



2020-21 NCAA DIVISION I COACHES CERTIFICATION (RECRUITING) TEST OUTLINE

This coaches' certification test outline is intended to serve as a rules-education tool for the conference and the institution, and as a study guide for coaches. The 2020-21 test includes legislation contained in NCAA Bylaw 12.02.1 (agent); Bylaw 12.1.2 (amateur status); Bylaw 13 (recruiting); Bylaw 14.02 (definitions and applications of eligibility terms); Bylaw 14.3 (freshman academic requirements); Bylaw 14.4.3 (eligibility for competition); Bylaw 14.5 (transfer regulations); Bylaw 15.02 (definitions and applications); and Bylaw 15.3 (terms and conditions of awarding institutional financial aid). Please note that the following bylaw citations refer to the 2019-20 NCAA Division I Manual.

[Note: Items marked with an asterisk (*) apply only to football, basketball, lacrosse, softball and/or women's volleyball.]

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