

## Implementation

The following is the implementation for the Division II age-based collegiate eligibility model **with an effective date of Aug. 5, 2026:**

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| <b>Current student-athletes who initially enrolled full time at any collegiate institution (e.g., two-year, international, NAIA, Division I/II/III) before the 2026-27 academic year.</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Student-athletes with eligibility remaining (time left in their period of eligibility and seasons of competition remaining).                                                              | <p>Either the current rules OR new age-based model, whichever is most beneficial to the student-athlete.</p> <p><i>*Any waivers (e.g., extensions, hardship waivers, organized competition) for current student-athletes based on the current legislation must be submitted no later than August 31, 2026, for student-athletes participating in fall sports, golf or tennis. Any waivers for student-athletes participating in winter and spring sports must be submitted no later than September 30, 2026. Waivers will not be available for competition or extenuating circumstances occurring beyond the 2025-26 academic year.</i></p> <p><i>**Currently enrolled student-athletes assessed under the current rules must use their 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility consecutively. Student-athletes assessed under the current rules that are not currently enrolled must use their remaining semesters/quarters of eligibility consecutively upon re-enrollment. All student-athletes assessed under the current rules have until the conclusion of the 2030-31 academic year to use any remaining semesters/quarters of eligibility. After the 2030-31 academic year, any future eligibility must be assessed under the age-based model.</i></p> |
| Student-athletes who exhausted eligibility in 2025-26 (no time left in their period of eligibility and no seasons of competition remaining).                                              | Current rules; no longer eligible.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Student-athletes who used their final season of competition during 2025-26 but have time remaining in their period of eligibility.                                                        | Current rules; no longer eligible.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Prospective Student-Athletes Enrolling Full Time at any Collegiate Institution Fall 2026 and Later.</b>                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Prospective student-athletes who initially enroll full time at any collegiate institution in 2026-27.                                                                                     | <p>Either the current rules OR new age-based model, whichever is most beneficial to the student-athlete.</p> <p><i>*Organized competition waivers for prospective student-athletes initially enrolling at a Division II institution during the 2026-27 academic year must be filed within 30</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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|                                                                                                                       | <p><i>calendar days of the prospective student-athlete's final athletics certification decision. For fall sport, golf and tennis prospective student-athletes who received their final athletics certification prior to Aug. 1, 2026, any organized competition waivers must be submitted no later than Aug. 31, 2026. For winter and spring sport prospective student-athletes who received their final athletics certification prior to Aug. 1, 2026, any organized competition waivers must be submitted no later than Sept. 30, 2026.</i></p> <p><i>**Athletics eligibility waivers (e.g., extensions, hardship waivers) will not be available for prospective student-athletes assessed under the current eligibility rules.</i></p> <p><i>***All student-athletes assessed under the current rules have until the conclusion of the 2030-31 academic year to use any remaining semesters/quarters of eligibility. After the 2030-31 academic year, any future eligibility must be assessed under the age-based model.</i></p> |
| <b>Prospective student-athletes who initially enroll full time at any collegiate institution in 2027-28 or later.</b> | Age-based model only.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |