b) 48-semester or 72-quarter hours: 1.900;
- (c) 72-semester or 108-quarter hours: 2.000; and
- (d) 96-semester or 144-quarter hours: 2.000.

14.4.3.2.1 Calculation of Grade-Point Average for Student-Athletes. A student-athlete must meet the minimum cumulative grade-point average at the certifying institution based on the method of calculation used by the institution for calculating cumulative grade-point averages for all students, and the calculation shall include only course work normally counted by the certifying institution in calculating the cumulative grade-point average for graduation (regardless of whether an institution requires multiple minimum grade-point averages for graduation). (*Adopted: 1/14/89 effective 8/1/89, Revised: 1/10/91, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, for all certifications following 8/1/03, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, for all certifications for eligibility in the fall 2004 and thereafter, 4/11/06*)

14.4.3.2.2 Applicable Credit Hours. All credit hours (e.g., part time, transfer, advanced placement) that are accepted and appear on the student-athlete’s transcript at the certifying institution shall be used in determining the number of semester or quarter hours completed and applicable toward the determination of the minimum grade-point average requirements. (*Adopted: 10/20/03 effective 8/1/04*)

14.4.3.2.3 Application of Rule to Transfer and Continuing Student. The provisions of Bylaw 14.4.3.2 shall be applicable to the eligibility of a midyear transfer student from a two-year or four-year collegiate institution who has completed an academic term in residence, a student who has completed an academic year in residence, or a student who has used a season of eligibility in a sport at the certifying institution. (*Adopted: 1/9/06*)

14.4.3.3 Regulations for Administration of Progress Toward Degree.

14.4.3.3.1 Calculation of Credit Hours. The calculation of credit hours to meet this requirement (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1) shall be based on hours earned or accepted for degree credit toward any of the institution’s degree programs or, if the student-athlete has designated a specific baccalaureate degree program, toward credit in that degree program. Hours earned in the period after the regular academic year at the institution (e.g., hours earned in summer school) may be used to satisfy the academic credit requirements of this regulation.

14.4.3.3.2 Nontraditional Terms. An institution that determines registration other than on a traditional semester- or quarter-hour basis shall submit a statement describing the progress-toward-degree requirements applicable to its student-athletes for approval by the Academic Requirements Committee.

14.4.3.3.3 Advanced-Placement Tests/Credit by Examination. Credit received through advanced-placement tests or by examination or International Baccalaureate Program examinations may be used by the student to meet the minimum progress-toward-degree requirement, provided the subject for which the examination is an alternative is offered by the institution as acceptable degree credit. If such credit was earned while the student was enrolled in high school, it may be used to meet both initial-eligibility and progress-toward-degree requirements, provided the credit was earned prior to high school graduation. However, such credit, if earned prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution, may not be used to meet the required minimum number of hours earned during the regular academic year (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1.4). (*Revised: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00, 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12, for individuals initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/12*)

14.4.3.3.4 Nontraditional Courses from Another Institution. Nontraditional courses (e.g., distance-learning, correspondence, extension, Internet/virtual courses, independent study or any other course or credit that is not earned in a face-to-face classroom environment with regular interaction between the instructor and the student) completed at an institution other than the one in which a student-athlete is enrolled as a full-time student may be used in determining progress toward degree, provided the following conditions are met: (*Revised: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/19/13 effective 8/1/13*)

- (a) The course is available to any student at the certifying institution;
- (b) The student-athlete enrolls in the course in the same manner as is available to any student; and
- (c) Enrollment in the course occurs within the offering institution’s regular enrollment periods (preregistration or drop-add period) in accordance with the institution’s academic calendar and applicable policies and procedures.

14.4.3.3.5 Remedial, Tutorial or Noncredit Courses. Remedial, tutorial or noncredit courses may be used by the student to satisfy the minimum academic-progress requirement of Bylaw 14.4.3.3.1 only if they meet all of the following conditions:

- (a) The courses must be considered by the institution to be prerequisites for specific courses acceptable for any degree program;
- (b) The courses must be given the same weight as others in the institution in determining the student's status for full-time enrollment;
- (c) Noncredit courses may not exceed the maximum institutional limit for such courses in any baccalaureate degree program (or the student's specific baccalaureate degree program once a program has been designated); and
- (d) For those students first enrolled in the certifying institution beginning with the 1986-87 academic year, the credit in such courses shall not exceed 12-semester or 18-quarter hours, and the courses must be taken during the student's first academic year of collegiate enrollment.

14.4.3.3.6 Incomplete Grades. A student who receives an incomplete grade in a course may use the course in question to fulfill the minimum progress-toward-degree requirements, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The incomplete grade must have been removed and recorded in accordance with the institution's regulations applicable to all students;
- (b) Such a course may be counted only once after a grade has been achieved that is acceptable to the institution for determining progress-toward-degree; and
- (c) In the case of no institutional policy, the course with the acceptable grade shall be counted either during the term in which the student initially enrolled in the course or during the term in which the incomplete grade was removed and acceptable credit was awarded.

14.4.3.3.7 Repeated Courses. Credit for courses that are repeated may be used by a student to satisfy the minimum academic-progress requirements only under the following conditions:

- (a) A course repeated due to an unsatisfactory initial grade may be used only once and only after it has been satisfactorily completed;
- (b) Credit for a course that may be taken several times (e.g., a physical education activities course) shall be limited by institutional regulations; and
- (c) Credits earned in courses that may be taken several times may not exceed the maximum institutional limit for credits of that type for any baccalaureate degree program (or for the student's specific baccalaureate degree program once a program has been designated).

14.4.3.3.8 "Banked" Credit Hours. All credit hours (including those "banked" or earned in excess of the average of 12 per term before the designation of a specific baccalaureate degree program, even if such hours are not applicable to the designated degree program) may continue to be used to maintain progress toward degree. *(Revised: 1/9/96)*

14.4.3.3.9 Credit from Other Institutions. Credit hours earned at another institution may be considered in evaluating eligibility under the progress-toward-degree legislation. *(Revised: 1/16/93, 6/25/12)*

14.4.3.3.10 Credit Hours Earned Prior to Initial Full-Time Enrollment at the Certifying Institution. It is not permissible to use the same credit hours earned prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution to satisfy both freshman academic requirements and progress-toward-degree requirements. In addition, it is not permissible to use the same credit hours earned prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution to satisfy both transfer requirements and progress-toward-degree requirements. These restrictions do not apply to credit hours earned while a student was enrolled as a high school student (e.g., courses that qualify as high school and college credit). Credit hours earned prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution, may not be used to meet the required minimum number of hours earned during the regular academic year (see Bylaws 14.4.3.1.4 and 14.4.3.3.3). *(Adopted: 4/11/06, Revised: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12, for individuals initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/12)*

14.4.3.3.11 Cooperative Educational, Work Experience and Study-Abroad Programs. A student-athlete shall not be required to complete six-semester or six-quarter hours of academic credit the preceding regular academic term of full-time enrollment during any term or terms of enrollment in a cooperative educational or work experience program (e.g., co-op, internship, practicum, student-teaching) or an institutionally approved study-abroad program. *(Adopted: 1/10/05 following the 2005 fall term; thus, applicable to hours earned in the 2005 fall term and thereafter, Revised: 1/11/12)*

14.4.3.4 Exceptions to Progress-Toward-Degree Rule.

- (a) **Missed term.** One time during a student-athlete's entire period of collegiate enrollment, the provisions of Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(b) may be prorated at 12 hours per term of actual attendance, if the student-athlete misses a complete term or consecutive terms during an academic year, subject to the following conditions: *(Revised: 1/15/14)*
 - (1) The student-athlete engaged in no outside competition in the sport during the academic term or terms in which the student was not in attendance;
 - (2) The student-athlete was eligible for enrollment during the student's absence; and

- (3) At the time of certification, the student-athlete has fulfilled the progress-toward-degree requirements (per Bylaw 14.4.3.1) for the terms in which the student was in attendance. It is not permissible to use this one-time exception during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution in order to maintain eligibility during the second year in residence. Hours earned while enrolled as a part-time student during the “missed term” may not be counted in meeting the progress-toward-degree requirement. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/8/01 effective 8/1/01)*
- (b) **Midyear enrollment.** For student-athletes entering the institution at the beginning of the second semester or the second or third quarter of an academic year (e.g., midyear transfer), the credit hours required under the progress-toward-degree regulation of Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(b)-(2) may be prorated at 12 units per term of actual attendance during the initial regular academic year of attendance. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/05)*
- (c) **Nonrecruited, nonparticipant.** A student-athlete may qualify for an exception to the application of the progress-toward-degree regulation for the initial season of eligibility, if the student has been in residence at the certifying institution for at least one academic year; was not recruited; has not received athletically related financial assistance; has never practiced or participated in intercollegiate athletics, except that a student may have participated in limited preseason tryouts; and is otherwise eligible under all institutional, conference and NCAA rules. The student-athlete’s eligibility in future seasons would be governed by the provisions of the progress-toward-degree rule, which would be applied from the beginning of the first term the student began participation. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/92, 1/9/96)*
- (d) **Graduate Student Exception.** A student-athlete who is a graduate student or a student-athlete who graduates and returns for a second baccalaureate degree or who is taking coursework that would lead to the equivalent of another major or degree who is otherwise eligible for regular-season competition shall be exempt from the provisions of this regulation. *(Revised: 10/19/10)*
- (e) **Two-Year Nonparticipation or Minimal Participation Exception.** A student-athlete may qualify for an exception to the application of the progress-toward-degree regulation(s) if, for a consecutive two-year period immediately before the date on which the student begins participation (countable athletically related activities), the student-athlete has not competed and has not participated in other countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in any sport beyond a 14-consecutive calendar-day period, or has not participated in organized noncollegiate amateur competition while enrolled as a full-time student in a collegiate institution; and is otherwise eligible under all institutional, conference and NCAA rules. The 14-consecutive calendar-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity. The two-year period does not include any period of time before the student-athlete’s initial collegiate enrollment. The student-athlete’s eligibility in future seasons would be governed by the provisions of the progress-toward-degree rule, which would be applied from the beginning of the first term the student-athlete began participation. *(Adopted: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05, Revised: 1/8/07 for any progress-toward-degree certification or transfer on or after 8/1/06)*

14.4.3.5 Waivers of Progress-Toward-Degree Rule. The Academic Requirements Committee shall establish appropriate criteria for waivers of this legislation. Such waivers shall be administered by the conference members of the Association or, in the case of an independent institution, by the Academic Requirements Committee. Waivers of the progress-toward-degree rule may be granted under any of the following conditions: *(Revised: 1/14/02)*

- (a) **Medical absence.** The credit hours required under the progress-toward-degree regulation of Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(a) and -(b)-(1) may be prorated at 12 units per term of actual attendance during an academic year in which a student misses a term or is unable to complete a term as a full-time student as a result of an injury or illness. Such an exception may be granted only when circumstances clearly supported by appropriate medical documentation establish that a student-athlete is unable to attend a collegiate institution as a full-time student as a result of an incapacitating physical injury or illness involving the student-athlete or a member of the student-athlete’s immediate family. Credits earned by the student during the term to which the waiver applies may not be used in determining progress toward degree.
- (b) **International competition.** The credit hours required under the progress-toward-degree regulation of Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(a) and -(b)-(1) may be prorated at 12 hours per term of actual attendance during an academic year in which a student is not enrolled for a term or terms or is unable to complete a term as a result of participation in the Pan American, Olympic, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games or World University Championships (including final Olympic tryouts and the officially recognized training program that directly qualifies participants for those tryouts). This waiver provision may be applied to not more than two semesters or three quarters. *(Revised: 1/9/96, 10/18/11)*

14.4.3.6 Waiver—Olympic Games. The Academic Requirements Committee may waive this general progress-toward-degree requirement for any participant in the Olympic Games who, because of such participation, may lose eligibility for practice and competition in any sport.

14.4.3.7 Waiver—Student-Athletes with Education-Impacting Disabilities. The Academic Requirements Committee may waive the general progress-toward-degree requirements for a student-athlete when objective evidence demonstrates that the institution has defined full-time enrollment for that student-athlete to be

less than 12 hours to accommodate for the student's education-impacting disability. (Adopted: 1/10/95, Revised: 10/21/08)

14.4.3.8 Additional Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers. The Academic Requirements Committee shall have the authority to waive all other progress-toward-degree requirements based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances that warrant the waiver of the normal application of those regulations. The committee shall establish the process for granting such waivers and shall report at least annually to the Management Council and to the membership, the actions taken in summary, aggregate form. (Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96)

Delayed effective date. See specific date below.

14.4 Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements.

14.4.1 Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall maintain progress toward a baccalaureate or equivalent degree at that institution. (See Constitution 3.3.4.6 regarding the obligations of members to publish their progress-toward-degree requirements for student-athletes.) (Revised: 5/12/09, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)

14.4.1.1 Exchange Student. The eligibility of an exchange student shall be based on satisfactory completion of at least: (Revised: 1/17/09 effective 8/1/09, 7/20/10)

- (a) Nine-semester or eight-quarter hours of academic credit during the preceding regular academic term in which the student has been enrolled full time at any collegiate institution (see Bylaw 14.4.3.2); (Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)
- (b) Credit hours earned during the regular academic year as set forth in Bylaw 14.4.3.3; Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)
- (c) Credit hours earned for the annual credit-hour requirement set forth in Bylaw 14.4.3.4; and (Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)
- (d) Cumulative minimum grade-point average as set forth in Bylaw 14.4.3.5. Revised: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)

14.4.1.2 Temporary Student. A student-athlete having the status of temporary, transient or exchange student shall not represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, unless such status is specifically allowed and governed by provisions adopted by the membership.

14.4.2 Eligibility for Financial Aid and Practice. Eligibility for institutional financial aid and practice during each academic year after a student-athlete's initial year in residence or after the student-athlete has used one season of eligibility in a sport shall be based upon the rules of the institution and the conference(s), if any, of which the institution is a member. See Bylaw 14.1.7 for additional rules regarding eligibility for practice.

14.4.3 Eligibility for Competition.

14.4.3.1 Good Academic Standing. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall be in good academic standing, as determined by the academic authorities who determine the meaning and application of such phrases for all students at the institution, subject to controlling legislation of the conference(s) or similar association of which the institution is a member. A student-athlete shall maintain a grade-point average that places the individual in good academic standing, as established by the institution for all students who are at an equivalent stage of progress toward a degree. A student-athlete who is not in good academic standing is not eligible for competition even if the individual satisfies the progress-toward-degree requirements. (Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)

14.4.3.2 Term-by-Term Credit-Hour Requirement. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete must earn nine-semester or eight-quarter hours of academic credit the preceding regular academic term in which the student-athlete has been enrolled full time at any collegiate institution. (Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)

14.4.3.2.1 Application of Rule to Transfer Student. For purposes of certifying eligibility for a transfer student from a two-year or four-year collegiate institution per Bylaw 14.4.3.2, the nine-semester or eight-quarter hours must be transferable degree credit. (See Bylaw 14.5.4.5.3.) (Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)

14.4.3.2.2 Calculation of Credit Hours. During the first two years of enrollment, the calculation of credit hours to meet this requirement (see Bylaw 14.4.3.2) shall be based on hours earned or accepted for degree credit toward any of the institution's degree programs. Beginning with the student-athlete's fifth semester or seventh quarter of collegiate enrollment, credits used to meet the term-by-term credit-hour requirement must be degree credit toward the student-athlete's designated degree program. (Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)

14.4.3.2.2.1 Exception—Final Academic Year of Degree Program. A student-athlete who is in the final academic year (final two semesters or three quarters) of his or her designated degree program may use credit hours acceptable toward any of the institution's degree programs to satisfy the

nine-semester or eight-quarter hour requirement per Bylaw 14.4.3.2, provided the institution certifies, through review by appropriate academic officials, that the student-athlete is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete degree requirements at the end of the two semesters or three quarters. Thereafter, the student-athlete shall forfeit eligibility in all sports, unless the student-athlete completes all degree requirements during the final two semesters or three quarters and is eligible to receive the baccalaureate diploma on the institution's next degree-granting date. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.3 Credit Hours Earned During the Regular Academic Year. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete must complete 18-semester or 27-quarter hours since the beginning of the previous fall term or since the beginning of the certifying institution's preceding regular two semesters or three quarters. Credit hours earned in the period after the regular academic year at the institution (e.g., hours earned in summer school) shall not be used to satisfy the academic credit-hour requirements of this regulation. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.3.1 Regular Academic Year. For purposes of Bylaw 14.4.3.3, the regular academic year consists of the time beginning with the opening of the institution's fall term and concluding with the institution's spring commencement exercises. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.3.2 Application of Rule. The following student-athletes are subject to the credit-hour requirement set forth in Bylaw 14.4.3.3: *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

- (a) A midyear transfer student-athlete;
- (b) A student-athlete who has been in residence at the institution for at least one academic year; or
- (c) A student-athlete who has used one season of eligibility in any sport at the certifying institution.

14.4.3.3.2.1 Application to a Midyear Enrollee. A student-athlete entering the institution at the beginning of the second semester or the second or third quarter of an academic year (e.g., midyear transfer) is not subject to the credit hours required under Bylaw 14.4.3.3 for the fall term immediately following the student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution. In subsequent years, the student-athlete's completion of the 18-semester or 27-quarter hour requirement shall be certified prior to the start of each academic year based on the student-athlete's record since the beginning of the previous fall term. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.3.3 Calculation of Credit Hours. During the first two years of enrollment, the calculation of credit hours to meet this requirement (see Bylaw 14.4.3.3) shall be based on hours earned or accepted for degree credit toward any of the institution's degree programs. Beginning with the student-athlete's fifth semester or seventh quarter of collegiate enrollment, credits used to meet the credit-hour requirement must be degree credit toward the student-athlete's designated degree program. Credit hours earned in the period after the regular academic year at the institution (e.g., hours earned in summer school) shall not be used to satisfy the academic credit-hour requirements of this regulation. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.3.4 Part-Time Enrollment. Credit hours earned during a term in which a student-athlete is enrolled less than full-time may be used to satisfy the 18-semester/27-quarter hour requirement only if such credits are combined with credits earned during a term that immediately precedes or immediately follows a term in which the student-athlete is enrolled as a full-time student. Credits earned during a part-time term may be completed at an institution other than the certifying institution. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.4 Annual Credit Hour Requirement. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete must earn 24-semester or 36-quarter hours of academic credit during any year in which the student-athlete is enrolled full time in at least one academic term. A student-athlete may satisfy this requirement based on the student-athlete earning: *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

- (a) 24-semester or 36-quarter hours since the beginning of the previous fall term;
- (b) 24-semester or 36-quarter hours since the beginning of the certifying institution's preceding regular two semesters or three quarters; or
- (c) 48-semester or 72-quarter hours during the first two years of collegiate enrollment (the certifying institution's first four semesters or six quarters following the student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment in a collegiate institution).

(Note: A student-athlete who does not enroll in a collegiate institution for a full academic year following his or her initial year of collegiate enrollment is considered to be enrolled in his or her second year of collegiate enrollment upon the next enrollment in a regular academic term at a collegiate institution.)

14.4.3.4.1 Application of Rule. The following student-athletes are subject to annual credit-hour requirements: *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

- (a) A midyear transfer student-athlete;
- (b) A student-athlete who has been in residence at the institution for at least one academic year; or
- (c) A student-athlete who has used one season of eligibility in any sport at the certifying institution.

14.4.3.4.1.1 Application to a Midyear Enrollee. A student-athlete entering the institution at the beginning of the second semester or the second or third quarter of an academic year (e.g., midyear transfer) shall be subject to the credit hours required under Bylaw 14.4.3.4 for the fall term immediately following the student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution; however, the annual credit hours may be adjusted to require completion of 12 units per term of actual attendance during the initial regular academic year of attendance. (See Bylaw 14.4.3.8.2.) *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.4.2 Academic Year in Residence. The definition of "year in residence" for purposes of determining whether a student-athlete is subject to the annual credit-hour requirement is based on full-time enrollment and attendance during any portion of a term in an academic year, except that when a student-athlete is granted a medical-absence waiver per Bylaw 14.4.3.9.1 during the first year of academic residence, that term is not counted in determining whether the student-athlete has been in residence at the certifying institution for one academic year. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.4.3 Calculation of Credit Hours. During the student-athlete's first four semesters or six quarters of collegiate enrollment, the calculation of credit hours to meet this requirement (see Bylaw 14.4.3.4) shall be based on hours earned or accepted for degree credit toward any of the institution's degree programs. Beginning with the student-athlete's fifth semester or seventh quarter of collegiate enrollment, credits used to meet the annual credit-hour requirement must be degree credit toward the student-athlete's designated degree program. Credit hours earned in the period after the regular academic year at the institution (e.g., hours earned in summer school) may be used to satisfy the academic credit requirements of this regulation. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.4.4 Regaining Eligibility. A student-athlete who does not meet the 24-semester or 36-quarter credit-hour requirement since the beginning of the previous fall term, may become eligible at the beginning of the next academic term by successfully completing 24-semester or 36-quarter hours during the previous two semesters or three quarters. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.5 Fulfillment of Minimum Grade-Point Average Requirements. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete must achieve a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.000 prior to the beginning of each fall term. The eligibility of a student-athlete who does not satisfy the grade-point average requirement prior to the fall term may be recertified prior to the next regular academic term. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.5.1 Application of Rule. The following student-athletes are subject to minimum grade-point average requirements: *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

- (a) A midyear transfer student-athlete from a two-year or four-year collegiate institution who has completed an academic term in residence;
- (b) A student-athlete who has been in residence at the certifying institution for at least one academic year; or
- (c) A student-athlete who has used a season of eligibility in a sport at the certifying institution.

14.4.3.5.1.1 Application to a Midyear Enrollee or Transfer Student. The provisions of Bylaw 14.4.3.5 shall be applicable to the eligibility of a midyear enrollee or transfer student from a two-year or four-year collegiate institution in the fall term following his or her initial enrollment at the certifying institution. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.5.2 Academic Year in Residence. The definition of "year in residence" for purposes of determining whether a student-athlete is subject to the annual grade-point average requirement is based on full-time enrollment and attendance during any portion of a term in an academic year, except that if a student-athlete is granted a medical-absence waiver per Bylaw 14.4.3.9.1 during the first year of academic residence, that term is not counted in determining whether the student-athlete has been in residence at the certifying institution for one academic year. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.5.3 Calculation of Minimum Grade-Point Average. A student-athlete must meet the minimum cumulative grade-point average at the certifying institution based on the method of calculation used by the institution for calculating cumulative grade-point averages for all students, and the calculation shall include only course work normally counted by the certifying institution in calculating the cumulative grade-point average for graduation (regardless of whether an institution requires multiple minimum grade-point averages for graduation). *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.5.4 Applicable Credit Hours. All credit hours (e.g., part time, transfer, advanced placement) that are accepted and appear on the student-athlete's transcript at the certifying institution shall be used in determining the minimum grade-point average requirements. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.5.5 Regaining Eligibility. A student-athlete who does not meet the minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.000 prior to the beginning of a fall term, may become eligible at the beginning of the next academic term by successfully earning a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.000. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.6 Designation of Degree Program. A student-athlete shall designate a program of studies leading toward a specific baccalaureate degree at the certifying institution by the beginning of the third year of enrollment (fifth semester or seventh quarter) and thereafter shall make progress toward that specific degree. This provision shall be applicable to the eligibility not only of a continuing student, but also of a transfer student from a four-year or two-year collegiate institution who is entering his or her third year of collegiate enrollment, even if the student has not yet completed an academic year in residence or used a season of eligibility in a sport at the certifying institution. Designation of a specific baccalaureate degree program may be accomplished by: **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

- (a) Formal enrollment by the student-athlete in a specific baccalaureate degree program; or
- (b) Approval by an appropriate academic official (who must not be an academic adviser/counselor employed by the athletics department) of the program leading to the specific baccalaureate degree that the student-athlete is pursuing.

14.4.3.6.1 Documentation of Degree Program Designation. If the designation is in accordance with Bylaw 14.4.3.6-(a), the official enrollment records of the institution shall constitute the documentation of the program against which progress toward degree under this regulation shall be measured. If the designation is in accordance with Bylaw 14.4.3.6-(b), the record of the degree program designation, approved by the appropriate academic official, shall constitute that documentation. For purposes of certifying eligibility for competition, an appropriate academic official shall affirm in writing the number of credit hours applicable to the designated degree program that have been completed satisfactorily. The institution's records for all student-athlete degree program designations and progress-toward-degree evaluations shall be retained for inspection (on request) by an authorized representative of the NCAA. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.7 Regulations for Administration of Progress Toward Degree.

14.4.3.7.1 Nontraditional Terms. An institution that determines registration other than on a traditional semester- or quarter-hour basis shall submit a statement describing the progress-toward-degree requirements applicable to its student-athletes for approval by the Academic Requirements Committee. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.7.2 Credit Hours Earned Prior to Initial Full-Time Enrollment at the Certifying Institution. Credit hours earned at another institution before initial enrollment at the certifying institution may not be used to satisfy progress-toward-degree requirements. In the first year of collegiate enrollment [or during the first two years of collegiate enrollment if using Bylaw 14.4.3.4-(c) to satisfy the annual credit hour requirement], this restriction does not apply to credit hours earned while a student was enrolled as a high school student (e.g., courses that qualify as high school and college credit). Such credit hours shall not be used to meet the required minimum number of credit hours earned during the regular academic year (see Bylaw 14.4.3.3). *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.7.3 Advanced-Placement Tests/Credit by Examination. Credit received through advanced-placement tests or by examination or International Baccalaureate Program examinations may be used by a student-athlete to meet the minimum progress-toward-degree requirements, provided the subject for which the examination is an alternative is offered by the institution as acceptable degree credit. If such credit was earned while the student-athlete was enrolled in high school, it may be used to meet both initial-eligibility and progress-toward-degree requirements in the first year of collegiate enrollment [or in the first two years of collegiate enrollment if using Bylaw 14.4.3.4-(c) to satisfy the annual credit-hour requirement], provided the credit was earned prior to high school graduation. However, such credit, if earned prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution, may not be used to meet the required minimum number of hours earned during the regular academic year (see Bylaw 14.4.3.3). *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.7.4 Remedial, Tutorial or Noncredit Courses. Remedial, tutorial or noncredit courses may be used by a student-athlete to satisfy the progress-toward-degree requirements of Bylaws 14.4.3.2, 14.4.3.3 and 14.4.3.4 only if such courses meet all of the following conditions: *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

- (a) The courses must be considered by the institution to be prerequisites for specific courses acceptable for any degree program;
- (b) The courses must be given the same weight as others in the institution in determining the student-athlete's status for full-time enrollment;
- (c) Noncredit courses may not exceed the maximum institutional limit for such courses in any baccalaureate degree program (or the student-athlete's specific baccalaureate degree program once a program has been designated); and
- (d) Credit in such courses shall not exceed 12-semester or 18-quarter hours, and the courses must be taken during the student-athlete's first academic year of collegiate enrollment.

14.4.3.7.5 Incomplete Grades. A student-athlete who receives an incomplete grade in a course may use the course in question to satisfy the progress-toward-degree requirements of Bylaws 14.4.3.2, 14.4.3.3 and 14.4.3.4, subject to the following conditions: *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

- (a) The incomplete grade must have been removed and recorded in accordance with the institution's regulations applicable to all students;
- (b) Such a course may be counted only once after a grade has been achieved that is acceptable to the institution for determining progress-toward-degree; and
- (c) In the case of no institutional policy, the course with the acceptable grade shall be counted either during the term in which the student initially enrolled in the course or during the term in which the incomplete grade was removed and acceptable credit was awarded.

14.4.3.7.6 Repeated Courses. Credit for courses that are repeated may be used by a student-athlete to satisfy the progress-toward-degree requirements of Bylaws 14.4.3.2, 14.4.3.3 and 14.4.3.4 only under the following conditions: *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

- (a) A course repeated due to an unsatisfactory initial grade may be used only once and only after it has been satisfactorily completed;
- (b) Credit for a course that may be taken several times (e.g., a physical education activities course) shall be limited by institutional regulations; and
- (c) Credits earned in courses that may be taken several times may not exceed the maximum institutional limit for credits of that type for any baccalaureate degree program (or for the student-athlete's specific baccalaureate degree program once a program has been designated).

14.4.3.7.7 Credit Hours Earned or Accepted for Degree Credit After Change of Degree Program. A student-athlete who changes his or her designated degree program after his or her fifth semester or seventh quarter of collegiate enrollment may comply with the credit-hour requirements set forth in Bylaws 14.4.3.2, 14.4.3.3 and 14.4.3.4 if: *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

- (a) The change in programs is documented appropriately by the institution's academic authorities;
- (b) The credits earned before the change are acceptable toward a degree previously sought; and
- (c) The credits earned from the time of the change are acceptable toward the new desired degree.

14.4.3.7.8 Credit Hours Earned or Accepted Toward a Major. A student-athlete who has designated a specific degree program with an identified major may not use a course to fulfill the credit-hour requirements set forth in Bylaws 14.4.3.2, 14.4.3.3 and 14.4.3.4 even if the course fulfills an elective component of the student-athlete's degree program, if the student-athlete ultimately must repeat the course to fulfill the requirements of the student's major. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.7.9 Credit Hours Earned or Accepted Toward a Minor. A student-athlete who has designated a specific degree program may only use credits earned in a minor to fulfill the credit-hour requirements set forth in Bylaws 14.4.3.2, 14.4.3.3 and 14.4.3.4 if the minor is a required element for all students to obtain the original baccalaureate degree. Credit hours earned toward a voluntary or optional minor (a minor that is not a required element of the original baccalaureate degree program for all students) may not be used to satisfy credit-hour requirements set forth in Bylaws 14.4.3.2, 14.4.3.3 and 14.4.3.4 after the first two years of enrollment, even if the student-athlete must complete the requirements for the voluntary or optional minor to graduate. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.7.10 Nontraditional Courses From Another Institution. Nontraditional courses (e.g., distance-learning, correspondence, extension, Internet/virtual courses, independent study or any other course or credit that is not earned in a face-to-face classroom environment with regular interaction between the instructor and the student) completed at an institution other than the one in which a student-athlete is enrolled as a full-time student may be used in determining progress toward degree, provided the following conditions are met: *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

- (a) The course is available to any student at the certifying institution;
- (b) The student-athlete enrolls in the course in the same manner as is available to any student; and
- (c) Enrollment in the course occurs within the offering institution's regular enrollment periods (preregistration or drop-add period) in accordance with the institution's academic calendar and applicable policies and procedures.

14.4.3.7.11 Cooperative Educational, Work Experience and Study-Abroad Programs. A student-athlete shall not be required to complete nine-semester or eight-quarter hours of academic credit the preceding regular academic term of full-time enrollment during any term or terms of enrollment in a cooperative educational or work experience program (e.g., co-op, internship, practicum, student-teaching) or an institutionally approved study-abroad program. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.8 Exceptions to Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements.

14.4.3.8.1 Missed Term Exception. One time during a student-athlete's entire period of collegiate enrollment, the provisions of Bylaw 14.4.3.4 may be adjusted to require completion of 12 hours per term of actual attendance, if the student-athlete misses a complete term or consecutive terms during an academic year, subject to the following conditions: *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

- (a) The student-athlete engaged in no outside competition in the sport during the academic term or terms in which the student was not in attendance;
- (b) The student-athlete was eligible for enrollment during the student's absence; and
- (c) At the time of certification, the student-athlete has fulfilled the progress-toward-degree requirements (per Bylaws 14.4.3.2, 14.4.3.3 and 14.4.3.4) for the terms in which the student was in attendance. It is not permissible to use this one-time exception during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution in order to maintain eligibility during the second year in residence. Hours earned while enrolled as a part-time student during the "missed term" may not be counted in meeting the progress-toward-degree requirement.

14.4.3.8.2 Midyear Enrollment Exception. For student-athletes entering the institution at the beginning of the second semester or the second or third quarter of an academic year (e.g., midyear transfer), the annual credit hours required per Bylaw 14.4.3.4 may be adjusted to require completion of 12 units per term of actual attendance during the initial regular academic year of attendance. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.8.3 Nonrecruited, Nonparticipant Exception. A student-athlete may qualify for an exception to the application of the progress-toward-degree regulations for the initial season of eligibility, if the student has been in residence at the certifying institution for at least one academic year; was not recruited; has not received athletically related financial assistance; has never practiced or participated in intercollegiate athletics, except that a student may have participated in limited preseason tryouts; and is otherwise eligible under all institutional, conference and NCAA rules. The student-athlete's eligibility in future seasons would be governed by the progress-toward-degree requirements, which would be applied from the beginning of the first term the student began participation. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.8.4 Graduate Student Exception. A student-athlete who is a graduate student or a student-athlete who graduates and returns for a second baccalaureate degree or who is taking coursework that would lead to the equivalent of another major or degree who is otherwise eligible for regular-season competition shall be exempt from the progress-toward-degree requirements. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.8.5 Two-Year Non-Participation or Minimal Participation Exception. A student-athlete may qualify for an exception to the application of the progress-toward-degree regulations if, for a consecutive two-year period immediately before the date on which the student begins participation (countable athletically related activities), the student-athlete has not competed and has not participated in other countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in any sport beyond a 14-consecutive calendar-day period, or has not participated in organized noncollegiate amateur competition while enrolled as a full-time student in a collegiate institution; and is otherwise eligible under all institutional, conference and NCAA rules. The 14-consecutive calendar-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in

any countable athletically related activity. The two-year period does not include any period of time before the student-athlete's initial collegiate enrollment. The student-athlete's eligibility in future seasons would be governed by the progress-toward-degree requirements, which would be applied from the beginning of the first term the student-athlete began participation. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.9 Waivers of Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements. The Academic Requirements Committee shall establish appropriate criteria for waivers of this legislation. Such waivers shall be administered by the conference members of the Association or, in the case of an independent institution, by the Academic Requirements Committee. Waivers of the progress-toward-degree requirements may be granted under the following conditions: *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.9.1 Medical Absence Waiver. The credit hours required under the progress-toward-degree regulations of Bylaws 14.4.3.2, 14.4.3.3 and 14.4.3.4 may be adjusted to require completion of 12 units per term of actual attendance during an academic year in which a student misses a term or is unable to complete a term as a full-time student as a result of an injury or illness. Such an exception may be granted only when circumstances clearly supported by appropriate medical documentation establish that a student-athlete is unable to attend a collegiate institution as a full-time student as a result of an incapacitating physical injury or illness involving the student-athlete or a member of the student-athlete's immediate family. Credits earned by the student-athlete during the term to which the waiver applies may not be used in determining progress toward degree. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.9.2 International Competition Waiver. The credit hours required under the progress-toward-degree regulations of Bylaws 14.4.3.2, 14.4.3.3 and 14.4.3.4 may be adjusted to require completion of 12 hours per term of actual attendance during an academic year in which a student is not enrolled for a term or terms or is unable to complete a term as a result of participation in the Pan American, Olympic, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games or World University Championships (including final Olympic tryouts and the officially recognized training program that directly qualifies participants for those tryouts). This waiver provision may be applied to not more than two semesters or three quarters. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.10 Olympic Games Waiver. The Academic Requirements Committee may waive the progress-toward-degree requirements for any participant in the Olympic Games who, because of such participation, may lose eligibility for practice and competition in any sport. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.11 Student-Athletes With Education-Impacting Disabilities Waiver. The Academic Requirements Committee may waive the progress-toward-degree requirements for a student-athlete when objective evidence demonstrates that the institution has defined full-time enrollment for that student-athlete to be less than 12 hours to accommodate for the student's education-impacting disability. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.4.3.12 Additional Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers. The Academic Requirements Committee shall have the authority to waive all other progress-toward-degree requirements based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances that warrant the waiver of the normal application of those regulations. The committee shall establish the process for granting such waivers and shall report at least annually to the Management Council and to the membership, the actions taken in summary, aggregate form. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for certifications of progress toward degree for fall 2016 and thereafter)*

14.5 Transfer Regulations.

14.5.1 Residence Requirement—General Principle. A student who transfers (see Bylaw 14.5.2) to a member institution from any collegiate institution is required to complete one full academic year of residence (see Bylaw 14.02.11) at the certifying institution before being eligible to compete for or to receive travel expenses from the member institution (see Bylaw 16.8.1.2), unless the student satisfies the applicable transfer requirements or receives an exception or waiver as set forth in this bylaw. *(Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/30/10)*

14.5.1.1 Disciplinary Suspension. A student who transfers to any NCAA institution from a collegiate institution while the student is disqualified or suspended from the previous institution for disciplinary reasons (as opposed to academic reasons) must complete one calendar year of residence at the certifying institution. *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97)*

14.5.1.2 Outside Competition—Partial Qualifier or Nonqualifier. A two-year college transfer student who is a nonqualifier or partial qualifier and does not meet the applicable transfer requirements may participate in the institution's intramural program (provided the intramural team is not coached by a member of the institution's athletics department staff), but such an individual is not permitted to practice or compete on an institution's club team or an outside sports team during the first academic year in residence. A four-year college transfer student who is a nonqualifier or partial qualifier and who has not completed an academic year in residence may

participate in the institution's intramural program (provided the intramural team is not coached by a member of the institution's athletics department staff), but such an individual is not permitted to practice or compete on an institution's club team or an outside sports team during the first academic year in residence. (*Adopted: 1/14/97*)

14.5.1.3 NCAA Championship Eligibility. A transfer student who is required to fulfill an academic year of residence shall not be eligible to participate in any NCAA championship that occurs during the vacation period immediately following the academic year of residence. (*Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07*)

14.5.1.4 Foreign Institution Transfers. A transfer student from a foreign collegiate institution (college, university or two-year college) is subject to the one-year residence requirement set forth in Bylaw 14.5.5.1 (see Bylaw 14.5.5.3.2 regarding the exchange student exception). (*Revised: 7/20/10*)

14.5.2 Conditions Affecting Transfer Status. A transfer student is an individual who transfers from a collegiate institution after having met any one of the following conditions at that institution:

- (a) The student attended a class or classes in any quarter or semester in which the student was enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies, even if the enrollment was on a provisional basis and the student was later determined by the institution not to be admissible;
- (b) The student is or was enrolled in an institution in a minimum full-time program of studies in a night school that is considered to have regular terms (semesters or quarters) the same as the institution's day school, and the student is or was considered by the institution to be a regularly matriculated student;
- (c) The student attended a branch school that does not conduct an intercollegiate athletics program, but the student had been enrolled in another collegiate institution before attendance at the branch school;
- (d) The student attended a branch school that conducted an intercollegiate athletics program and transfers to an institution other than the parent institution;
- (e) The student reported for a regular squad practice [including countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) that occur prior to certification per Bylaws 14.3.5.1 and 14.5.4.4.6], announced by the institution through any member of its athletics department staff, before the beginning of any quarter or semester, as certified by the athletics director. Participation only in picture-day activities would not constitute "regular" practice; (*Revised: 1/12/04*)
- (f) The student participated in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in a given sport even though the student was enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies; or (*Revised: 1/12/04*)
- (g) The student received athletically related institutional financial aid while attending a summer term, summer school or summer-orientation program (see Bylaw 15.2.7). (*Adopted: 1/10/90, Revised: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06*)

14.5.3 Conditions Not Constituting Transfer Status. Unless otherwise covered by conditions set forth in Bylaw 14.5.2, a student-athlete is not considered a transfer under the following enrollment conditions:

14.5.3.1 Summer School, Extension Courses or Night School. The student has been enrolled in or attended classes only in a summer school, extension course or night school, unless the night school is considered by the institution to be a regular term (semester or quarter) the same as its day school, the student is enrolled for a minimum full-time load in this regular night term, and the student is considered by the institution to be a regularly enrolled student.

14.5.3.2 Branch School. The student has been enrolled in or attended classes only in a branch school, provided the branch school does not conduct an intercollegiate athletics program. If the branch school conducts an intercollegiate athletics program, the student shall not be considered a transfer only on enrollment at the parent institution directly from the branch school. (For definition of "branch school," see Bylaw 14.02.1.)

14.5.3.3 Second Campus of Institution. The student is in residence at an institution's campus that is not in the same city as the institution's main campus, provided the campus at which the student is in residence does not conduct an intercollegiate athletics program, classes on the campus are taught by the same instructors who teach classes on the main campus, the credits received by all class enrollees are considered as regular credits by the institution's main campus, and the degrees awarded to all students come from the institution's main campus.

14.5.3.4 Academic Exchange Program. The student participates in a regular academic exchange program between two four-year institutions that requires a participant to complete a specified period of time at each institution, and the program provides for the student-athlete to receive at least two baccalaureate or equivalent degrees at the conclusion of this joint academic program.

14.5.4 Two-Year College Transfers. A student who transfers to a member institution from a two-year college or from a branch school that conducts an intercollegiate athletics program must complete an academic year of residence (see Bylaw 14.02.11), unless the student meets the following eligibility requirements applicable to the division of which the certifying institution is a member. (See Bylaw 14.4 for progress-toward-degree requirements for transfer student-athletes.) (*Revised: 1/10/92, 4/4/07, 4/30/10*)

14.5.4.1 Eligibility for Competition, Practice and Athletics Aid—Qualifier With No Previous Attendance at a Four-Year Collegiate Institution. A transfer student from a two-year college who was a qualifier (per Bylaw 14.3.1.1) and who has not previously attended a four-year collegiate institution, is eligible for competition, practice and athletics aid during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution, provided: (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/10/05, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07*)

- (a) The student-athlete has attended the two-year college as a full-time student for at least one full-time semester or one full-time quarter (excluding summer sessions); (*Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 2/23/07*)
- (b) The student-athlete has satisfactorily completed an average of at least 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferable credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for each full-time academic term of attendance at the two-year college; and (*Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 2/23/07*)
- (c) The student-athlete has presented a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.000 (see Bylaw 14.5.4.4.3.2). (*Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, Revised: 2/23/07*)

14.5.4.1.1 Application. If a two-year college transfer has never attended a four-year college as a full-time student, then the full-time semester(s)/quarter(s), the transferable degree credit(s) (including part-time hours) and academic degree(s) from any two-year college(s) attended shall be considered. (*Adopted: 5/19/08, Revised: 7/26/11*)

14.5.4.1.2 Qualifiers. Qualifiers who do not meet the requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4.1, may practice and receive athletics aid (but may not compete) at the certifying institution during their first academic year of residence. (*Adopted: 5/19/08*)

14.5.4.2 Eligibility for Competition, Practice and Athletics Aid—All Other Qualifiers, Partial Qualifiers and Nonqualifiers. A transfer student from a two-year college is eligible for competition, practice and athletics aid during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution, provided: (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/10/05, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07*)

- (a) The student-athlete has attended the two-year college as a full-time student for at least two semesters or three quarters (excluding summer sessions); and (*Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/10/05*)
- (b) The student-athlete has satisfied one of the following provisions: (*Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/10/05*)
 - (1) Graduated from the two-year college. At least 25 percent of the credit hours used to fulfill the student's academic degree requirements must be earned at the two-year college that awards the degree per Bylaw 14.5.4.4.4; or (*Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/10/05*)
 - (2) Satisfactorily completed an average of at least 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferable degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for each academic term of full-time attendance with a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.000 (see Bylaw 14.5.4.4.3.2). (*Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/10/05*)

14.5.4.2.1 Additional Transferable Degree Credit Requirements for Partial Qualifiers and Nonqualifiers. In addition to the requirements specified in Bylaw 14.5.4.2, a transfer student from a two-year college who is either a partial qualifier or nonqualifier shall have a minimum of six semester or eight quarter hours of transferable English credit and three semester or four quarter hours of transferable math credit. Remedial English and math courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement. (*Adopted: 1/15/11 effective: 8/1/11, for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/11*)

14.5.4.2.1.1 Exception. A partial qualifier or nonqualifier who graduates from the two-year college is not required to satisfy the six semester or eight quarter hours of transferable English and three semester or four quarter hours of transferable math credit-hour requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4.2.1. (*Adopted: 7/26/11 effective 8/1/11, for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/11*)

14.5.4.2.1.2 Previous Four-Year College Attendance. A transfer student from a two-year college who has previously attended a four-year college as a full-time student may use transferable English and math credits earned while enrolled at the four-year institution to meet the additional transferable degree credit requirements. (*Adopted: 7/26/11 effective 8/1/11 for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/11*)

14.5.4.2.2 Application. If a two-year college transfer has never attended a four-year college as a full-time student, then the full-time semester(s)/quarter(s), the transferable degree credit(s) (including part-time hours) and academic degree(s) from any two-year college(s) attended shall be considered. If the two-year college transfer has previously attended a four-year college as a full-time student during his or her academic career, then only the full-time semester(s)/quarter(s), transferable degree credit(s) (including part-time hours) and academic degree(s) earned at the two-year college(s) attended after the last full-time enrollment at a four-year college shall be considered. (*Adopted: 8/5/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 1/10/05, 7/26/11*)

14.5.4.2.3 Qualifiers and Partial Qualifiers. Qualifiers and partial qualifiers who do not meet the requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4.2, may practice and receive athletics aid (but may not compete) at the certifying institution during their first academic year of residence. (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*)

14.5.4.2.4 Nonqualifiers. Nonqualifiers who do not meet the requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4.2, may receive nonathletics aid (but may not compete, practice or receive any athletics aid) at the certifying institution during their first academic year in residence. (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*)

14.5.4.2.5 Exception—Previous Four-Year College Attendance—Graduation After One Semester or Quarter. A student who transfers from a four-year college to a two-year college and then to the certifying institution is eligible for competition, practice and athletics aid during his or her first year at the certifying institution, provided the student: *(Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11 for a two-year college transfer student-athlete with previous four-year collegiate attendance enrolling at a Division II institution on or after 8/1/11)*

- (a) Attended the last two-year college as a full-time student for only one semester or one quarter; and
- (b) Graduated from that two-year college.

14.5.4.2.5.1 Additional Transferable English and Math Degree Credit Requirements for Partial Qualifiers and Nonqualifiers. A partial qualifier or nonqualifier who transfers from a four-year college, to a two-year college and graduates after only one semester or one quarter and then to the certifying institution is not required to satisfy the six semester or eight quarter hours of transferable English and three semester or four quarter hours of transferable math credit-hour requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4.2.1. *(Adopted: 7/26/11 effective 8/1/11, for a two-year college transfer student-athlete with previous four-year collegiate attendance enrolling at a Division II institution on or after 8/1/11)*

14.5.4.3 Subvarsity Competition. A transfer from a two-year college who has not met the eligibility requirements set forth in Bylaws 14.5.4.1 and 14.5.4.2 shall be eligible to compete only at the subvarsity level at the certifying institution. Such subvarsity competition shall count as a season of competition in the sport involved. A transfer student from a two-year college who was not a qualifier and who has not met the eligibility requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4.2 shall not be eligible to compete at the subvarsity level during the first year in residence at the certifying institution. However, such a student who is a nonqualifier may participate in subvarsity practice sessions, provided they are conducted separate from varsity sessions. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/9/96, 1/14/97)*

14.5.4.4 Two-Year College Transfer Regulations. The following regulations shall be applied in administering the eligibility requirements for two-year college transfers.

14.5.4.4.1 Previous Enrollment at Two-Year Institution. The two-year college transfer requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4 apply to all two-year college transfers regardless of whether the student-athlete attended one or more four-year colleges prior to his or her full-time enrollment at the two-year institution. *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

14.5.4.4.2 Credit Earned at Four-Year Institution. If a student-athlete attends a two-year college and, before regular enrollment at the certifying institution, attains additional credits as a part-time student in a four-year collegiate institution, the hours accumulated at the four-year institution may be used by the certifying institution in determining the student-athlete's eligibility under the credit-hour requirement of the two-year college transfer provisions, provided: *(Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

- (a) These hours are accepted by the two-year college and are placed on the transcript or other official document by the two-year college from which the student-athlete transfers before the date of initial regular enrollment at the certifying institution. Any official document (other than the student's transcript) used by the two-year college for this purpose includes the official seal of the two-year college, is signed by the appropriate academic official of the two-year college and is forwarded directly from the two-year college to the appropriate admissions official of the certifying institution; or *(Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*
- (b) Prior approval by the appropriate academic official of the two-year college was obtained by the student, granting permission to satisfactorily complete hours as a part-time student at a four-year collegiate institution before the date of initial regular enrollment at the certifying institution. Acceptance of approved hours must be in accordance with the transfer policies and procedures of both the two-year college and the certifying institution. *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

14.5.4.4.3 Determination of Transferable Degree Credit. For the purpose of determining transferable degree credit, the institution may count those courses accepted as degree credit in any of its colleges, schools or departments.

14.5.4.4.3.1 Transferable Credit, Unacceptable Grade. Credit hours for courses with grades not considered acceptable for transferable degree credit for all students at an institution shall not be counted in determining whether the transfer requirement for total number of hours is satisfied.

14.5.4.4.3.2 Calculation of Grade-Point Average for Transferable Credit. Grades earned in all courses that are normally transferable to an institution shall be considered in determining the qualitative grade-point average for meeting transfer requirements, regardless of the grade earned or whether such grade makes the course unacceptable for transferable degree credit. Only the last grade earned in a course that has been repeated shall be included in the grade-point-average calculation.

14.5.4.4.4 Academic Degree. In order to satisfy the two-year-college graduation requirement for eligibility immediately on transfer from a two-year college to a member institution, a student-athlete must receive an associate or equivalent degree in an academic, rather than a vocational or technical, curriculum. The Academic Requirements Committee shall have the authority to determine whether a two-year college degree is academic, rather than vocational or technical, in nature. *(Revised: 1/10/95)*

14.5.4.4.5 Transfer to Four-Year College Prior to Completion of Requirements. The requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4 must be met before a student-athlete's transfer to the certifying institution. Thus, if a two-year college student transfers (as defined in Bylaw 14.5.2) to an institution before the completion of applicable transfer requirements, the student is subject to the one-year residence requirement at the certifying institution, even though the student transfers back to the two-year college and completes the necessary requirements.

14.5.4.4.6 Participation Before Certification—Recruited and Nonrecruited Student-Athlete. If a recruited or a nonrecruited two-year college transfer reports for athletics participation before the student-athlete's high school or two-year college academic record has been certified, the student-athlete may practice, but not compete, for a maximum of 45 days. After this period, the student-athlete shall have established minimum requirements as a transfer to continue practicing or to compete. (*Revised: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*)

14.5.4.4.7 Competition in Year of Transfer. A transfer student from a two-year institution, who has met the two-year transfer eligibility requirements (per Bylaw 14.5.4), is not eligible to compete during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship at the certifying institution if the student-athlete has competed during that segment of the same academic year in that sport at the previous two-year institution. (*Revised: 1/11/94, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*)

14.5.4.5 Exceptions or Waivers for Transfer From Two-Year Colleges. A transfer student from a two-year college or from a branch school that conducts an intercollegiate athletics program is not subject to the residence requirement at the certifying institution, if any one of the following conditions is met. An individual who is a partial qualifier or nonqualifier shall not be permitted to use the exceptions under this bylaw.

14.5.4.5.1 Discontinued/Nonsponsored Sport Exception. The student changed institutions in order to continue participation in a sport because the student's original two-year college dropped the sport from its intercollegiate program (even though it may re-establish that sport on a club basis) or never sponsored the sport on the intercollegiate level while the student was in attendance at that institution, provided the student never attended any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that sport and the student earned at least a minimum 2.000 grade-point average (see Bylaw 14.5.4.4.3.2) at the two-year college. (*Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/90*)

14.5.4.5.1.1 Original Collegiate Institution. In applying this provision for an exception to the residence requirement, the original collegiate institution shall be the two-year college in which the student was enrolled immediately before the transfer to the certifying institution, provided that, if the student is transferring from a two-year college that never sponsored the sport on the intercollegiate level, the student never shall have attended any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that sport.

14.5.4.5.2 Nonrecruited Student Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution and the following conditions are met: (*Revised: 1/11/89*)

- (a) The student was not recruited per Bylaw 13.02.10.1 by the certifying institution;
- (b) No athletically related financial assistance has been received by the student-athlete;
- (c) The student-athlete has not competed for any previous institution and has not participated in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in intercollegiate athletics beyond a 14-consecutive-calendar-day period at any previous institution. The 14-consecutive-calendar-day-period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity; and (*Revised: 1/12/04, 7/24/07*)
- (d) The student-athlete was eligible for admission to the certifying institution before initial enrollment in the two-year college.

14.5.4.5.3 Two-Year Nonparticipation or Minimal Participation Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution from a two-year college and, for a consecutive two-year period immediately before the date on which the student begins participation (countable athletically related activities), the student has not competed and has not participated in other countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in the involved sport beyond a 14-consecutive-calendar-day-period, or has not participated in organized noncollegiate amateur competition while enrolled as a full-time student in a collegiate institution. The 14-consecutive-calendar-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity. The two-year period does not include any period of time before the student's initial collegiate enrollment. (*Revised: 10/20/03, 1/10/05, 1/8/07 for any progress-toward-degree certification or transfer on or after 8/1/06*)

14.5.4.5.4 Return to Original Institution Exception. The student returns to the four-year college from which he or she transferred to the two-year college, provided the student did not have an unfulfilled residence requirement at the time of the transfer from the four-year college. The amount of time originally spent in residence at the first four-year college may be used by the student in completing the unfulfilled residence requirement at that institution. (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*)

14.5.4.6 Waivers. The Academic Requirements Committee shall have the authority to waive all two-year college transfer requirements based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances that warrant the waiver of the normal application of those regulations. *(Adopted: 6/1/14 effective 7/1/14)*

Delayed effective date. See specific date below.

14.5.4 Two-Year College Transfers. A student who transfers to a member institution from a two-year college or from a branch school that conducts an intercollegiate athletics program must complete an academic year of residence (see Bylaw 14.02.11), unless the student meets the following eligibility requirements applicable to the division of which the certifying institution is a member. *(Revised: 1/10/92, 4/4/07, 4/30/10, 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for student-athletes initially enrolling in a Division II institution on or after 8/1/16)*

14.5.4.1 Eligibility for Competition, Practice and Athletics Aid—Graduation From Two-Year College. A transfer student from a two-year college who has graduated from the two-year college is eligible for competition, practice and athletics aid during the first academic year in residence, provided: *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for student-athletes initially enrolling in a Division II institution on or after 8/1/16)*

- (a) The student-athlete has attended the two-year college as a full-time student for at least two semesters or three quarters (excluding summer sessions); and
- (b) At least 25 percent of the credit hours used to fulfill the student's academic degree requirements are earned at the two-year college that awards the degree per Bylaw 14.5.4.5.4 (see Bylaw 14.4 for progress-toward-degree requirements for transfer student-athletes).

14.5.4.1.1 Application. If a two-year college transfer has never attended a four-year college as a full-time student, then the full-time semester(s)/quarter(s) and academic degree(s) from any two-year college(s) attended shall be considered. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for student-athletes initially enrolling in a Division II institution on or after 8/1/16)*

14.5.4.1.2 Exception—Previous Four-Year College Attendance—Graduation After One Semester or Quarter. A student who transfers from a four-year college to a two-year college and then to the certifying institution is eligible for competition, practice and athletics aid during his or her first year at the certifying institution, provided the student: *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for student-athletes initially enrolling in a Division II institution on or after 8/1/16)*

- (a) Attended the last two-year college as a full-time student for only one semester or one quarter; and
- (b) Graduated from that two-year college.

14.5.4.2 Eligibility for Competition, Practice and Athletics Aid—Qualifier With No Four-Year College Attendance and Only One Term of Attendance at a Two-Year College. A transfer student from a two-year college who was a qualifier (per Bylaw 14.3.1.1), has not previously attended a four-year collegiate institution and has only attended a two-year college for one academic term (semester or quarter), is eligible for competition, practice and athletics aid during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution, provided: *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for student-athletes initially enrolling in a Division II institution on or after 8/1/16)*

- (a) The student-athlete has attended the two-year college as a full-time student for only one semester or one quarter (excluding summer sessions);
- (b) The student-athlete has satisfactorily completed at least 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferable credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for the full-time academic term of attendance at the two-year college; and
- (c) The student-athlete has presented a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.200 (see Bylaw 14.5.4.5.3.2).

14.5.4.2.1 Use of Physical Education Activity Courses. Not more than two credit hours of physical education activity courses may be used to fulfill the transferable degree credit and grade-point average requirements. However, a student-athlete enrolling in a physical education degree program or a degree program in education at the certifying institution that requires physical education activity courses may use up to the minimum number of credits of physical education activity courses that are required for the specific degree program to fulfill the transferable degree credit and grade-point average requirements. Additional credit hours of physical education activity courses may not be used to fulfill elective requirements. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for student-athletes initially enrolling in a Division II institution on or after 8/1/16)*

14.5.4.2.2 Practice and Receipt of Athletics Aid. Qualifiers who do not meet the requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4.2 may practice and receive athletics aid (but may not compete) at the certifying institution during their first academic year of residence. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for student-athletes initially enrolling in a Division II institution on or after 8/1/16)*

14.5.4.3 Eligibility for Competition, Practice and Athletics Aid—All Other Qualifiers, Partial Qualifiers and Nonqualifiers. A transfer student from a two-year college is eligible for competition, practice and athletics aid during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution, provided: *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for student-athletes initially enrolling in a Division II institution on or after 8/1/16)*

- (a) The student-athlete has attended the two-year college as a full-time student for at least two semesters or three quarters (excluding summer sessions);
- (b) The student-athlete has satisfactorily completed an average of at least 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferable credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for each full-time academic term of attendance at the two-year college;
- (c) The student-athlete has satisfactorily completed the following transferable credit-hour requirements:
 - (1) Six semester or eight quarter hours of English;
 - (2) Three semester or four quarter hours of math; and
 - (3) Three semester or four quarter hours of natural or physical science;
 Remedial credit hours may not be used to satisfy these requirements. A transfer student from a two-year college who has previously attended a four-year college as a full-time student may use transferable English, math and science credits earned while enrolled at the four-year institution.
- (d) The student-athlete has presented a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.200 (see Bylaw 14.5.4.4.3.2).

14.5.4.3.1 Use of Physical Education Activity Courses. Not more than two credit hours of physical education activity courses may be used to fulfill the transferable degree credit and grade-point average requirements. However, a student-athlete enrolling in a physical education degree program or a degree program in education at the certifying institution that requires physical education activity courses may use up to the minimum number of credits of physical education activity courses that are required for the specific degree program to fulfill the transferable degree credit and grade-point average requirements. Additional credit hours of physical education activity courses may not be used to fulfill elective requirements. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for student-athletes initially enrolling in a Division II institution on or after 8/1/16)*

14.5.4.3.2 Application.

- (a) **Transfer Never Attended a Four-Year Institution as a Full-Time Student.** If a two-year college transfer has never attended a four-year institution as a full-time student, then the full-time semester(s)/quarter(s) and the transferable degree credit(s) (including part-time hours) from any two-year college(s) attended shall be considered. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for student-athletes initially enrolling in a Division II institution on or after 8/1/16)*
- (b) **Transfer Previously Attended a Four-Year Institution as a Full-Time Student.** If the two-year college transfer has previously attended a four-year institution as a full-time student during his or her academic career, then only the full-time semester(s)/quarter(s) and transferable degree credit(s) (including part-time hours) earned at the two-year college(s) attended after the last full-time enrollment at a four-year college shall be considered. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for student-athletes initially enrolling in a Division II institution on or after 8/1/16)*

14.5.4.3.3 Practice and Receipt of Athletics Aid—Qualifiers and Partial Qualifiers. Qualifiers and partial qualifiers who do not meet the requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4.3, may practice and receive aid (but may not compete) at the certifying institution during their first academic year in residence. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for student-athletes initially enrolling in a Division II institution on or after 8/1/16)*

14.5.4.3.4 Practice and Receipt of Athletics Aid—Nonqualifier. A nonqualifier who meets the requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4.3-(a) through 14.5.4.3-(c) and presented a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.000, may practice and receive athletics aid (but may not compete) at the certifying institution during the first academic year of residence. *(Adopted: 1/18/14 effective 8/1/16, for student-athletes initially enrolling in a Division II institution on or after 8/1/16)*

14.5.4.4 Subvarsity Competition. A transfer from a two-year college who has not met the eligibility requirements set forth in Bylaws 14.5.4.1, 14.5.4.2 or 14.5.4.3 shall be eligible to compete only at the subvarsity level at the certifying institution. Such subvarsity competition shall count as a season of competition in the sport involved. A transfer student from a two-year college who was not a qualifier and who has not met the eligibility requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4.3 shall not be eligible to compete at the subvarsity level during the first year in residence at the certifying institution. However, such a student who is a nonqualifier may participate in subvarsity practice sessions, provided they are conducted separate from varsity sessions. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/9/96, 1/14/97)*

14.5.4.5 Two-Year College Transfer Regulations. The following regulations shall be applied in administering the eligibility requirements for two-year college transfers.

14.5.4.5.1 Previous Enrollment at Two-Year Institution. The two-year college transfer requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4 apply to all two-year college transfers regardless of whether the student-athlete attended one or more four-year colleges prior to his or her full-time enrollment at the two-year institution. *(Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

14.5.4.5.2 Credit Earned at Four-Year Institution. If a student-athlete attends a two-year college and, before regular enrollment at the certifying institution, attains additional credits as a part-time student in a four-year collegiate institution, the hours accumulated at the four-year institution may be used by the certifying institution in determining the student-athlete's eligibility under the credit-hour requirement of the two-year college transfer provisions, provided: *(Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

- (a) These hours are accepted by the two-year college and are placed on the transcript or other official document by the two-year college from which the student-athlete transfers before the date of initial regular enrollment at the certifying institution. Any official document (other than the student's transcript) used by the two-year college for this purpose includes the official seal of the two-year college, is signed by the appropriate academic official of the two-year college and is forwarded directly from the two-year college to the appropriate admissions official of the certifying institution; or *(Revised: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*
- (b) Prior approval by the appropriate academic official of the two-year college was obtained by the student, granting permission to satisfactorily complete hours as a part-time student at a four-year collegiate institution before the date of initial regular enrollment at the certifying institution. Acceptance of approved hours must be in accordance with the transfer policies and procedures of both the two-year college and the certifying institution. *(Adopted: 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07)*

14.5.4.5.3 Determination of Transferable Degree Credit. For the purpose of determining transferable degree credit, the institution may count those courses accepted as degree credit in any of its colleges, schools or departments.

14.5.4.5.3.1 Transferable Credit, Unacceptable Grade. Credit hours for courses with grades not considered acceptable for transferable degree credit for all students at an institution shall not be counted in determining whether the transfer requirement for total number of hours is satisfied.

14.5.4.5.3.2 Calculation of Grade-Point Average for Transferable Credit. Grades earned in all courses that are normally transferable to an institution shall be considered in determining the qualitative grade-point average for meeting transfer requirements, regardless of the grade earned or whether such grade makes the course unacceptable for transferable degree credit. Only the last grade earned in a course that has been repeated shall be included in the grade-point-average calculation.

14.5.4.5.4 Academic Degree. In order to satisfy the two-year-college graduation requirement for eligibility immediately on transfer from a two-year college to a member institution, a student-athlete must receive an associate or equivalent degree in an academic, rather than a vocational or technical, curriculum. The Academic Requirements Committee shall have the authority to determine whether a two-year college degree is academic, rather than vocational or technical, in nature. *(Revised: 1/10/95)*

14.5.4.5.5 Transfer to Four-Year College Prior to Completion of Requirements. The requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4 must be met before a student-athlete's transfer to the certifying institution. Thus, if a two-year college student transfers (as defined in Bylaw 14.5.2) to an institution before the completion of applicable transfer requirements, the student is subject to the one-year residence requirement at the certifying institution, even though the student transfers back to the two-year college and completes the necessary requirements.

14.5.4.5.6 Participation Before Certification—Recruited and Nonrecruited Student-Athlete. If a recruited or a nonrecruited two-year college transfer reports for athletics participation before the student-athlete's high school or two-year college academic record has been certified, the student-athlete may practice, but not compete, for a maximum of 45 days. After this period, the student-athlete shall have established minimum requirements as a transfer to continue practicing or to compete. *(Revised: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

14.5.4.5.7 Competition in Year of Transfer. A transfer student from a two-year institution, who has met the two-year transfer eligibility requirements (per Bylaw 14.5.4), is not eligible to compete during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship at the certifying institution if the student-athlete has competed during that segment of the same academic year in that sport at the previous two-year institution. *(Revised: 1/11/94, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

14.5.4.6 Exceptions or Waivers for Transfer From Two-Year Colleges. A transfer student from a two-year college or from a branch school that conducts an intercollegiate athletics program is not subject to the residence requirement at the certifying institution, if any one of the following conditions is met. An individual who is a partial qualifier or nonqualifier shall not be permitted to use the exceptions under this bylaw.

14.5.4.6.1 Discontinued/Non-sponsored Sport Exception. The student changed institutions in order to continue participation in a sport because the student's original two-year college dropped the sport from its intercollegiate program (even though it may re-establish that sport on a club basis) or never sponsored the sport on the intercollegiate level while the student was in attendance at that institution, provided the student never attended any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that sport and the student earned at least a minimum 2.000 grade-point average (see Bylaw 14.5.4.5.3.2) at the two-year college. *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/90)*

14.5.4.6.1.1 Original Collegiate Institution. In applying this provision for an exception to the residence requirement, the original collegiate institution shall be the two-year college in which the student was enrolled immediately before the transfer to the certifying institution, provided that, if the student is transferring from a two-year college that never sponsored the sport on the intercollegiate level, the student never shall have attended any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that sport.

14.5.4.5.2 Nonrecruited Student Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution and the following conditions are met: (*Revised: 1/11/89*)

- (a) The student was not recruited per Bylaw 13.02.10.1 by the certifying institution;
- (b) No athletically related financial assistance has been received by the student-athlete;
- (c) The student-athlete has not competed for any previous institution and has not participated in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in intercollegiate athletics beyond a 14-consecutive calendar-day period at any previous institution. The 14-consecutive-calendar-day-period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity; and (*Revised: 1/12/04, 7/24/07*)
- (d) The student-athlete was eligible for admission to the certifying institution before initial enrollment in the two-year college.

14.5.4.6.3 Two-Year Nonparticipation or Minimal Participation Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution from a two-year college and, for a consecutive two-year period immediately before the date on which the student begins participation (countable athletically related activities), the student has not competed and has not participated in other countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in the involved sport beyond a 14-consecutive-calendar-day-period, or has not participated in organized noncollegiate amateur competition while enrolled as a full-time student in a collegiate institution. The 14-consecutive calendar-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity. The two-year period does not include any period of time before the student's initial collegiate enrollment. (*Revised: 10/20/03, 1/10/05, 1/8/07 for any progress-toward-degree certification or transfer on or after 8/1/06*)

14.5.4.6.4 Return to Original Institution Exception. The student returns to the four-year college from which he or she transferred to the two-year college, provided the student did not have an unfulfilled residence requirement at the time of the transfer from the four-year college. The amount of time originally spent in residence at the first four-year college may be used by the student in completing the unfulfilled residence requirement at that institution. (*Adopted: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03*)

14.5.4.7 Waivers. The Academic Requirements Committee shall have the authority to waive all two-year college transfer requirements based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances that warrant the waiver of the normal application of those regulations. (*Adopted: 6/1/14 effective 7/1/14*)

14.5.5 Four-Year College Transfers. See Bylaw 13.1.1.2 for prohibition against contacting student-athletes of another four-year collegiate institution without permission of that institution's athletics director. (See Bylaw 14.4 for progress-toward-degree requirements for transfer student-athletes.) (*Revised: 4/4/07*)

14.5.5.1 General Rule. A transfer student from a four-year institution shall not be eligible for intercollegiate competition at a member institution until the student has fulfilled a residence requirement of one full academic year (two full semesters or three full quarters) at the certifying institution (see Bylaw 14.02.11). (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 4/30/10*)

14.5.5.1.1 Attendance for One Academic Year. A transfer student from a four-year institution who attended a four-year institution at least one academic year shall be eligible for financial aid and practice at a Division II institution under the rules of the institution and the conference of which the institution is a member, regardless of the student's qualification status (per Bylaw 14.3.1) at the time of initial enrollment.

14.5.5.1.2 Attendance for Less Than One Academic Year. A transfer student from a four-year institution who was a partial qualifier (as defined in Bylaw 14.02.10.2) or a nonqualifier (as defined in Bylaw 14.02.10.3) and who attended the four-year institution less than one full academic year shall not be eligible for competition during the first academic year of attendance at the certifying institution. Participation in practice sessions and the receipt of financial aid during the first academic year of attendance at the certifying institution by such students is governed by the provisions of Bylaws 14.3.2.1 (partial qualifiers) and 14.3.2.2 (nonqualifiers).

14.5.5.2 Subvarsity Competition. A transfer student from a four-year institution who was a qualifier shall be eligible to compete immediately at the subvarsity level only at the certifying institution before meeting the transfer eligibility requirements. Such subvarsity competition shall count as a season of competition in the sport involved. A transfer student from a four-year institution who was not a qualifier shall not be eligible to compete at the subvarsity level during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution. However, such a

student who is a nonqualifier may participate in subvarsity practice sessions, provided they are conducted separate from varsity practice sessions. *(Revised: 1/9/96, 1/14/97)*

14.5.5.3 Exceptions for Transfers From Four-Year Colleges. A transfer student (other than one under disciplinary suspension per Bylaw 14.5.1.1) from a four-year collegiate institution is not subject to the residence requirement for intercollegiate competition, provided the student does not have an unfulfilled residence requirement at the institution from which he or she is transferring (except for the return to the original institution without participation exception) and any of the following exceptions are satisfied. However, during the student-athlete's first academic year of full-time collegiate enrollment, such conditions may serve as a basis for an exception to the residence requirement for transfer students to a Division II institution who, at the time of initial collegiate enrollment, met the requirements for "qualifiers" (set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1.1) in Division II. *(Revised: 1/10/90, 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/10/05)*

14.5.5.3.1 Educational Exchange Exception. The student returns to his or her original institution under any of the following conditions:

- (a) After participation in a cooperative educational exchange program or work experience program (e.g., co-op, internship, practicum, student-teaching), provided the student is to receive a baccalaureate degree from the institution from which the student transferred to participate in the exchange program; *(Revised: 1/11/12)*
- (b) After one semester or quarter of attendance at another institution for purposes of taking academic courses not available at the original institution, regardless of whether they are required in the degree program the student-athlete is pursuing at the first institution. In such an instance, the student also may take additional courses that were available at the first institution; or
- (c) After one academic year of attendance at another collegiate institution, in accordance with the program recommended by the appropriate academic officer at the original institution, provided the student was in good academic standing at the time the student left the original institution.

14.5.5.3.2 Exchange Student Exception. The student is enrolled in the certifying institution for a specified period of time as an exchange student participating in a formal and established educational exchange program (e.g., sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Rotary International, the Ford Foundation, the Institute of International Education) recognized by the institution's academic authorities. (See Bylaw 14.4.1.1.) *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/92, 7/20/10)*

14.5.5.3.3 Discontinued Academic Program Exception. The certifying institution concludes that the student changed institutions in order to continue a major course of study because the original institution discontinued the academic program in the student's major. *(Revised: 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00)*

14.5.5.3.4 Military Service, Religious Mission Exception. The student returns from at least 12 months of active service in the armed forces of the United States, or from at least 12 months of active service on an official religious mission. *(Revised: 1/9/06, 4/20/10)*

14.5.5.3.4.1 Collegiate Enrollment Concurrent With Military Service or Religious Mission. The amount of time that an individual is enrolled as a regular student in a collegiate institution while concurrently on active military duty or engaged in active service on an official religious mission may not be counted as a part of the 12-month active-duty period that qualifies a student for an exception to the transfer residence requirement. *(Revised: 4/20/10, 6/16/10)*

14.5.5.3.5 Discontinued/Nonsponsored Sport Exception. In a particular sport when the student transfers at any time to the certifying institution and participates in the sport on the intercollegiate level after any of the following conditions has occurred:

- (a) The student's original four-year collegiate institution dropped the sport [in which the student has participated in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) at that institution in intercollegiate competition] from its intercollegiate program. This exception becomes applicable at the time the student-athlete's institution indicates through public announcement that his or her sport will be discontinued; or *(Revised: 1/12/04, 1/10/05)*
- (b) The student's original four-year collegiate institution never sponsored the sport on the intercollegiate level while the student was in attendance at the institution, provided the student had never transferred from any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that particular sport.

14.5.5.3.5.1 Original Institution. In applying this provision for an exception to the residence requirement, the original collegiate institution shall be the one in which the student was enrolled immediately before transfer to the certifying institution, it being understood that, if the student is transferring from an institution that never sponsored the sport on the intercollegiate level, the student never shall have attended any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that sport.

14.5.5.3.6 Two-Year Nonparticipation or Minimal Participation Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution from another four-year college and, for a consecutive two-year period immediately before the date on which the student begins participation (countable athletically related activities), the student has not competed and has not participated in other countable athletically related activities (see By-

law 17.02.1) in the involved sport beyond a 14-consecutive-calendar-day period, or has not participated in organized noncollegiate amateur competition while enrolled as a full-time student in a collegiate institution. The 14-consecutive-calendar-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity. The two-year period does not include any period of time before the student's initial collegiate enrollment. (Revised: 1/10/95, 1/12/04, 1/10/05, 1/8/07 for any progress-toward-degree certification or transfer on or after 8/1/06)

14.5.5.3.7 Return to Original Institution Without Participation or With Minimal Participation Exception. The student enrolls at a second four-year collegiate institution, does not compete and does not participate in other countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in the involved sport at the second institution beyond a 14-consecutive-calendar-day period and returns to the original institution. The 14-consecutive-calendar-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity. A student may use this exception even if he or she has an unfulfilled residence requirement at the institution from which he or she is transferring. (Revised: 1/12/04, 4/29/04, 4/11/06)

14.5.5.3.8 Nonrecruited Student Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution, and the following conditions are met:

- (a) The student-athlete was not recruited by the certifying institution (per Bylaw 13.02.10.1);
- (b) No athletically related financial assistance has been received by the student-athlete; and
- (c) The student-athlete has not competed for any previous institution and has not participated in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in intercollegiate athletics beyond a 14-consecutive-calendar-day period at any previous institution. The 14-consecutive-calendar-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity. (Revised: 1/12/04, 1/8/07 for any transfer occurring on or after 8/1/06)

14.5.5.3.9 One-Time Transfer Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution from another four-year collegiate institution, and all of the following conditions are met (for graduate students, see Bylaw 14.1.8.1): (Revised: 4/28/05 effective 8/1/05, for those student-athletes who transfer to a Division II institution for the 2005-06 academic year, 5/3/07)

- (a) The student has not transferred previously from one four-year institution, unless, in the previous transfer, the student-athlete received an exception per Bylaw 14.5.5.3.5 (discontinued/nonsponsored sport exception) or 14.8.2.1-(d) (residence requirement). A student-athlete who, prior to the transfer to the certifying institution, attended two four-year institutions ("4-2-4-4" transfer), does not meet this condition regardless of whether the student was enrolled at a two-year institution between attendance at the two previous four-year institutions; (Revised: 1/11/94, 1/11/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, 5/3/07, 10/21/08)
- (b) The student is in good academic standing and meets the progress-toward-degree requirements at the previous four-year institution at the time of transfer to the certifying institution. The transferring student must be one who would have been academically eligible had he or she remained at the institution from which the student transferred, and he or she also must be eligible at the certifying institution as a regularly enrolled, full-time, degree-seeking student who was admitted in accordance with the regular, published entrance requirements of the institution; and (Revised: 1/10/95, 1/9/96, 8/8/05, 5/3/07)
- (c) If the student is transferring from an NCAA or NAIA member institution, the student's previous institution shall certify in writing that it has no objection to the student being granted an exception to the transfer residence requirement. If the student's previous institution denies his or her request for the release, the athletics director (or his or her designee) shall inform the student-athlete in writing, within 14 consecutive calendar days from receipt of a student-athlete's written request, that he or she, on request, shall be provided a hearing conducted by an institutional entity or committee outside of the athletics department (e.g., the office of student affairs; office of the dean of students; or a committee composed of the faculty athletics representative, student-athletes and nonathletics faculty/staff members). The notification of the hearing opportunity shall include a copy of the institution's policies and procedures for conducting the required hearing, including the deadline by which a student-athlete must request such a hearing. The institution shall conduct the hearing within 30 consecutive calendar days of receiving a student-athlete's request for the hearing. (Revised: 1/11/94, 1/8/07 effective 8/1/07, 5/3/07, 1/14/08 effective 8/1/08, 10/22/13)
- (d) A student who has one season of competition remaining in his or her sport or two full-time semesters or three full-time quarters or fewer remaining in which to complete his or her eligibility and who has not earned a baccalaureate degree, shall have satisfactorily completed an average of 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferable degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for each term of full-time attendance, at any collegiate institution, with a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.000 in the transferable degree credits. (Adopted: 1/9/06 effective 8/1/06, Revised: 5/3/07, 4/28/09, 2/5/13)

14.5.5.4 Competition in Year of Transfer. A transfer student from a four-year institution, who has received a waiver of or exception to the transfer residence requirement (per Bylaw 14.1.8.1 or 14.5.5.3), is not eligible

to compete at the certifying institution during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship if the student-athlete has competed during that segment of the same academic year in that sport at the previous four-year institution. Therefore, if the institution from which a student-athlete transfers declares separate segments of its playing and practice season, a student-athlete may compete during the segment that does not conclude with the NCAA championship for such an institution and during the segment that does conclude with the NCAA championship for the certifying institution during the same academic year in the same sport, provided the student-athlete is otherwise eligible for competition. (*Adopted: 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95, Revised: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, 10/17/06, 1/25/10, 7/24/12*)

14.7 Outside Competition, Effects on Eligibility.

The eligibility of a student-athlete who engages in outside competition (see Bylaws 14.3.2.4 and 17.02.10) is affected as set forth in the following regulations. (*Revised: 3/17/06*)

14.7.1 Outside Competition, Sports Other Than Basketball. A student-athlete becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition in his or her sport (other than basketball) if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate squad or team, he or she competes or has competed as a member of any outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate season in the sport (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions) until eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. (*Revised: 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 4/11/06*)

14.7.1.1 Additional Restriction—Wrestling. In wrestling, a student-athlete may compete outside of the institution's intercollegiate season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition, except during the period between the beginning of the institution's academic year and November 1. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed the applicable limits set forth in Bylaw 17.29.2. (*Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11*)

14.7.1.2 Volleyball and Sand Volleyball. Volleyball and sand volleyball are considered the same sport for purposes of Bylaw 14.7. (*Adopted: 10/16/12*)

14.7.2 Outside Competition, Basketball. A student-athlete who participates in any organized basketball competition except while representing the institution in intercollegiate competition in accordance with the permissible playing season specified in Bylaw 17.3 becomes ineligible for any further intercollegiate competition in basketball (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions).

14.7.3 Additional Applications of Outside-Competition Regulations, Sports Other Than Basketball.

14.7.3.1 Eligibility Status. A student-athlete is considered to be a member of the institution's team, and therefore bound by this regulation in that sport, if the student-athlete:

- (a) Does not practice or compete but is receiving athletically related financial aid for the sport; or
- (b) Is ineligible to compete but practiced with a squad or team in the sport; or
- (c) Is eligible to compete but was not permitted to do so, other than taking part in practice sessions with the squad or team in the sport.

14.7.3.1.1 Exception. A student-athlete who fails to make the institution's team after participation only in limited preseason tryouts shall not be considered a member of the team for purposes of this regulation. (*Adopted: 1/16/93*)

14.7.3.2 Competition Between Seasons. If an institution conducts separate fall and spring practice or playing seasons in a sport, it is permissible for a student-athlete to participate in that sport on an outside team during the period between the two seasons without affecting his or her eligibility. (*Revised: 1/10/91 effective 8/1/91, 1/16/93*)

14.7.3.3 Postseason Competition. An institution's intercollegiate season includes any scheduled participation in the conference championship in the sport in question but excludes the period between the last regularly scheduled competition and the NCAA championship in that sport.

14.7.3.4 Competition as Individual/Not Representing Institution. It is permissible for a student-athlete to participate in outside competition as an individual during the academic year in the student-athlete's sport, as long as the student-athlete represents only himself or herself in the competition and does not engage in such competition as a member of or receive expenses from an outside team.

14.7.3.4.1 No Competition Between Beginning of Academic Year and November 1—Wrestling. In wrestling, a student-athlete shall not participate in outside competition as an individual between the beginning of the institution's academic year and November 1. (*Adopted: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11*)

14.7.3.5 Exempt Teams. In the individual sports (see Bylaw 17.02.15.2), such units as "pro-am" golf teams, doubles tennis teams, and relay teams in track and field are not considered to be outside teams for purposes of this legislation.

14.7.4 Additional Applications of Outside-Competition Regulations, Basketball.

14.7.4.1 Organized Basketball Competition. Outside basketball competition, including competition involving teams with fewer than five players, shall be considered “organized” if any one of the following conditions exists:

- (a) Teams are regularly formed, or team rosters are predetermined;
- (b) Competition is scheduled and publicized in advance;
- (c) Official score is kept;
- (d) Individual or team standings are maintained;
- (e) Official timer or game officials are used;
- (f) Team uniforms are used;
- (g) Admission is charged;
- (h) A team is privately or commercially sponsored; or
- (i) Competition is either directly or indirectly sponsored, promoted or administered by an individual, an organization or any other agency.

14.7.4.2 Individual Subject to Outside-Competition Regulations. Once a student-athlete becomes a candidate for the institution’s basketball team (i.e., has reported for the squad), or if the student was recruited by a member institution in part for basketball ability and enrolls in the institution, this prohibition against outside organized basketball competition remains applicable until the student-athlete’s intercollegiate basketball eligibility has been exhausted. This includes time while the student is officially withdrawn from college, fulfilling a residence requirement following transfer to another college, awaiting transfer or enrolled in a nonmember collegiate institution.

14.7.4.3 Nonrecruited, Nonparticipant. Participation by a student-athlete in organized basketball competition while enrolled in a member institution and having participated in a sport other than basketball would not jeopardize the student’s eligibility in basketball, if the individual had not been recruited in basketball and had not participated on or been a candidate for the institution’s intercollegiate basketball team.

14.7.5 Exceptions to Outside-Competition Regulations. The following exceptions to the outside-competition regulations are permitted.

14.7.5.1 In All Sports:

- (a) **High School Alumni Game.** A student-athlete may compete in one game a year involving players from the student-athlete’s former high school and its alumni team. In sports other than basketball, this game must take place during an official vacation period of the institution’s academic year.
- (b) **Olympic Games.** A student-athlete may participate in the official Olympic Games, in final tryouts that directly qualify competitors for the Olympic Games and in officially recognized competition directly qualifying participants for final Olympic Games tryouts. (*Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)
- (c) **Official Pan American Games Tryouts and Competition.** A student-athlete may participate in official Pan American Games tryouts and competition, including junior-level tryouts and competition. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 10/17/06*)
- (d) **U.S. National Teams.** A student-athlete may participate in official tryouts and competition involving national teams sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic Committee (or, for the student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic sport, the equivalent organization of that sport). (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)
- (e) **Official World Championships, World University Games, World University Championships, World Youth Championships and World Cup Tryouts and Competition.** A student-athlete may participate in official World Championships, World University Games, World University Championships, World Youth Championships and World Cup tryouts and competition, including junior-level tryouts and competition. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 1/14/02, 7/18/06, 10/17/06, 10/18/11*)
- (f) **Multisport Events.** A student-athlete may participate in officially recognized state and national multisport events. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

14.7.5.2 Additional Exceptions for Basketball Only:

- (a) **Summer Competition.** There are no restrictions on the participation of student-athletes in outside basketball competition during the summer. (*Revised: 1/14/97*)
- (b) **Puerto Rico Superior Basketball League.** A student-athlete who is a resident of Puerto Rico may participate in the Superior Basketball League of Puerto Rico (see Bylaw 12.02.4). (*Revised: 10/20/03*)
- (c) **United States vs. U.S. National Teams.** A student-athlete may participate in the United States against U.S. national teams. (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97*)

14.7.5.3 National-Team Criteria. A national team shall meet the following criteria: (*Adopted: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, Revised: 12/5/06, 7/20/10*)

- (a) It is designated by the U.S. Olympic Committee, national governing body or other organization recognized by the U.S. Olympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic sport, the equivalent organization in that sport); *(Revised: 5/10/13)*
- (b) Selection for such a team is made on a national qualification basis either through a defined selective process or actual tryouts, publicly announced; and
- (c) The international competition in question requires that the entries officially represent their respective nations, although it is not necessary to require team scoring by nation.

14.7.6 Collegiate All-Star Contests. A student-athlete who competes as a member of a squad in any college all-star contest shall be denied further intercollegiate eligibility in that sport.

14.8 Additional Waivers for Eligibility Requirements.

Conditions under which exceptions are permitted or waivers may be granted to specific eligibility requirements in this bylaw are noted in other sections of this bylaw. Other than these, there shall be no waiver by the Association of any of the provisions of this bylaw except as follows.

14.8.1 Management Council Waivers. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may waive specific provisions of this bylaw as follows.

14.8.1.1 Academic and General Requirements. The academic and general eligibility requirements may be waived under the following conditions or circumstances:

- (a) For student-athletes in times of national emergency;
- (b) For member institutions that have instituted a trimester or other accelerated academic program, provided any member institution applying for a waiver shall demonstrate a reasonable need for such waiver. Further, the Management Council shall grant no waiver that permits a student-athlete to compete in more than four seasons of intercollegiate competition. Under the waiver allowed, if a student in an accelerated academic program completes the requirements for a degree before completing eligibility, the student may participate in competition that begins within 90 days after completion of the requirements for the degree. The Management Council shall include a report of each such exception in its annual report to the Convention; and
- (c) For institutions that have suffered extraordinary personnel losses from one or more of their intercollegiate athletics teams due to accident or illness of a disastrous nature.

14.8.2 Committee for Legislative Relief Waivers. The Committee for Legislative Relief may waive specific provisions of this bylaw as follows. *(Adopted: 7/24/12)*

14.8.2.1 Residence Requirement. The one-year residence requirement for student-athletes may be waived under the following conditions or circumstances: *(Revised: 7/24/12)*

- (a) For a student-athlete who transfers to a member institution for reasons of health. Such request for a waiver shall be initiated by any member institution and shall be supported by contemporaneous medical documentation and medical recommendations of that institution's team physician and/or the student-athlete's personal physician; *(Revised: 1/10/05 effective 8/1/05)*
- (b) For a student-athlete who transfers to a member institution after loss of eligibility due to a violation of the regulation prohibiting pay for participation in intercollegiate athletics (see Bylaw 12.1.2) or a violation of recruiting regulations (see Bylaw 13.01.1), or for a student-athlete who transfers to a Division I institution after loss of eligibility due to involvement in a violation of the freshman or transfer eligibility requirements for financial aid, practice and competition set forth in Bylaws 14.3.1, 14.5.4 and 14.5.5. The Management Council may waive these requirements only upon a determination of the innocence or inadvertent involvement of the student-athlete in the violation;
- (c) On the recommendation of the Committee on Infractions, for a student-athlete who transfers to a member institution to continue the student-athlete's opportunity for full participation in a sport because the student-athlete's original institution was placed on probation by the NCAA with sanctions that would preclude the institution's team in that sport from participating in postseason competition during all of the remaining seasons of the student-athlete's eligibility (see Bylaw 13.1.1.2.3); *(Revised: 1/10/92)*
- (d) For a student-athlete who transfers to a member institution to continue the student-athlete's opportunity for full participation in a sport because the student-athlete's original institution lost regional accreditation [or no longer meets the accreditation standard for an institution in the NCAA Canadian pilot program (see Constitution 3.2.1.1.1)] and forfeited immediately its membership in the Association per Constitution 3.2.5.2. *(Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, Revised: 1/15/11 effective 8/1/11, 10/16/12)*

14.9 U.S. Service Academies, Special Eligibility Provisions.

14.9.1 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement may approve waivers to the 10-semester/15-quarter rule (see Bylaw 14.2) for student-athletes of the national service academies who have exhausted eligibility in one sport but wish to compete in another sport or sports in which they have eligibility remaining. *(Revised: 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03)*

14.9.2 Transfer Status. A student who has attended as a freshman (plebe) only in the official summer-enrollment program of one of the four national service academies is not considered a transfer in the application of the transfer regulations of Bylaw 14.5.

14.10 Certification of Eligibility.

14.10.1 Institutional Responsibility for Eligibility Certification. The president or chancellor is responsible for approving the procedures for certifying the eligibility of an institution's student-athletes under NCAA legislation. The president or chancellor may designate an individual on the institution's staff to administer proper certification of eligibility. Certification of eligibility must occur prior to allowing a student-athlete to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition (see Bylaw 14.01.1). A violation of this bylaw in which the institution fails to certify a student-athlete's eligibility prior to allowing him or her to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such a violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility, provided all the necessary information to certify the student-athlete's eligibility was available to the institution and the student-athlete otherwise would have been eligible for competition. *(Revised: 1/14/02, 10/3/05, 10/23/07)*

14.10.2 Eligibility List Form. The institution's athletics director shall compile on a form approved by the Management Council a list of the squad members in each sport on the first day of competition and shall indicate thereon the status of each member in the designated categories. A student-athlete's name must be on the official institutional form in order for the student to be eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition. Violations of this bylaw do not affect a student-athlete's eligibility, if the violation occurred due to an institutional administrative error or oversight, and the student-athlete is added to the form once the omission is realized; however, the violation shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1. *(Revised: 1/14/97, 7/24/12 effective 8/1/13)*

14.10.2.1 Eligibility List. The following procedures shall be used for the eligibility list: *(Adopted: 7/24/12 effective 8/1/13)*

- (a) The forms shall be kept on file in the office of the athletics director, and such file shall be available for examination on request by an authorized representative of another member institution, the NCAA, and, if the institution is a member of a conference, an authorized representative of the conference;
- (b) Any student-athlete who signs a drug-testing consent form must be included on the institution's eligibility list, and any student-athlete who is included on the eligibility list must have signed a drug-testing consent form per Bylaw 14.1.4;
- (c) A supplementary form may be filed to add names of persons not initially on the eligibility list or to indicate a change of status;
- (d) A student-athlete's name must be on the official institutional form to qualify to represent the institution in intercollegiate athletics; and
- (e) The athletics director and head coach in the sport in which the student-athletes participate shall sign the eligibility list for that particular sport.

14.10.3 Drug-Testing Consent-Form Requirement. Any student-athlete who signs a drug-testing consent form must be included on the institution's eligibility list form, and any student-athlete who is included on the eligibility list must have signed a drug-testing consent form in accordance with Bylaw 14.1.4. *(Adopted 7/24/12 effective 8/1/13)*

14.11 Ineligibility.

14.11.1 Obligation of Member Institution to Withhold Student-Athlete From Competition. If a student-athlete is ineligible under the provisions of the constitution, bylaws or other regulations of the Association, the institution shall be obligated to apply immediately the applicable rule and to withhold the student-athlete from all intercollegiate competition. The institution may appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of the student-athlete's eligibility as provided in Bylaw 14.12, if it concludes that the circumstances warrant restoration.

14.11.1.1 Application of Ineligibility Ruling Pending Appeal. Once an interpretation (per Constitution 5.4.1.2) applicable to a member institution has been issued and results in the ineligibility of a student-athlete, it is necessary for the institution to apply the rule to the eligibility of the student-athlete, even if review of the interpretation (per Constitution 5.4.1.2.1.1 or Constitution 5.4.1.2.1.2) at the request of the institution is

pending. Failure to withhold such a student-athlete from competition is a violation of the conditions and obligations of membership. *(Revised: 5/11/09)*

14.11.1.2 Payment of Legal Fees During Appeal. A member institution may provide actual and necessary expenses for a prospective student-athlete to attend proceedings conducted by the institution, its athletics conference or the NCAA that relate to the prospective student-athlete's eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the prospective student-athlete either has signed a National Letter of Intent with the institution or (if the institution is not a subscribing member of the National Letter of Intent program) the prospective student-athlete has been accepted for enrollment by the institution and has provided written confirmation of his or her intent to enroll at the institution. The cost of legal representation in such proceedings also may be provided by the institution (or a representative of its athletic interests).

14.11.2 Ineligible Participation.

14.11.2.1 Loss of Eligibility. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate competition in a sport, if he or she participates in intercollegiate competition in that sport while ineligible under this bylaw or other applicable NCAA legislation. The certifying institution may appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of the student-athlete's eligibility, if it concludes that the circumstances warrant restoration (see Bylaw 14.12).

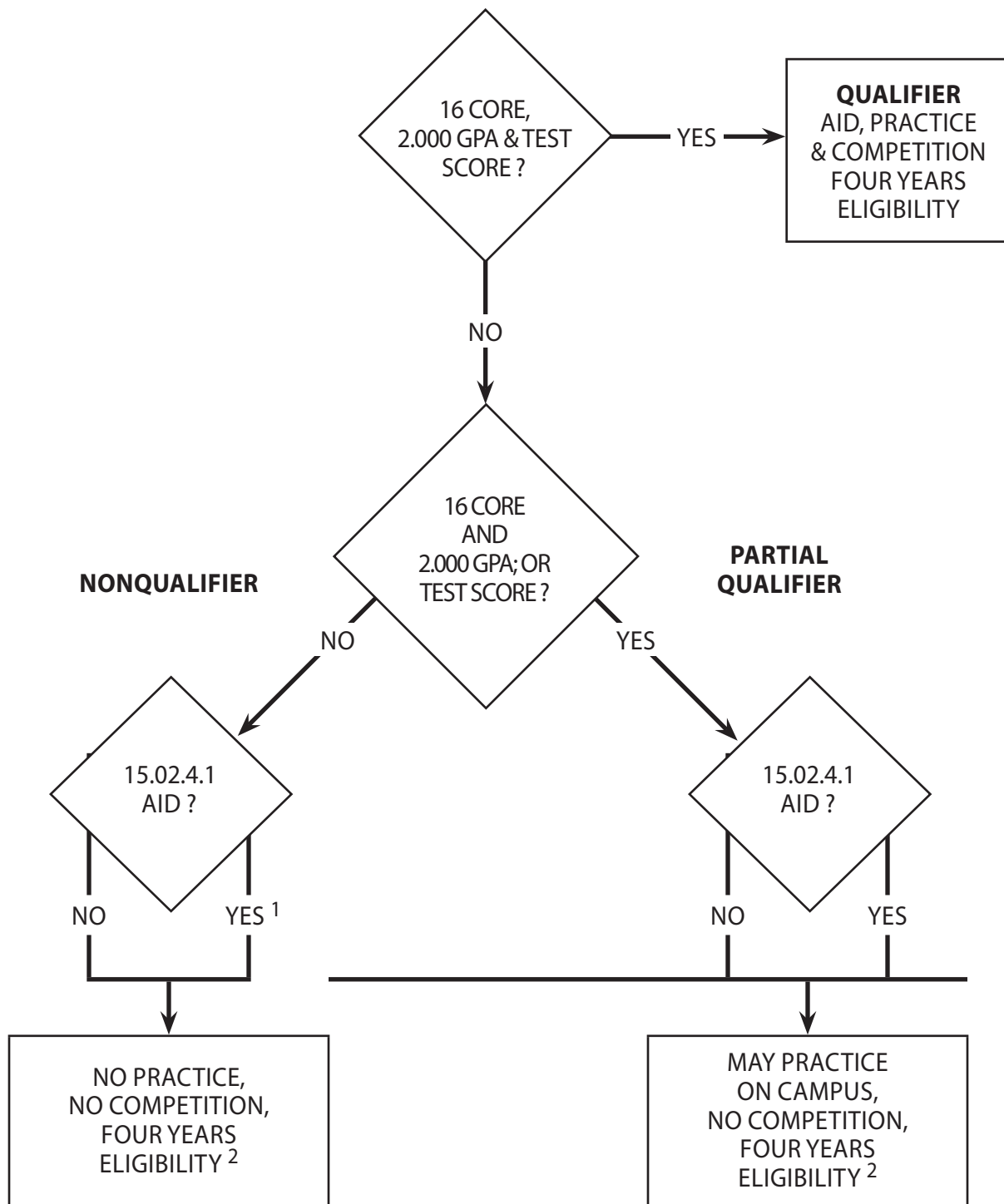
14.12 Restoration of Eligibility.

14.12.1 Basis for Appeal. When a student-athlete is determined to be ineligible under any applicable provision of the constitution, bylaws or other regulations of the Association, the member institution, having applied the applicable rule and having withheld the student-athlete from all intercollegiate competition, may appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of the student's eligibility, provided the institution concludes that the circumstances warrant restoration of eligibility.

14.12.2 Participation in Appeal Hearing. Any appeal to restore a student-athlete's eligibility shall be submitted in the name of the institution by the president or chancellor (or an individual designated by the president or chancellor), faculty athletics representative, senior woman administrator or athletics director (for the men's or women's program). At least one of those individuals must participate in any hearing of the appeal that involves direct participation by the student-athlete or other individuals representing the institution or the student. *(Revised: 1/11/94, 10/3/05)*

14.12.3 Student Responsibility, Relationship to Restoration of Eligibility. A student-athlete is responsible for his or her involvement in a secondary or major violation of NCAA regulations (as defined in Bylaws 19.02.2.1 and 19.02.2.2), and the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement may restore the eligibility of a student involved in any violation only when circumstances clearly warrant restoration. The eligibility of a student-athlete involved in a major violation shall not be restored other than through an exception authorized by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement in a unique case on the basis of specifically stated reasons.

FIGURE 14-1
Relationships between Academic Requirements,
Financial Aid and Eligibility (Bylaw 14.3) for High School Graduates
First Entering during the 2014-15 Academic Year



¹ Must be certified as not related to athletics ability. See Bylaw 15.02.4.2-(b) and Bylaw 15.5.1-(b).

² See Bylaw 14.3.3.

FIGURE 14-2 Initial Eligibility

How 2014-15 legislation (NCAA Bylaw 14.3) affects student-athletes during their initial year of collegiate attendance (applicable regulations regarding financial aid and awards and benefits are set forth in Bylaws 15 and 16).

Are they eligible for...	Qualifier	Partial Qualifier	Nonqualifier
Academic/tutoring services	Yes	Yes	Yes
Administrative meetings on nonathletics matters (e.g., drug education, meetings about housing and meals)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Community engagement activities	Yes	Yes	Yes
Competition	Yes	No	No
Complimentary admissions			
One for self; all regular-season home athletics contests	Yes	Yes	Yes
Four complimentary admissions; home or away contests in the student-athlete's sport	Yes	Yes (only at home contests)	No
Conditioning program (including workout apparel)	Yes	Yes	Yes (supervised only by institution's strength coach or athletic trainer)
Drug-rehabilitation expenses	Yes	Yes	Yes
Financial aid			
Regular term	Yes	Yes	Yes (if aid is unrelated to athletics ability)
Summer-orientation program (subject to the conditions of Bylaw 15.2.7)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Summer school prior to initial year (subject to the conditions of Bylaw 15.2.7)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Training table	Yes	Yes	No (unless student-athlete pays full cost)
Institutional awards	Yes	Yes	No
Banquets—expenses/meals			
Medical expenses	Yes	Yes	Yes
Occasional meals (per Bylaw 16.11.1.4)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Outside competition (basketball)			
During the season	No (except intramurals)	No (except intramurals)	No (except intramurals)
During remainder of the academic year (other than during the season)	No (except intramurals)	No (except intramurals)	No (except intramurals)
Summer after initial academic year	Yes	Yes	Yes

Are they eligible for...	Qualifier	Partial Qualifier	Nonqualifier
Outside competition (sports other than basketball)			
During the season	No (except intramurals and individual competition)	No (except intramurals and individual competition)	No (except intramurals and individual competition)
During remainder of the academic year (other than during the season)	Yes	No (except intramurals and individual competition)	No (except intramurals and individual competition)
Summer after initial academic year	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tryouts for NCAA-approved outside teams	Yes	Yes	Yes
Practice	Yes	Yes (on campus only)	No
Promotional activities (institutional, charitable, educational or nonprofit promotions)	Yes	No	No
Promotional materials, inclusion of photos in media guide, game programs, brochures, etc.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Seating with team at institutional contest (e.g., on the bench, in the dugout, on the sidelines)	Yes	Yes (home contests only); may not dress in uniform	No
Student host	Yes	Yes	No
Team manager	Yes	No (except on campus or at institution's regular practice facility)	No
Team travel	Yes	No	No
Training-room facilities (in conjunction with weight-training program)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Weight training	Yes	Yes	Yes (supervised only by institution's strength coach or trainer)

FIGURE 14-3**Application of Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements (per Bylaw 14.4)**

Bylaw	Description	Application
14.01.2, 14.01.2.1	Good academic standing.	All student-athletes.
14.4.3.1-(a)	Completion of six hours in previous term of full-time enrollment.	All student-athletes who have been enrolled full-time at any collegiate institution.
14.4.3.1-(b)	Completion of 24/36 hours or average of 12 hours per term.	All student-athletes who have been in residence one year, utilized one season of competition or midyear transfers.
14.4.3.1.4	Hours earned during the regular academic year (75/25).	All student-athletes who have been in residence one year, utilized one season of competition or midyear transfers.
14.4.3.1.5	Designation of degree program.	All student-athletes beginning third year of enrollment (fifth semester/ seventh quarter) and thereafter.
14.4.3.2	Fulfillment of minimum grade-point average requirement.	All student-athletes are required to present at least the following cumulative grade-point average (based on a maximum of 4.000) at the beginning of the fall term or at the beginning of any other regular term of that academic year, based on a student-athlete earning: 24-semester or 36-quarter hours: 1.800; 48-semester or 72-quarter hours: 1.900; 72-semester or 108-quarter hours: 2.000; and 96-semester or 144-quarter hours: 2.000.

FIGURE 14-4**Summary of Division II Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements**

Year of Initial Collegiate Enrollment	Entering Second Year of Collegiate Enrollment	Entering Third Year of Collegiate Enrollment	Entering Fourth Year of Collegiate Enrollment	Entering Fifth Year of Collegiate Enrollment
On or after August 1, 2005	Six credits per term if enrolled full time the previous term.	Six credits per term if enrolled full time the previous term.	Six credits per term if enrolled full time the previous term.	Six credits per term if enrolled full time the previous term.
	24-semester/36-quarter hours or 12 credits per term (12/24).	24-semester/36-quarter hours or 12 credits per term (12/24).	24-semester/36-quarter hours or 12 credits per term (12/24).	24-semester/36-quarter hours or 12 credits per term (12/24).
	18/27 credits earned during the regular academic year (75/25).	18/27 credits earned during the regular academic year (75/25).	18/27 credits earned during the regular academic year (75/25).	18/27 credits earned during the regular academic year (75/25).
	After earning 24-semester or 36-quarter hours, 1.800 grade-point average required.	After earning 48-semester or 72-quarter hours, 1.900 grade-point average required.	After earning 72-semester or 108-quarter hours, 2.000 grade-point average required.	After earning 96-semester or 144-quarter hours, 2.000 grade-point average required.
	Designation of degree program.			

[Note: This is intended as a summary only. Please refer to Bylaw 14.4 for more detailed information.]

FIGURE 14-5
Progress-Toward-Degree Flowchart

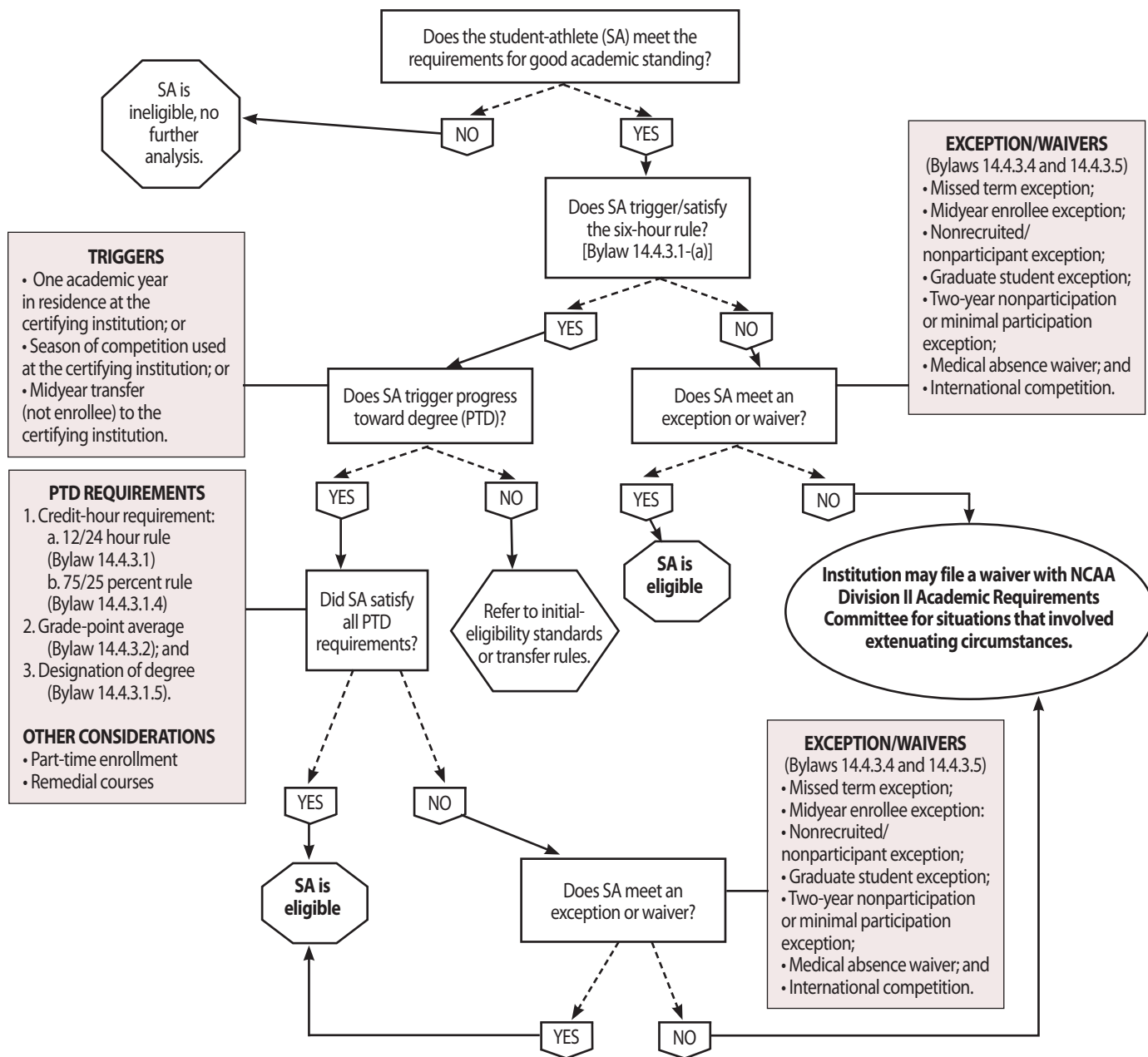


FIGURE 14-6**Permissible and Nonpermissible Activities for a Student Manager**

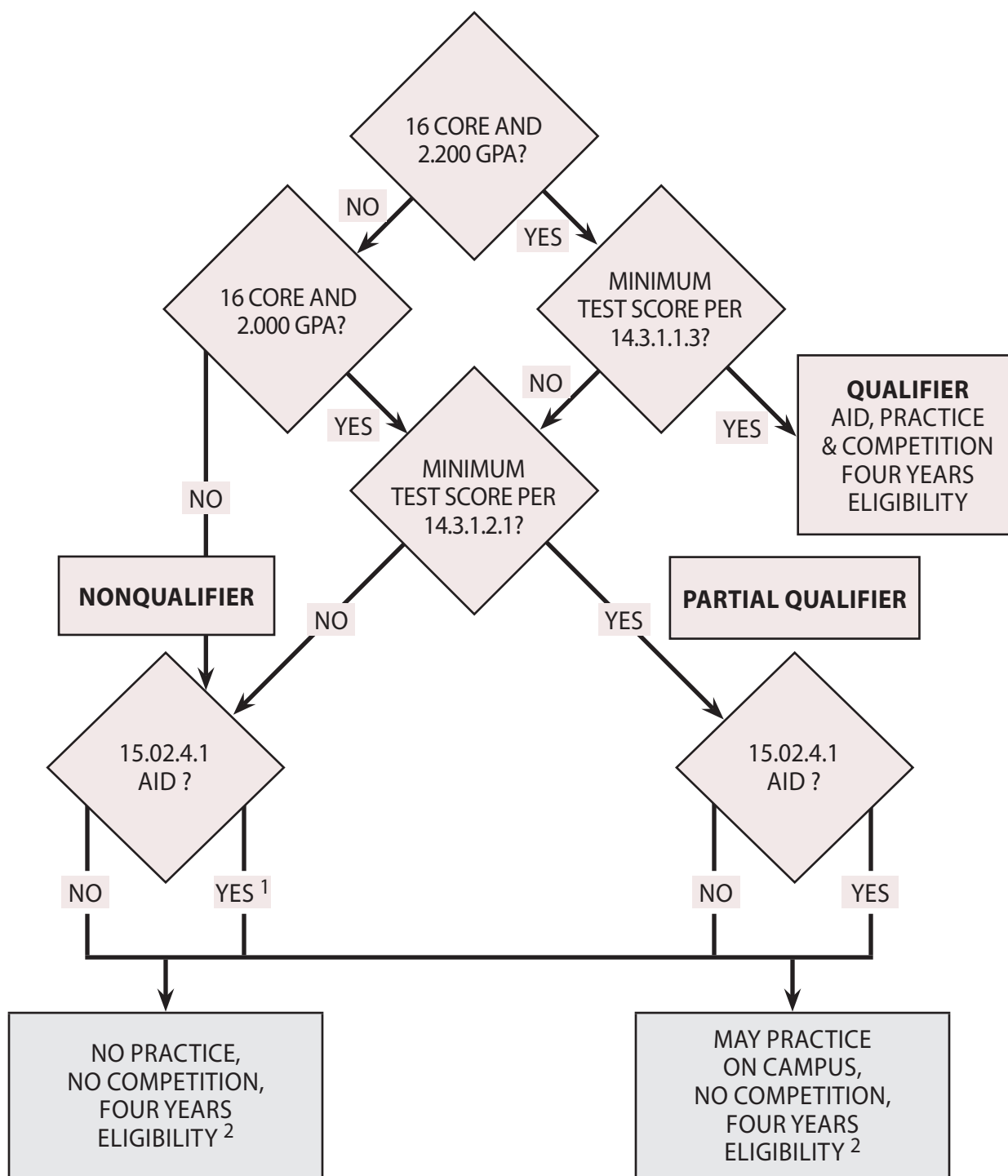
BYLAW	ACTIVITY	STUDENT (NONATHLETE)¹
14.1.7	Competition	Nonpermissible; however, the individual may participate in limited on-court or on-field activities during competition (e.g., assist with warm-up activities)
14.1.7	Practice	Nonpermissible; however, the individual may participate in limited on-court or on-field activities during practice (e.g., assist with drills, throw batting practice)
15.01.5	Financial Aid Tuition and Fees Room and Board Books	Permissible
16.1.1.2	Awards and Benefits	Permissible
16.8.1.2	Team Travel Actual and Necessary Expenses (transportation, lodging, meals)	Permissible
16.8.1.9	Apparel	Permissible
17.02.1	Countable Athletically Related Activities (e.g., practice player)	Nonpermissible
17.1.6.2.2	Instruction of student-athletes (e.g., skill instruction)	Nonpermissible
	Traditional Managerial Duties (e.g., equipment, laundry, hydration)	Permissible

NOTE: Division II Bylaw 14.1.10 addresses the unique situation in which male students and male student-athletes practice with women's teams.

¹ A student-athlete, as defined in Bylaw 12.02.7, may also serve in a managerial capacity but must meet all applicable legislation for eligibility, including initial-eligibility requirements (academic and amateurism), progress-toward-degree requirements, full-time enrollment and Division II Bylaw 17 (playing and practice seasons) requirements.

FIGURE 14-1

**Relationships between Academic Requirements,
Financial Aid and Eligibility (Bylaw 14.3) for High School Graduates
First Entering during the 2018-19 Academic Year
(Effective August 1, 2018)**



¹ Must be certified as not related to athletics ability. See Bylaw 15.02.4.2-(b) and Bylaw 15.5.1-(b).

² See Bylaw 14.3.1.2.4 and Bylaw 14.3.1.6.4.

FIGURE 14-3
Application of Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements
(per Bylaw 14.4)
(Effective August 1, 2016)

Bylaw	Description	Application
14.01.2 14.01.2.1 14.4.3.1	Good academic standing	All student-athletes
14.4.3.2	Completion of nine hours in previous term of full-time enrollment	All student-athletes who have been enrolled full-time at any collegiate institution
14.4.3.3	Completion of 18/27 hours earned during the regular academic year (does not include summer)	All student-athletes who have been in residence one year, utilized one season of competition or midyear transfers
14.4.3.4	Completion of 24/36 hours earned each academic year (including summer)	All student-athletes who have been in residence one year, utilized one season of competition or midyear transfers
14.4.3.5	Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 earned by the beginning of each fall term	All student-athletes beginning second year of collegiate enrollment
14.4.3.6	Designation of degree program	All student-athletes beginning third year of enrollment (fifth semester/seventh quarter) and thereafter.

FIGURE 14-4
Summary of Division II Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements
(Effective August 1, 2016)

Entering Second Year of Collegiate Enrollment	Entering Third Year of Collegiate Enrollment	Entering Fourth Year of Collegiate Enrollment	Entering Fifth Year of Collegiate Enrollment
Nine credits per term if enrolled full-time the previous term	Nine credits per term if enrolled full-time the previous term	Nine credits per term if enrolled full-time the previous term	Nine credits per term if enrolled full-time the previous term
18/27 credits earned during regular academic year (not including summer)	18/27 credits earned during regular academic year (not including summer)	18/27 credits earned during regular academic year (not including summer)	18/27 credits earned during regular academic year (not including summer)
24 semester/36 quarter hours	24 semester/36 quarter hours or 48/72 following second year of collegiate enrollment	24 semester/36 quarter hours	24 semester/36 quarter hours
2.0 cumulative GPA	2.0 cumulative GPA	2.0 cumulative GPA	2.0 cumulative GPA
	Designation of degree program		

[This is a summary only. Please refer to Bylaw 14.4 for more detailed information.]

FIGURE 14-5
Progress-Toward-Degree Flowchart
(Effective August 1, 2016)

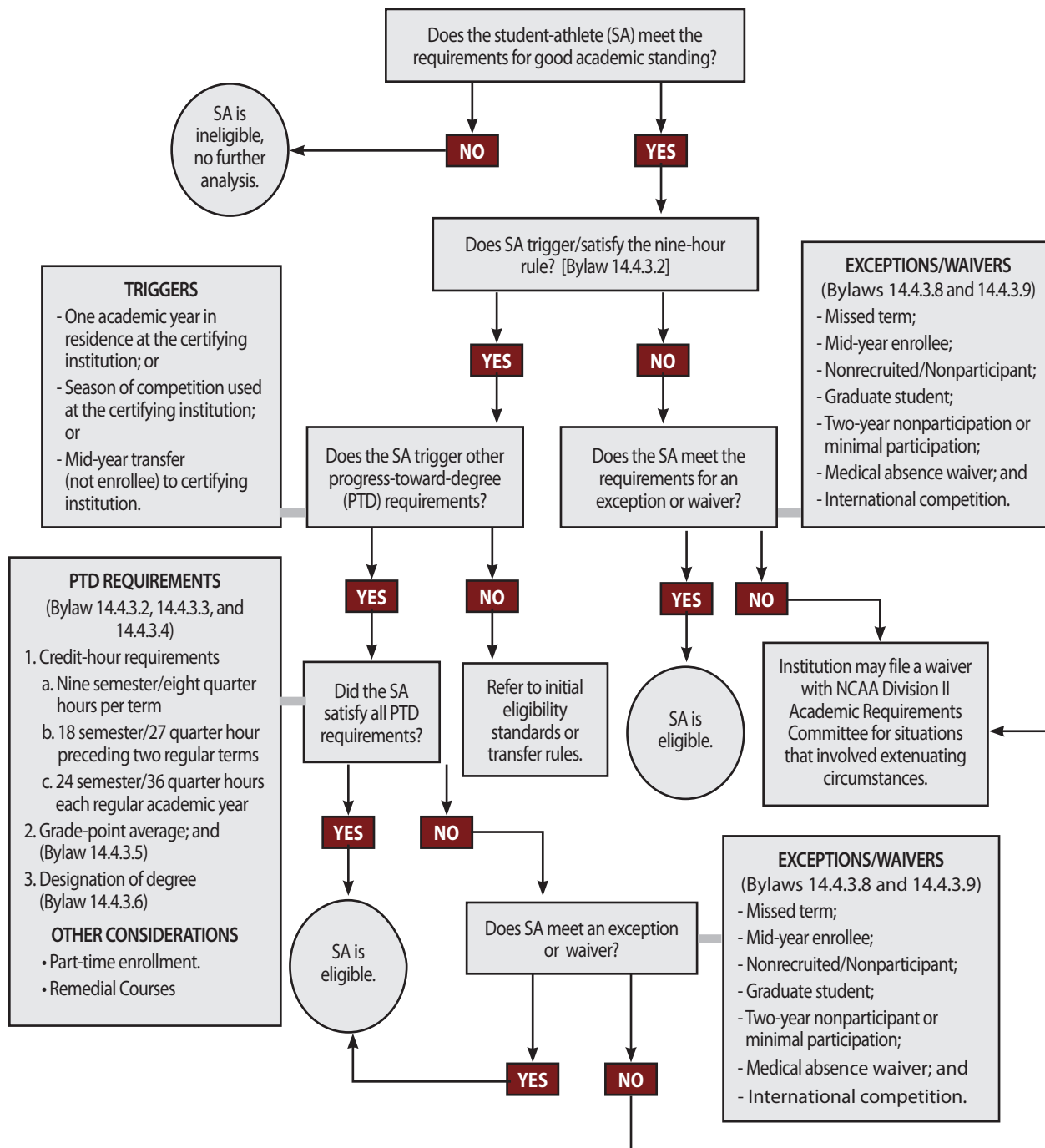


FIGURE 14-7
Two-Year College Transfer Requirements
(Bylaw 14.5.4)
(Effective August 1, 2016)

Qualifier with no four-year attendance and ONLY one full-time semester/quarter at two-year institution	All other qualifiers, partial qualifiers and nonqualifiers	All other qualifiers, partial qualifiers and nonqualifiers
ONLY one full-time semester/quarter	Two full-time semesters/three full-time quarters	Two full-time semesters/three full-time quarters
12 semester- or quarter-hours of transferable degree credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12-semester or 12-quarter-hours of transferable degree credit per term of attendance: • Six-semester/eight-quarter hours of transferable English; • Three-semester/four-quarter hours of transferable math; and • Three-semester/four-quarter hours of transferable science 	Graduate
Transferable GPA of 2.200	Transferable GPA of 2.200*	
Limit of two physical education activity credits for credit requirements and GPA	Limit of two physical education activity credits for credit requirements and GPA	

* A nonqualifier who meets all the two-year transfer requirements EXCEPT the 2.20 GPA but has a minimum 2.00 GPA is eligible for practice and financial aid.