Eligibility for Practice or Competition (NCAA Bylaws 12.1.1.3 / 12.1.1.3.1 / 14.3.5.1)

A student-athlete must be certified both academically (final qualifier) and as an amateur before they are eligible to compete at an NCAA Division I or II college or university. Amateurism is based on the activities that occur prior to his or her requesting of a final certification or enrolling full-time at the institution (professional team, pay-for-play, expenses). The academic certification is based on a sliding scale of high school GPA in NCAA Core Courses and test scores (SAT or ACT). Both of these certifications must be completed on the NCAA Eligibility Center Website.

NCAA Bylaw 12.1.1.3.1

A student-athlete may practice, but not compete, for a 45-day period before their amateurism has been certified on the Eligibility Center. After the 45-day window, a student-athlete must have his or her amateurism certified on the Eligibility Center in order to continue participating in practice and competition.

NCAA Bylaw 14.3.5.1

A student-athlete may practice, but not compete, for a 45-day period before they have been declared a final qualifier on the Eligibility Center. An institution cannot provide athletically related financial aid to the athlete during the 45-day window until he or she meets all the requirements of the NCAA Eligibility Center. After the 45-day window, a student-athlete must have his or her qualifier status certified on the Eligibility Center in order to practice, compete, or receive athletic aid.

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NCAA in the News: NCAA Sanctions against Southern Methodist University

The NCAA delivered sanctions and penalties against the Southern Methodist University (SMU) Athletic Department for various Level One Violations (highest level).

Violations:

- Former head men’s golf coach sent texts to prospective student-athletes (PSA) prior to September 1st of PSA’s junior year in high school
  - Recruiting Materials-Electronic Correspondence
- Former head men’s golf coach provided reduced-cost merchandise sales to PSA
  - Impermissible inducement
  - Institution’s staff member or any representative of athletic interest (boosters) cannot give any impermissible benefits such to prospective student-athletes
- Men’s basketball administrative assistant completed prospective student-athlete’s assignment and exams for an online summer course in order to help him meet qualifier standards
  - Unethical conduct/Academic misconduct/Academic Fraud
  - Providing false or misleading information and fraudulent academic credits to make student-athletes eligible

Penalties:

- One-year ban from postseason play for Men’s Basketball and Men’s Golf
- Loss of three scholarships per season for the next three years for Men’s Basketball
- Head Coach for Men’s Basketball suspended for 30% of the season
- Show-cause for Men’s Golf Head Coach for five years

Key Points:

- Boosters cannot give PSA or SA any extra benefit (cash, gift, loans, etc.)
  - If a booster would like to donate to your program, tell them to contact the Victory Club.
- Check recruiting dates prior to contracting PSA
- Report any suspected violations to the compliance office

Remember to ASK BEFORE YOU ACT!!