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AUTOMATIC QUALIFIERS—PILOT WAIVER PROGRAM

In April 2007, the Division I Board of Directors approved a pilot initial eligibility waiver program for the entering class of 2007. Prospective student-athletes will be declared a qualifier if they meet the following criteria:

1. The prospective student-athlete has achieved a test score, per NCAA bylaw 14.3.1.3, equal to or greater than 1100 SAT or 95 ACT sum; **OR**
2. The prospective student-athlete has a preliminary certification report which indicates the student has achieved a minimum of 12 core courses with a core GPA of 3.000 or higher and a test score of at least 1000 SAT or 85 ACT sum.

Prospects who do not meet either of these criteria may still be certified as qualifiers by meeting the existing requirements. Additionally, **ALL** prospective student-athletes' records, including those initially identified as waiver-eligible, will continue to be reviewed for academic irregularities. Please note that this review may result in a prospect not being granted this waiver.

The following information is designed to clarify this pilot waiver program:

Q: When will the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse begin processing the waivers for 2007?

A: Beginning on June 1, 2007, prospects will be reviewed under the approved waiver criteria.

Q: How many prospects will be certified as qualifiers through this early certification program?

A: Approximately 25% of the prospects who would have ultimately received final certifications during the summer of 2007 will be certified as qualifiers under this program.

Q: How were the criteria for early certification determined?

A: The criteria were developed from academic information currently in the Clearinghouse database. Based on immediately available academic information, the NCAA research staff identified those prospects who clearly predict to be qualifiers.

Q: Will the pilot waiver program be evaluated to determine if a permanent early Certification program is appropriate?

A: Yes. The pilot waiver process will be evaluated by the appropriate governing bodies during fall 2007 as the governance structure considers early certification legislative proposals.

Q: Will the prospective student-athlete review process apply to prospects who would qualify for the early certification pilot waiver?

A: Yes. Prospects' records will continue to be reviewed for academic irregularities, and this review may result in a prospect not being granted the early certification waiver.

Q: How will a prospect's final certification report read if the prospect receives an early certification waiver?

A: A prospect who receives an early certification waiver in 2007 will be noted as a final academic qualifier in both Division I and Division II, with the annotation, "Waiver Approved" appearing on the report.

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Reminders

- Phone logs are due on a monthly basis
- Please submit anticipated rosters for the 2007-2008 academic year to Michelle Lee no later than **July 1**
- Please contact Shoshanna Engel to schedule your team's fall squad meeting
- As camp season progresses, please remember that all post-camp paperwork is due to the Compliance Office within 30 days of the conclusion of camp. All required forms can be found listed on the post-camp checklist.

FRESHMAN ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS—CORE COURSE TIME LIMITS

Effective August 1, 2007, NCAA Bylaw 14.3.1.2.1 is amended to specify that a prospective student-athlete must complete his/her core curriculum requirements not later than the high school graduation date of his/her high school class [as determined by the first year of enrollment in high school (ninth grade) or the international equivalent]. If a prospect graduates from high school within the prescribed time-frame, he/she may use one core course completed in the year after graduation (summer or academic year), but not later than the end of the academic year immediately following the high school graduation date of the prospect's class.

Below please find commonly asked questions and some example scenarios:

Q: How does this change affect prospects whose expected date of graduation was prior to or during 2006?

A: The NCAA Clearinghouse will conduct "business as usual" for prospects whose expected graduation date was prior to or during 2006. So, the Clearinghouse will accept coursework completed after high school graduation dates for those individuals, subject to review if inconsistencies or irregularities are discovered. Beginning with the 2008-2009 academic year, the new legislation will apply to all prospects regardless of their year of expected graduation.

Q: Will the amended legislation affect prospects which expected date of graduation is in 2007?

A: Yes. Prospects whose expected date of graduation is with the 2007 class, but failed to meet graduation requirements, will not be able to use coursework completed after the 2006-2007 academic year.

Q: What if a prospect repeats a grade during high school?

A: The legislation is designed to encourage prospects to take academic courses each year of high school to ensure timely graduation, and to discourage prospects from intentionally delaying high school graduation solely to meet NCAA eligibility requirements while not preparing for the academic rigors of college. Thus, if a prospect repeats a grade, the application of this legislation will impact his/her eligibility to use core courses. The NCAA recognizes there will be legitimate instances where student-athletes repeat a grade or do not graduate in a four-year period. The initial eligibility waiver process will continue to address these situations.

Q: Does the one additional course have to be completed at the same high school from which the prospect graduated?

A: No. The course may be taken at any high school, through any nontraditional program, or at any post-secondary institution. However, the course must meet the legislated definition of a core course.

Q: May a prospect who graduates and meets the core curriculum requirement after eight semesters of high school use the additional core course to improve his/her core GPA?

A: Yes. A prospect who completes the core curriculum requirements within the specified timeframe may use the additional core course to improve his/her GPA for consideration in the initial eligibility process.

Example 1: 03-04: Grade 9
04-05: Grade 10
05-06: Grade 11
06-07: Grade 12 (did not graduate)
Summer 2007: three online classes

RESULT: Summer school classes may not be used because prospect did not graduate with class.

Example 2: 03-04: Grade 9
04-05: Grade 10
05-06: Grade 11
06-07: Grade 12 (graduated)
Summer 2007: three online classes

RESULT: One of the three online classes may be used since the prospect graduated after eight semesters.

MANDATORY MEDICAL EXAMS

Beginning May 1, 2007, in **all** sports, prospective student-athletes and student-athletes who are beginning their initial season of eligibility are required to undergo a medical examination/evaluation administered or supervised by a physician prior to initial participation in any practice, competition, or out-of-season conditioning activities. In football and basketball, prospective student-athletes who will be first-time participants, are required to undergo such an examination/evaluation prior to participation in voluntary summer weight training or conditioning activities. Returning student-athletes are required to have an updated medical history completed each year. In all cases, the medical examination/evaluation or updated medical history must be administered within six months prior to participation in any practice, competition, or out-of-season conditioning activities.