

**CHAMPIONSHIPS ELIGIBILITY FOR 2025-26**  
**NCAA DIVISION III 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 one category: the NPI value at the time of selection.

*(Nullification will be applied to Division III won/loss and Division III strength of schedule for men's and women's tennis.)*

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 NPI value. 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 with an ineligible student-athlete.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. Nullifications do not carry over to the next academic year for eligibility violations reported after the season is complete. However, application of NCAA Division III Bylaw 31.2.1.5.2 may impact future championship selections.

11. Nullification begins at the time of selection and will be applied throughout the championship, inclusive of reseeding teams for the finals site.

The penalties for using an ineligible student-athlete during the 2025-26 season are as follows:

Sport	NPI
<b>FALL SPORTS</b>	
Field Hockey	.341
Football	.262
Men's Soccer	.072
Women's Soccer	.098
Volleyball	.110
<b>WINTER SPORTS</b>	
Men's Basketball	.113
Women's Basketball	.098
Men's Ice Hockey	.314
Women's Ice Hockey	.575
<b>SPRING SPORTS</b>	
Baseball	.100
Men's Lacrosse	.268
Women's Lacrosse	.214
Softball	.115
Men's Volleyball	.356

Sport	DIII W/L	DIII SOS Index
<b>SPRING SPORTS</b>		
Men's Tennis	.026	.012
Women's Tennis	.021	.007