

# Review of NCAA Rules on Eligibility: Initial, Transfer & Continuing

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# Agenda

- Announcements
  - Summer School (process & deadline April 15<sup>th</sup>)
  - Smooth NLI Signing Period, Thank You!
- Continuing Eligibility
- Review of Infraction Cases



# OVERVIEW - Transfers

- ❖ Permission to contact.
- ❖ Conditions affecting transfer.
- ❖ Residence requirement.
- ❖ 2-4 transfers.
- ❖ 4-4 transfers.
- ❖ 4-2-4 transfers.

# PERMISSION TO CONTACT – TWO-YEAR TRANSFERS

## NCAA Bylaw 13.1.1.2

- ❖ No in-person, on- or off-campus contact with non-qualifiers during the first year at the two-year college.

# PERMISSION TO CONTACT – FOUR-YEAR TRANSFERS

## Bylaw 13.1.1.3

- ❖ Four-year college prospective student-athletes.
  - No contact by athletics staff members without written permission:
    - ❖ Permission not needed if transferring from a non-NCAA or non-NAIA school (e.g., foreign institution).
  - If no permission given:
    - ❖ Second institution cannot encourage the transfer.
    - ❖ No athletically related financial aid during first academic year at certifying institution.

# WHAT TRIGGERS TRANSFER STATUS?

## Bylaw 14.5.2

- ❖ Report for regular squad practice;
- ❖ Full-time enrollment and present on the opening day of classes;
- ❖ Receives institutional financial aid while in summer school prior to initial full-time enrollment.
- ❖ Participating in pre-season practice that occurs prior to start of classes in the fall.

# DETERMINATION OF YEAR IN RESIDENCE

## Bylaw 14.5.1.1

- Complete minimum full-time program of studies for two full semesters or three full quarters; or
- Enroll in minimum full-time program of studies for two semesters or three quarters and pass enough hours to equal the sum of the minimum load for the required terms.

# QUICK TIP

- ❖ The year in residence is often referred to as “sitting out.”
- ❖ Student-athletes may believe that a year spent out of school or as a part-time student will satisfy the "sitting out" requirement.
- ❖ Make sure student-athletes understand that "sitting out" is a year in residence at the certifying institution.

# TWO-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS

## Bylaw 14.5.4

- ❖ Requirements.
  - Qualifiers
  - Non-qualifiers
  - New Rule for ONLY Men's Basketball- maximum 2 hours PE transfer credit or minimum needed in degree program as a maximum.
  
- ❖ Exceptions.

# TWO-YEAR College Transfers - Qualifiers

## Bylaw 14.5.4.1

- ❖ Minimum one full-time semester/quarter at the two-year college (excluding summer).
- ❖ Average 12 hours of transferable degree credit per full-time semester/quarter attended at the two-year college. Bylaw 14.5.4.1
- ❖ Minimum 2.000 transferable grade-point average (GPA).
- ❖ Satisfy Requirements?
  - Yes – Eligible for athletics aid, practice and competition.
  - No – Eligible for athletics aid and practice only. No competition.

# TWO-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS – NONQUALIFIERS

## Bylaw 14.5.4.2

- ❖ A minimum of three full-time semesters or four quarters.
- ❖ 48 semester or 72 quarter hours of transferable degree credit. (if SA has been in school 4+ FT semesters, PTD% applies!)
- ❖ Graduate from two-year college. Bylaw 14.5.4.2
- ❖ Minimum 2.000 transferable GPA.
- ❖ Summer Hours: 18/9 Limits for Non Qualifiers!
- ❖ Satisfy Requirements?
  - Yes – Eligible for aid, practice and competition.
  - No – Not eligible for aid, practice or competition. Must serve academic year in residence!!

# TWO-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS – NONQUALIFIERS (CONTINUED)

**For all NON-QUALIFIERS enrolling in a junior college on August 1, 2009 or after will apply to all NQ's whom will enroll in DI on or after Spring 2011 (after they serve required 3 full time semesters at juco):**

## Bylaw 14.5.4.2

- ❖ 48 semester or 72 quarter hour rule
  - Six (6) semester or eight quarter hours of transferrable English credit.
  - Three (3) semester or four quarter hours of transferrable math credit.

# 2-4 Transfer Reminder

## Men's Basketball:

New rule for **Men's Basketball**- maximum 2 hours PE transfer credit or minimum needed in degree program as a maximum.

# TWO-YEAR TRANSFER EXCEPTIONS

- ❖ Only qualifiers can use the two-year transfer exceptions (Bylaw 14.5.4.6).
- ❖ Discontinued/non-sponsored sport (Bylaw 14.5.4.6.1).
- ❖ Two-year nonparticipation/minimal participation (Bylaw 14.5.4.6.2).

# COMPETITION IN YEAR OF TRANSFER – OTHER SPORTS

## Bylaw 14.5.4.5.7

- ❖ A "2-4" transfer is not eligible for competition in a sport during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship if the student-athlete has competed at the two-year college in that sport during that segment of the same academic year.
- ❖ Applies to "2-4" and "4-4" transfers.

# FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS

## Bylaw 14.5.5

- ❖ General rule.
- ❖ Exceptions.
- ❖ Competition in year of transfer.

# FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS

## Bylaw 14.5.5.1

- ❖ General rule.
  - Must spend one academic year in residence.
    - ❖ Academic year = two full semesters or three full quarters.
  - For a semester or quarter to count, must enroll not later than the 12<sup>th</sup> class day.

# FOUR-YEAR TRANSFER EXCEPTIONS

## Bylaw 14.5.5.2

- ❖ Only qualifiers may use exceptions in first year of enrollment.
- ❖ Non-qualifiers must have completed one academic year in residence to be eligible for exceptions.

# FOUR YEAR TRANSFER EXCEPTIONS

- ❖ Discontinued/non-sponsored sport (Bylaw 14.5.5.2.6)
- ❖ Two year nonparticipation/minimal participation (Bylaw 14.5.5.2.7).
- ❖ Return to original institution without participation or minimal participation (Bylaw 14.5.5.2.8).
- ❖ Non-recruited student (Bylaw 14.5.5.2.9).
- ❖ Graduate Student Transfer exception (14.1.9.1): must meet the conditions of one-time transfer exception.

# ONE-TIME TRANSFER EXCEPTION

## Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10

- ❖ Transfer student-athlete is in a sport other than:
  - Division I men's & women's basketball, baseball, BCS football or Division I men's ice hockey.
  - Transfer from a championship football subdivision scholarship program to championship football subdivision non-scholarship may use this exception.
  - Transfer from a bowl football subdivision program to a championship football subdivision program may only use this exception if he has two or more seasons of competition remaining.

# ONE-TIME TRANSFER EXCEPTION

- ❖ Student-athlete has not previously transferred, unless the discontinued/non-sponsored sport exception was used in the previous transfer.
- ❖ Good academic standing at prior school and would have been academically eligible had he or she remained. **Prior school does NOT have to certify PTD, just GPA, 6/18/24 hour rules.**
- ❖ Previous institution certifies in writing it has no objection to the student athlete's use of the exception .
- ❖ If previous institution objects, it must provide the student-athlete an opportunity for a hearing.
- ❖ Non-recruited student – Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10.1.

# RECEIPT OF ATHLETICS AID

## Bylaw 14.5.5.4

- ❖ Must have been academically eligible had the student-athlete remained at the previous institution to receive athletics aid during the first academic year at the certifying institution.
- ❖ Previous school does NOT have to certify PTD!

# 4-2-4 COLLEGE TRANSFERS

## Bylaw 14.5.6

- ❖ Transfer requirements.
- ❖ Exceptions.

# 4-2-4 COLLEGE TRANSFERS: REQUIREMENTS

- ❖ Average 12-semester/quarter transferable degree credit for each term of full-time attendance at the two-year institution
- ❖ 2.000 cumulative minimum GPA.
- ❖ Must graduate with an AA degree from the two-year college.
- ❖ One calendar year must elapse from the time the student-athlete left the previous four-year college.

## 4-2-4 COLLEGE TRANSFERS: REQUIREMENTS

New rule for **Men's Basketball**- maximum 2 hours PE transfer credit or minimum needed in degree program as a maximum.



# 4-2-4 COLLEGE TRANSFERS: MIDYEAR ENROLLEES

## Baseball and Basketball Only

- ❖ Not eligible for competition during winter or spring terms if enrolled subsequent to certifying institution's first term.
- ❖ Must wait until beginning of following academic year.

# 4-2-4 TRANSFER EXCEPTIONS

- ❖ Return to original institution  
[Bylaw 14.5.6.1-(a)].
- ❖ Discontinued/non-sponsored sport  
[Bylaw 14.5.6.1-(b)].

# 4-2-4 COLLEGE TRANSFERS

## Bylaw 14.5.6.5

- ❖ To be eligible for athletically related aid on transferring to the second four-year institution:
  - Student-athlete must have attended the two-year institution for one regular academic term.

# Transferable Credits vs. Degree Credit

- Joe Taylor (Transfer Central) =  
“Transferable Credits”
- Individual Schools (Business, RCSM)=  
“Transferable DEGREE Credit”
- Joe’s evaluation of transcript and how many hours ISU accepts DOES NOT equate to “degree-applicable” credit hours.

# QUESTIONS?



# Introduction to NCAA Division I Progress Toward Degree

# Overview

- Basic elements.
- Progress-toward-degree requirements.
- Exceptions and waivers.
- New baseball requirements.

# Who Must Meet the Requirements?

- New student-athletes
- Continuing student-athletes
- Transfer student-athletes

# Basic Elements

- Eligibility for practice.
  - Full-time enrollment -- NCAA Bylaw 14.1.8.1.
- Eligibility for competition.
  - Enrollment in minimum of 12 credits -- Bylaw 14.1.8.2.
  - Good academic standing -- Bylaw 14.01.2.1.
  - Progress toward degree -- Bylaw 14.4.3.

# Eligibility for Practice

- Student-athletes must be enrolled in a full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree.
- Bylaw 14.1.8.1 Exceptions (next slide)
- Exceptions and waivers are available.

# Eligibility for Practice -- Exceptions

- **Practice prior to initial full-time enrollment.**
  - Accepted for enrollment in a regular full-time program of studies at time of initial participation.
  - No longer enrolled at previous institution (transfers).  
**MUST OFFICIALLY WITHDRAW!!**
  - Eligible under all institutional and NCAA rules.
  - Bylaw 14.1.8.1.1.

# Eligibility for Practice -- Exceptions

- **Practice during first week of classes.**
  - During the first five days of classes.
  - Must be eligible under all other institutional, conference and NCAA requirements.
  - Bylaw 14.1.8.1.5.
- **Practice during final semester or quarter.**
  - During the student-athlete's final semester or quarter of degree requirements.
  - Institution must certify that student-athlete is carrying credits necessary to complete degree program.
  - Bylaw 14.1.8.1.3.

# Eligibility For Competition

Enrollment and Progress Toward Degree

# Eligibility for Competition

- Enrolled in minimum 12 credit hours of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree. (9 hours for graduate students)
- Bylaw 14.1.8.2.
- Exceptions and waivers are available.

# Eligibility for Competition -- Exceptions

- **Competition prior to initial full-time enrollment.**
  - Accepted for enrollment in a regular, full-time program of studies at the time of initial participation.
  - No longer enrolled at previous institution (transfers).
  - Eligible under all institutional and NCAA rules.
  - Bylaw 14.1.8.2.1.1.
- **Eligibility for competition between terms.**
  - Registered full time at the conclusion of the term immediately before the date of competition (continuing enrollment).
  - Accepted for enrollment as a regular full-time student for the term immediately after the date of competition (initial or continuing enrollment).
  - Bylaw 14.1.8.2.1.2.

# Eligibility for Competition -- Exceptions

- **Competition in final semester or quarter.**
  - May compete if enrolled less than full time during the student-athlete's final semester or quarter of degree program.
  - Institution must certify that student-athlete is carrying credits necessary to complete degree requirements.
  - Bylaw 14.1.8.2.1.3.
  
- **Competition while enrolled in graduate program.**
  - Enrolled in a full-time graduate program as defined by institution. (9 hours)
  - Bylaw 14.1.8.2.1.4.

# Eligibility for Competition

## Progress-toward-degree requirements.

- Designed to move student-athletes toward graduation within five years of full-time collegiate enrollment.
- Ensures student-athletes are functioning as a student during each academic year.
- Exceptions and waivers are available.
- Bylaw 14.4.3.

# Progress Toward Degree

- **Academic year requirements.**
  - Six hour requirement each term.
  - 18 hour requirement each academic year.
- **Progress-toward-graduation benchmarks.**
  - 24 hour requirement.
  - Percentage-of-degree requirements. (40/60/80)
  - Grade-point average (GPA) requirements. (90/95/100)
- **Designation of degree.**

# Six Hour Requirement

- Must complete a minimum of six semester of academic credit in the previous full-time regular academic term.
- During first two years of enrollment, credits can be applicable to any degree at institution.
- Beginning with the third year of enrollment, hours must be applicable to student-athlete's designated degree.
- Bylaws 14.4.3.1–(d) and 14.4.3.1.6.

# 18 Hour Requirement

- Must earn 18 semester hours of academic credit during each regular academic year.
- Credits earned during summer term cannot be used to meet this requirement.
- Certified prior to start of the institution's third semester following the student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment.
- During first two years of enrollment, credits can be applicable to any degree at institution.
- Beginning with the third year of enrollment, hours must be applicable to student-athlete's designated degree.
- Bylaws 14.4.3.1-(b) and 14.4.3.1.6.

# Progress-Toward-Graduation Benchmarks

## ■ 24 Hour Requirement.

- Must complete a 24 semester hours of academic credit prior to the start of the student-athlete's second year of collegiate enrollment.
- Credits can be applicable to any degree.
- 18 hours must be earned during freshman year
- No more than 6 hours earned in the Summer term between Freshman and Sophomore year.
  
- Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(a).

# Progress-Toward-Graduation Benchmarks

- Percentage-of-degree requirements.
  - Must complete the following percentage of the designated degree prior to the start of the noted year of enrollment:
    - Prior to start of third year -- 40%.
    - Prior to start of fourth year -- 60%.
    - Prior to start of fifth year -- 80%.
  - Based on full-time terms.
  - Bylaw 14.4.3.2.

# Percentage-of-Degree Calculation

$$\frac{\text{Degree-applicable hours earned}}{\text{Degree hours required for graduation}} = \% \text{ of degree}$$

# Percentage-of-Degree Calculation

- Degree program -- 124 credit hours required for graduation.
- 40% degree = 50 degree-applicable hours.
  - Student-athlete should have 60% of degree remaining.  
(74 hours)
- 60% degree = 75 degree-applicable hours.
  - Student-athlete should have 40% of degree remaining.  
(50 hours)
- 80% degree = 100 degree-applicable hours.
  - Student-athlete should have 20% of degree remaining.  
(24 hours)

# Progress-Toward-Graduation Benchmarks

- GPA requirements.
  - Must present the following GPA prior to the start of the noted point of enrollment and any subsequent terms:
    - Prior to the start of second year -- 90% of GPA required for graduation.
    - Prior to the start of third year -- 95% of GPA required for graduation.
    - Start of fourth year and beyond -- 100% of GPA required for graduation.
  - Bylaw 14.4.3.3.1.

# GPA Requirement

- GPA requirement is based on minimum GPA required for graduation.
- If minimum GPA is 2.0, then the following standards are required prior to the noted terms:
  - Prior to 2nd year: 1.8 GPA.
  - Prior to 3rd year: 1.9 GPA.
  - Prior to 4<sup>th</sup> Year: 2.0 GPA.
- Some degree plans have a higher GPA graduation requirement!
- Once student-athlete is responsible for meeting a specific GPA, he/she must meet that same GPA requirement each semester until the next benchmark is reached.

# Remedial, Tutorial or Noncredit Courses

- Restricted to counting six hours of remedial credits toward the credit hour requirements.
- Only count toward the six, 18 and 24 hour requirements if completed during the first academic year of enrollment.
- Generally, these courses are not applicable toward the baccalaureate degree and would not be included in percentage-of-degree calculations.
- If student-athlete is required to take more than six hours of these types of courses, they may not be included in counting toward the credit hour requirements.
- Bylaw 14.4.3.4.4.

# Recap!

- General practice and competition requirements.
- Academic year requirements.
  - Six hour requirement.
  - 18 hour requirement.
- Progress-to-graduation benchmarks.
  - 24 hour requirement.
  - Percentage-of-degree requirements.
  - Grade-point average requirements.
- Postseason competition requirements.
- Exceptions and waivers.

IF YOU AREN'T  
SURE.....

PLEASE ASK!!

Questions?

# Infractions for Thought

- Sports information director interviewed SAs and wrote article specific to the advantages of playing on the institution's new turf football field. As part of the article, three SAs provided quotes regarding benefits of having specific turf. Following his interview, sports information director posted article on institution's website and unknown to institution, the manufacturer linked the article to their website.
- Head coach attended a junior amateur golf tournament October 10, 2010, to observe potential PSAs. PSA's father initially approached head coach to exchange a friendly greeting. Head coach reminded PSA's father of NCAA recruiting legislation and that further conversation would constitute a violation. PSA's father ignored head coach's statement and began to engage in general conversation unrelated to recruiting. Head coach attempted to end conversation by walking to another golf hole. However, PSA's father followed head coach and continued to speak about general matters. On reaching next golf hole, head coach immediately ended conversation and walked away.

• SA provided implied endorsement of a commercial product (wrist bands) on a social networking site. Specifically, representative of the commercial product met SAs at a local restaurant October 15, 2010. SAs purchased wrist bands at full retail value (\$35). Representative of the commercial product took a photograph of SAs and posted the photograph on his social networking site. In addition, the representative sent an e-mail blast stating SAs endorsed the commercial product.

- A volunteer coach mistakenly endorsed a recruiting or scouting service involving PSAs. While the volunteer coach was listed on the recruiting service's website, the coach did not have any contact with any PSAs.
- Compliance observed the PSA (coach's son) participating in practice activities with the women's basketball team. When the head coach was asked about the situation, she stated that she had her son assist with the team practice activities since she was shorthanded. A similar violation took place earlier in the season.

- Director of operations provided a high school coach with an item that included the institution's insignia. Specifically, the director of basketball operations sent a t-shirt to a high school coach with whom he had a previous relationship. The violation was discovered through the monitoring of express mail. All prospective student-athletes who play for the high school coach are ineligible for intercollegiate competition at the institution until either the high school coach or the prospect makes restitution for the value of the benefit to a charity of their choice.
- During the 2010 championships the institution's women's and men's swimming and diving teams competed wearing impermissible equipment. The swimming suits and caps contained more than one logo, and also exceeded the 2 1/4 square inch area limitation, in violation of the bylaw.

• The marketing staff developed a promotional campaign, "**White Out the Gym**", in conjunction with a home men's basketball game. The staff provided the team with the t-shirts as part of the promotional event and to wear during practice activities throughout the season. The team inadvertently wore the t-shirts during pre-game warm-up activities. The t-shirts had the three sponsors' logos on the back of the shirt. The marketing director realized the error and immediately had the team remove the shirts.

- Women's Basketball Team took part in the breast cancer awareness program. Pink t-shirts were provided to the WBB student-athletes as well as given out to the first 500 fans. The event was sponsored by Panera Bread and a logo was printed on the back of the t-shirts that were larger than the permitted size. The institution had also purchased permissible pink shirts for the event, however the team wore the promotional t-shirt for warm-ups at the start of the second half of the game.

- During the conference men's basketball championship, a number of men's basketball student-athletes wore socks with **two logos**.

- Bylaw 12.5.4

Thanks for Coming!!



Go Sycamores!!!