

# Student-Athlete Status

## A Quick Guide



### DEFINITION OF A PROSPECT

Anyone who has started ninth grade is considered a prospect. An individual remains a prospect until student-athlete status is triggered.



### TRIGGERS FOR STUDENT-ATHLETE STATUS

**A prospect triggers student-athlete status when one of the following conditions is met:**

- The prospect provides written commitment, completes high school or transfer academic requirements and receives permissible benefits from their school.
- The prospect participates in summer access or preseason practice.
- The prospect attends summer school or begins full-time coursework.
- The prospect attends institutional orientation within 14 days of the first day of classes.

### IMPACTS OF TRIGGERING STUDENT-ATHLETE STATUS

#### Triggering Student-Athlete Status by Receiving Benefits

Once a prospect provides a school written commitment and completes necessary academic requirements, a school may elect to trigger student-athlete status by providing the prospect permissible Bylaw 16 benefits or expenses (e.g., transportation to campus, apparel).

#### Student-Athlete Status vs. Transfer Status

Student-athlete status and transfer status are separate and distinct; there are factual scenarios where an individual could trigger student-athlete status without triggering transfer status.

#### Official Visits and Transportation To Enroll

A prospect may take an official visit to campus and remain on campus at the end of the visit to begin summer access, preseason practice or classes.

#### Outside Team Limits

An individual who has triggered student-athlete status is subject to limitations on the number of student-athletes on an outside team.

#### Institutional Camps and Clinics

Student-athletes are generally not permitted to attend their school's camps or clinics. If a prospect has triggered student-athlete status, they may be employed at the institutional camp or clinic but may not be a participant.

#### Finishing Class at Another Institution

Under limited circumstances, a prospect may trigger student-athlete status by attending summer school or participating in summer access while completing transfer academic eligibility requirements at another institution.

