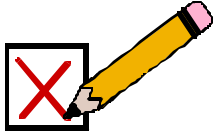


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New Legislation



The following is new legislative proposals that were adopted by the Board of Directors at their November 2002 meeting:

Initial Eligibility

To increase the number of core courses from 13 to 14 and to establish a sliding scale that maintains the 2.000 grade-point average cut but eliminates the test-score cut.

(Effective August 1, 2003; those students first entering a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2003, shall meet the current or new standard; August 1, 2005; those students first entering a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2005, shall meet the new standard)

Continuing Eligibility

To increase the percentages of progress toward degree student-athletes must achieve from 25/50/75 to 40/60/80.

To require student-athletes to achieve 90% of the institution's minimum overall grade-point average

necessary to graduate by the beginning of year two, 95% of the minimum GPA by year three and 100% by year four.

To require that 24 semester hours or 36 quarter hours of academic credit be completed before the student-athlete enters his or her second year.

To require that 18 semester or 27 quarter hours of academic credit during the academic year be completed in the previous academic year or since the beginning of the certifying institution's preceding regular two semesters or three quarters.

To require that six semester or nine quarter hours of academic credit be completed the preceding regular academic term in which the student-athlete has been enrolled at any collegiate institution.

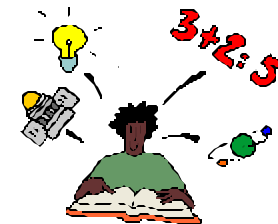
To delete the two-year college transfer percentage of degree requirements for a nonqualifier in football and men's basketball.

To reduce the number of credits in remedial, tutorial or noncredit course work that may be used to satisfy the minimum academic progress requirement from 12 semester/18 quarter hours to six semester/nine quarter hours.

(All continuing eligibility proposals effective August 1, 2003; for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution full time on or after August 1, 2003)

To specify that a student-athlete shall be required to successfully complete six-semester hours of academic credit the preceding regular academic term in which the student-athlete has been enrolled at any collegiate institution.

(Effective Subsequent to the 2003 fall term; thus, applicable to hours earned during the 2003 fall term.)



NCAA Recruiting Periods

ETHICAL CONDUCT

The NCAA has four different types of recruiting periods. The following chart indicates actions that are permissible during each of the four recruiting periods.:

Action	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Evaluation</u>	<u>Quiet</u>	<u>Dead</u>
In person, off campus recruiting contacts and evaluations	X			
Off campus activities designed to assess the academic quality and playing ability of the prospect	X	X		
In person recruiting contacts only on Florida State's campus	X	X	X	
Permit official and unofficial visits to the campus by the prospect	X	X	X	
Telephone calls or written correspondence	X	X	X	X

As a NCAA institution staff member, you are expected to behave in an ethical manner. Some conduct that is not permissible and is considered unethical is:

- * Refusal to furnish information relevant to an investigation of a possible NCAA regulation violation.
- * Knowingly furnishing the NCAA or Florida State University false or misleading information concerning a possible violation.
- * Facilitating or arranging a meeting between a student-athlete and an agent, financial advisor or a representative of an agent or advisor.

From the Interpretation File

Use of Logos—Bylaw 12.5.4

The membership services staff confirmed that the logo guidelines shall apply to a trademark or logo as it appears on uniform and apparel worn by a student-athlete for competition. When the apparel is worn, the logo cannot exceed 2 1/4 square inches.

Competition in Year of Transfer—Bylaw 14.5.4.6.7

A transfer student from a two year college is not eligible for any competition in that sport if the student-athlete has competed at the two year college in any competition other than regularly scheduled scrimmages in that sport during the same academic year. Such scrimmages shall meet the following criteria:

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



In the News....

Camp & Clinic Brochures

Michigan Reports Hoops

Michigan punished its men's basketball program by imposing a post-season ban for 2003 and forfeiting all victories from four seasons because of a scandal involving a former booster.

Michigan will also return \$450,000 to the NCAA—money it earned for appearing in the post-season.

The scandal centers around former booster Ed Martin, who gave money to former Michigan star Chris Webber and other players and their families.



Int'l Athlete Suspended for 8

A Saint Louis sophomore men's basketball player was granted eligibility to play this season by the NCAA, but he must sit out the first eight games.

The issue was that he had played on a team considered professional while he was a member of the Israeli army. The NCAA ruled he had gained a competitive advantage, and thus he is required to sit for 20 percent of all games played as a pro, with a maximum of eight games.

Ex-High School Coach Pleads Guilty

A former high school football coach at the center of a recruiting scandal involving the University of Alabama will plead guilty to a federal criminal charge next month.

Lynn Lang is charged with soliciting and accepting payoffs to steer his top player to Alabama in 2000.

NCAA Investigating Mississippi State

The NCAA is checking into possible discrepancies in a basketball player's high school transcript.

The university has decided to withhold the player from games until the matter is cleared up.

Texas Gets Probations

The University of Texas at Austin has been placed on two years probation for violations of bylaws governing honesty by employees and failure to monitor by the university.

A volunteer coach was offered and accepted a position at a business owned by a booster. He never reported for work nor performed any of the duties. He received an annual salary of \$40,000.

A volunteer coach can not be compensated in any way by the athletic department.

With the preparation for next year's camps beginning, please keep in mind the following rules regarding camp and clinic brochures.

Under NCAA rules, any summer camp may use a student-athlete's name, picture and institutional affiliation in its summer camp brochure only to identify the student-athlete as a camp counselor in the brochure's section for camp counselors. No camp may use a student-athlete's name or picture in any other way to directly advertise or promote the camp.

The Division I Academics/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet Subcommittee on Legislative Review/Interpretations determined that an institution's camp brochure may include quotations from former campers, parents of former campers and prospective student-athletes' coaches related to the camp.

Further, information contained in camp brochures must relate specifically to camp events and activities and may not contain information that cannot be provided to prospects. In that regard, it would not be permissible for institutions to include pictures of former student-athletes in its camp brochures unless the pictures relate specifically to camp events and activities.

RECRUITING CALENDAR DECEMBER



Football

Dec 1-31 Contact Period

Men's Basketball

Dec 1-31 Eval/Quiet Period

Women's Basketball

Dec 1-31 Eval/Quiet Period

Volleyball

Dec 1 Contact/Eval Period

Dec 2-17 Quiet Period

Dec 18-31 Dead Period

Softball

Dec 1-31 Quiet Period

Interpreter On-Line

The Interpreter can be found on-line at www.seminoles.com by clicking onto "NCAA Compliance", in the left column. The Interpreter icon is under the "What's New??" section. Past issues are archived here and contain more detailed information that space prohibits in the newsletter form.

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