

March Rules Education

Georgia State
University
Department of
Athletics

Olympic Sports
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Agenda

- **Recruiting Calendar**
- **Financial Aid**
- **Rosters**
- **NLI & Gambling Reminder**
- **Interps**
- **Additional Information**

Recruiting Calendar

NLI Dead Periods 4/13 – 4/16

- Golf
- Tennis
- Volleyball (Sand & Court)
- Baseball
- Softball
- Track and Field/Cross Country

Recruiting Calendar

Contact Periods

- Baseball 3/1 – 4/12
- T&F/ XC 3/15 – 4/12
- Softball 3/1 – 4/12
- Soccer 3/1 – EOY
- Volleyball (Sand & Court) 3/1 – 4/12
- All Other Sports 3/1 – 4/12

Financial Aid

Period of Award

- Awards begin on the first day of class or practice, whichever is earlier.
- Awards conclude on the last day or final term of the academic year (e.g., Summer semester) or final competition.

Financial Aid

Period of Award

- Institutional financial aid may be awarded less than a full academic year under the following circumstances:
 - Mid-year enrollment
 - Final semester
 - Graduated during previous academic year and will exhaust eligibility during the following fall term.
 - One-time exception
 - Exhausted eligibility / Medical non-counter

Financial Aid

Financial Aid from Outside Sources (Outside Scholarships)

- Student-athletes may receive aid from established and continuing programs provided:
 - The recipient's choice of institution is not restricted.
 - There is no direct connection with the donor and institution.
 - Aid is not awarded on the basis of athletics ability.

Financial Aid

Reductions and Cancellations

- A student-athlete's aid may be reduced or canceled if he or she:
 - Renders him/herself ineligible for competition.
 - Fraudulently misrepresents him/herself.
 - Engages in serious misconduct.
 - Voluntarily withdraws from the sport at any time.

Financial Aid

Renewals and Nonrenewals

- Forms must be submitted by May 15th (or next following business day).
- The Compliance Office will review and forward the forms to the Office of Financial Aid.
- Agreements will be disseminated through the Office of Financial Aid utilizing the address listed on the student-athlete's BANNER account.

Financial Aid

Renewals and Nonrenewals

- Add ALL student-athletes on aid from the previous year.
 - Meet with your advisors prior to submission with regards to exhausted eligibility.
 - Meet with Sports Medicine prior to submission about potential medicals.
- Ensure your student-athletes are updating their PAWS accounts with their current addresses.

Financial Aid

Student-Athlete Appeals

- Any time a student-athlete's aid is reduced or canceled, he or she may appeal the decision.
- The Financial Aid Appeals Committee is made up of individuals unrelated to athletics.
- Please be sure to document EVERYTHING.
- Please be prepared to defend your decision to reduce or cancel a student-athlete's aid.

Financial Aid

Case Study

Claire Underwood, a senior court volleyball SA, will graduate following the Spring 2015 semester but has one year of eligibility remaining. Zoe Barnes is a sophomore SA who agreed to be placed on aid for the 2014-15 (freshman year) academic year only. The team has awarded its maximum limit for the Fall 2015 term. The Head Volleyball coach is interested in awarding Claire's aid to another SA or PSA for the Spring 2016 semester.

Financial Aid

Case Study

- Is State permitted to swap out Claire's aid for an incoming PSA during the Spring 2016 semester?
 - **Yes!** Claire graduated during the previous academic year and will exhaust eligibility during the following fall term; the coach is permitted to award half year aid to a mid-year enrollee.
- Is Zoe permitted to receive that Spring 2016 aid?
 - **No!** A student-athlete is permitted to be awarded aid for less than a year only if it is his or her first time being placed on aid (at certifying institution), final semester, or graduating in previous term.

Financial Aid

Case Study

- The Men's Soccer Head Coach decides to non-renew sophomore SA Jon Snow's aid for the 2015-16 academic year. Jon appeals the nonrenewal and wins; however, his aid was awarded to another student-athlete. Has a violation occurred?
 - **Yes!** If there is no space in the team limitations.
 - **No!** If there is space.

NLI Reminders

NLI Reminders: 4/15 – 5/20

- Ensure the Compliance Office has an evaluated transcript on file for the prospective signee.
- Please submit NLI requests at least 5 days in advance.
- Prospects have 7 days from the issuance date to sign.

Roster Additions

Roster Declaration

- Roster Declaration forms are distributed during the first week of May to all Head Coaches.
- All Roster Declaration forms must be submitted to the Compliance Office prior to the last week of May.

Roster Additions

Walk-Ons

- All prospective walk-ons are required to submit the completed Walk-On Practice / Compliance Review Form.
- The walk-on process varies by sport, so please inform the Compliance Office if you decide to hold open tryouts.

Change of Status

Change of Status Forms

- The Change of Status Form is used for:
 - Squad List additions and removals; and
 - Scholarship increases, decreases or cancellations.

Change of Status

Procedure

- Coach completes the Change of Status Form and submits to Compliance Office.
 - In instances where the student-athlete is non-compliant with the removal, written notice of the action is sufficient (e.g., e-mail).
- The Compliance Office (1) verifies all necessary signatures have been obtained; and (2) notifies pertinent parties of the action.

Gambling

Gambling Reminder

- Department of Athletics staff members and student-athletes are not permitted to gamble on any NCAA-sponsored sports, whether professional or amateur.
- This includes, but is not limited to:
 - Any postseason college basketball (e.g., NCAA, NIT, CBI, and CIT tournaments).
 - Fantasy sports (where anything of value is awarded to the winner).

REMINDERS!



Interps



Questions?





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INTERPRETATIONS

Early Qualifier Added to Squad List after Deadline for Submission of Final Transcript (I)

Date Published: July 13, 2009

Interpretation:

The academic and membership affairs staff determined that if a student-athlete who is certified as a qualifier pursuant to the early academic certification exception is added to an institution's squad list for the first time after the deadline for submission of his or her final transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center (i.e., February 1 of the same academic year if enrollment occurs in the first term or February 1 of the following academic year if enrollment occurs after the first term), the institution shall ensure submission of his or her final high school transcript (official or unofficial) to the Eligibility Center by February 1 of the next academic year.

Canceling Aid Before Term of Award Begins

Date Published: August 12, 1988

Interpretation:

Canceling Aid before Term of Award Begins: Reviewed a situation in which student-athletes begin practice prior to the start of classes and the institution provides no expenses during this period; determined that if a student-athlete becomes injured during this practice period, the institution would not be permitted to graduate or cancel aid that had been awarded to the student-athlete, inasmuch as per Constitution 3-4-(c), "If a student-athlete has been accepted for admission and awarded financial assistance, the institution shall be committed for the term of the original award, even though the student-athlete's physical condition prevents the student-athlete from participating in intercollegiate athletics for any reason." Further, distinguished this issue regarding the awarding of financial assistance from the principle of the initiation of the term of the award per staff interpretations 10/7/87, Item (c) and 12/16/87, Item (d) and Council interpretation 1/10/88, Item 1.

Lotteries Defined

Date Published: December 19, 1985

Interpretation:

Agreed that a lottery, including one legalized by a state, is a form of gambling (if payment is required for entry) and an undesirable activity to have linked in any way to intercollegiate athletics, and a group sponsoring a state lottery could not be a commercial sponsor of any NCAA-controlled broadcast or telecast; however, there is no NCAA legislation to prevent such sponsorship on a broadcast or telecast controlled by a conference or institution.



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Graduation of Financial Aid Based Upon Student-Athlete Rendering Himself Ineligible

Date Published: December 1, 1987

Interpretation:

Examined a situation where a student-athlete, who was awarded athletic aid, was told by the institution that he needed one credit to be eligible when in actuality, he needed six credits to be eligible for the following season. Determined that the institution could graduate or cancel the aid per Constitution 3-4-(c)-(2)-(i) because the student-athlete rendered himself ineligible regardless of the institution's incorrect advice. Noted that equity should be served during the institutional hearing. Recommended to the Committee on Financial Aid that institutions report the results of such a hearing to the NCAA staff in such a situation.

Change in Residence Status During the Year for a Student-Athlete in an Equivalency Sport

Date Published: December 14, 1988

Interpretation:

Change in Residence Status During the Year for a Student-Athlete in an Equivalency Sport:
Reviewed a situation in which a student-athlete in an equivalency sport is awarded financial aid for the year based upon an out-of-state residence status, but subsequent to the beginning of the academic year becomes an in-state resident; confirmed that per Bylaw 6-5-(i) [calculation of equivalencies], if the student-athlete's financial aid award consists of a tuition waiver (or percentage thereof), the institution must adjust both the numerator and denominator of the student-athlete's equivalency for the subsequent term(s), noting that the institution is required per Bylaw 6-1-(a) [a student-athlete may not receive financial aid that exceeds the value of tuition and fees, room and board, and required course-related books] and Bylaw 6-1-(c) [the institution shall reduce institutional aid so as not to exceed the amount set forth in Bylaw 6-1-(a)] to graduate tuition immediately to reflect the change in residence status; however, if the student-athlete's financial aid award is not based on a percentage of tuition, the institution is not required to adjust the student-athlete's equivalency for the year; if that award is a term-to-term award, the equivalency would have to be adjusted for the subsequent term.