



## CHAMPIONSHIPS ELIGIBILITY FOR 2020-21 NCAA DIVISION II PRINCIPLES OF NULLIFICATION

### PRINCIPLES AND PENALTIES OF NULLIFICATION BEGIN AT THE TIME OF SELECTIONS.

1. Opponents of an ineligible individual or team that competes with an ineligible player should not be adversely affected.
2. The ineligible student-athlete and the institution he or she represents will be penalized. As it relates to access to NCAA championships, a penalty will be assessed to the selection criteria, which may impact the individual's and/or team's opportunity for selection to postseason competition.
3. All contests in which an ineligible student-athlete competes will be nullified (win, lose or tie). The nullification of a contest will penalize only the individual and/or institution using an ineligible student-athlete.
4. The number of nullified contests is identified and the penalty is assessed for each nullified contest. If a student-athlete was deemed ineligible and then reinstated through the NCAA reinstatement process, only those contests in which the student-athlete competed while ineligible will be nullified. The competition prior to or after that time will not be nullified.
5. A penalty will be applied in two categories: the won-lost record percentage and the strength-of-schedule index (overall and in-region, if applicable).
6. The penalty assessed will vary from sport to sport. It will be a mathematical calculation that is relevant to each sport and reduces the percentage of the won-lost record and the strength-of-schedule index. The calculation will be determined in conjunction with the NCAA statistics department.
7. The value of the nullification will be consistent across sports; however, the actual mathematical calculation (number) could be different because of factors such as number of games played. (Example: The nullification may be worth 2 percentage points; however, that equates to .025 for one sport and .063 for another sport).
8. Information regarding the penalties for nullification will be part of the selection criteria for each sport.
9. In team sports, a team's won-lost record that falls below .500 after adjustments for nullification(s) will be ineligible for championships selections to fill at-large berths. In addition, in football, a conference will lose earned access privileges to the championship if nullification penalties drop all conference teams out of the top eight super regional ranking.

10. For individual sports (e.g., qualifying standards in swimming and diving), if a student-athlete achieved the qualifying standard while ineligible, the qualifying standard would not be recognized as eligible for selection to the championship. If the student-athlete achieved the qualifying standard while eligible, became ineligible and was reinstated, the qualifying standard would be eligible for selection to the championship.
11. For individual/team sports (e.g., golf), if the student-athlete competed while ineligible, the score achieved by the student-athlete would be deleted from the team score. In the case of golf (play 5 count 4), the fifth score would be calculated into the team score.
12. Nullifications do not carry over to the next academic year for eligibility violations detected after the season is complete. However, the application of Bylaw 31.2.1.7. (Notification of Ineligibility) and its subsections could impact future championships.
13. Appeals of nullification decisions must be submitted as soon as possible, but not more than 72 hours after electronic notification of the decision from enforcement. Appeals made within 48 hours of selections will not be heard prior to selections.

**The penalties for using an ineligible student-athlete during the 2020-21 season are as follows:  
(data from 2019-20 season)**

Sport	DII W/L	DII Avg Opp W/L	DII Avg Opp/Opp W/L	In Region W/L	In Region Avg Opp W/L	In-Region Avg Opp/Opp W/L
<b><u>FALL SPORTS</u></b>						
Field Hockey	0.049	0.009	0.002	0.051	0.009	0.002
Football	0.023	0.005	0.002	0.022	0.006	0.002
Men's Soccer	0.017	0.004	0.001	0.017	0.004	0.001
Women's Soccer	0.027	0.005	0.002	0.027	0.005	0.002
Volleyball	0.024	0.005	0.002	0.025	0.005	0.002
<b><u>WINTER SPORTS</u></b>						
Men's Basketball	0.021	0.004	0.001	0.021	0.003	0.001
Women's Basketball	0.022	0.004	0.001	0.022	0.004	0.001
<b><u>SPRING SPORTS</u></b>						
Baseball	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Men's Lacrosse	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Women's Lacrosse	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Softball	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Men's Tennis	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Women's Tennis	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A