



ECAG Requirements and Procedures

ECAG RPs

INTRODUCTION.

Purpose of Document.

This document outlines requirements and procedures (RPs) used and is designed to reflect the intended expectations and requirements desired by the NCAA membership for each ECAG subareas and the obligations of non-NCAA participants.

This document is intended to:

- Define parameters and compliance with rules, requirements, process, and legislation.
- Create baseline expectations and best practices for those participating in and benefitting from ECAG processes.
- Establish objective criteria for administering ECAG programs.

These procedures are not contractual in nature, do not create any independent right, do not have the force of NCAA bylaws, and may be amended without advanced notice. Current procedures and notice of amendments will be available on the NCAA website.

Relevant Authorities for ECAG Sub Areas.

The NCAA governing bodies with oversight to ECAG RPs are as follows:

ECAG Sub Area	NCAA Governing Body
Agent Certification	Strategic Vision and Planning Committee (SVPC)
Basketball Certification	Men's Basketball Oversight Committee (MBOC) Women's Basketball Oversight Committee (WBOC)
Recruiting/Scouting Service Approval	MBOC, WBOC and Football Oversight Committee (FOC)
Development Research and Analysis.	NCAA Enforcement

Agent Certification.

Pursuant to the NCAA Division I Governance process, the Council has primary legislative authority to revise NCAA Bylaw 12.02.1.2 and/or adopt additional legislation pertaining to agents certified by ECAG as proposed by the SVPC. [NOTE: Council actions are subject to review by the BOD.]

Basketball Certification.

Nonscholastic Event & League Certification.

Pursuant to the NCAA Division I Governance process, the NCAA Division I Council has primary legislative authority to revise NCAA Bylaw 13.18 & 17.4.8.1.4, the Men’s and Women’s Basketball Oversight Committees have the authority to revise ECAG RPs and/or adopt additional legislation/requirements pertaining to nonscholastic basketball events and leagues certified by ECAG.

Scholastic Event Certification.

Pursuant to the NCAA Division I Governance process, the NCAA Division I Council has primary legislative authority to revise NCAA Bylaw 13.1.7.5.3 (men’s) & 13.1.7.6.2 (women’s) and/or adopt additional legislation pertaining to scholastic events (MBB only) certified by ECAG as proposed by the MBOC.

Recruiting/Scouting Services.

Pursuant to the NCAA Division I Governance process, the Council has primary legislative authority to revise NCAA Bylaw 13.14.3 and/or adopt additional legislation pertaining to recruiting/scouting services approved by ECAG as proposed by the Men’s and Women’s Basketball Oversight Committees and the Football Oversight Committee.

Alteration Procedures and Authority.

Criteria outlined in the RPs are subject to change without notice.

Issues should be brought to the attention of the relevant governance authority during the annual review process of this document for guidance and approval to implement changes in requirements to address discussed areas of concern.

ECAG is authorized to develop and edit procedures needed to administer the varying certification/approval processes without pre-approval from the relevant governance authority. This includes authority to determine the nature and categories of information that registrants are required to submit; set deadlines for submission, adjust financial requirements, develop education resources, implement educational requirements, and other similar details. ECAG should, however, outline procedural changes implemented to the relevant governance authority during the annual review process of this document.

ECAG IDENTIFICATION.

ECAG is an acronym for the Enforcement Certification and Approvals Group and is the team within the NCAA enforcement staff responsible for evaluating and administrating the NCAA's certification/approval programs.

ECAG fulfills two segments of the definition of “certification”:

1. Certification/approval is a formal confirmation that a person, organization, or service possesses certain characteristics or meets specific requirements; thus, has been authorized to perform a specific job by the NCAA that allows the NCAA membership to engage with the entity in a specific way. These certifications/approvals include some form of education and external assessment, evaluation, review, or audit.
2. Certification is official proof that something is true or authentic, or the process of obtaining that proof.

Specifically, ECAG includes the following subgroups:

1. Basketball Certification
2. Recruiting/Scouting Service Approval
3. Agent Certification
4. Development Research and Analysis

ECAG SUBGROUP DESCRIPTIONS.

Basketball Certification.

The basketball certification program provides event/league operators who agree to operate their activities in accordance with applicable NCAA legislation and ECAG requirements and procedures the opportunity to receive NCAA certification for the purposes outlined below. Permissible dates and times are determined by annually published recruiting calendars and other NCAA bylaws governing coach evaluations.

Nonscholastic Event Certification.

NCAA certification permits Division I basketball coaches to attend nonscholastic events (e.g., camp, league, tournament, or festival) to evaluate participating prospective student athletes.

Scholastic Event Certification.

NCAA certification permits Division I basketball coaches to attend June scholastic events operated by state high school athletics associations or coaches' associations that are not within the NFHS membership to evaluate participating prospective student athletes.

The intent of the June scholastic period is to help advance and maintain an education-based focus in the recruiting environment. This program fulfills one segment of legislation that exists permitting NCAA Division I basketball coaches to attend and evaluate scholastic events in June provided that the events are operated in compliance with specified requirements and are approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations, the NCAA (for events conducted by scholastic associations that are not members of the NFHS) or an applicable two-year college governing body (NJCAA, CCCAA, NWAC).

Summer League Certification.

NCAA certification permits currently enrolled NCAA Division I student-athletes to participate in summer basketball leagues during specified dates and times without their participation counting as outside competition or affecting their collegiate eligibility.

Recruiting/Scouting Service Approval.

The recruiting/scouting service approval process provides operators who agree to operate their services in accordance with applicable NCAA legislation and ECAG policies, procedures, guidelines and requirements the opportunity to receive NCAA "approval" for NCAA Division I coaches to purchase the service as a resource for the recruiting process in the sports of basketball and football.

Agent Certification.

The agent certification process provides specific National Basketball Players Association (NBPA) registered agents who agree to operate in accordance with applicable NCAA legislation and ECAG policies, procedures, guidelines and requirements the opportunity to receive NCAA certification to allow the agent to enter into a Standard Player Agent Contract (SPAC) with eligible SAs or two-year college PSAs without negatively impacting the SA's NCAA eligibility. To the extent possible, the agent certification process assists in ensuring that NCAA SAs in the sport of MBB who are considering a professional career may obtain the assistance of a qualified agent in a transparent and consistent manner while being able to maintain collegiate eligibility.

Development Research and Analysis.

Development Analysts work closely with enforcement's development staff to research potential NCAA violations, analyze source information, collaborate with NCAA investigative and certification teams, and monitor specific NCAA recruiting trends and issues while developing and maintaining strategic relationships in assigned sports.

Lead the day-to-day research, analysis, and assessment of development leads and information in development's case management system. Conduct additional research as appropriate and assigned. Provide investigative research to IP assistant/associate directors in high-resource cases, including, but not limited to, analyzing case-related information from external sources and entities. Travel with IP assistant/associate directors to provide interview support, as well as participate in virtual case interviews as needed. Monitor up-to-date recruiting trends in football, men's and women's

basketball, and Olympic sports as assigned. Develop and maintain relationships with constituents, including national office staff and the membership, and strategic third-party sources to advance work responsibilities and enforcement initiatives. Travel to key events and initiatives to understand current trends and issues, develop, and maintain new strategic relationships, and collect and gather information to support enforcement's mission while supporting our member institutions and student-athletes.

ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY.

ECAG possesses administrative authority over each of its subgroups and all associated technology platforms. Further, ECAG possesses the authority to enforce NCAA legislation; ECAG requirements and procedures (RPs); and establish standards for those subgroups.

ECAG RPs are subject to change at any time and without prior notice.

Certification/approval is based on information available at the time of review. Changes occurring post review may forfeit that designation.

ECAG certification/approval refers to specific permissions and is not a designation of quality or seal of approval; nor does it indicate NCAA partnership or involvement. Therefore, the scope of NCAA governance does not encompass all operations of that entity/activity.

Authority to develop, maintain, and adjust external requirements and procedures and internal guidelines and policies when needed lies with ECAG. This includes:

- Determining the nature and categories of information participants must provide/submit.
- Defining deadlines for submission.
- Implementing educational requirements.
- Developing education resources.
- Assessing required applications and submissions.
- Investigating potential violations.
- Imposing appropriate adverse actions and/or penalties.

The same authority extends to external requirements that are noncontroversial if vetted through enforcement leadership and the NCAA's office of legal affairs. Edits to operational manuals can occur without committee consent provided disclosure for feedback occurs during the committee's annual endorsement of the ECAG operating procedures.

External requirements with greater significance or broader impact require approval by the appropriate committee(s) prior to implementation.

Verifying Compliance

To determine compliance, ECAG may request additional information, documents, or materials, at any point in the process or may conduct whatever additional investigation it deems appropriate and necessary.

ECAG may conduct interviews via technology or in-person and may initiate an investigation/review without providing any prior notice. Inquiries may occur to acquire expertise, knowledge as a subject area expert, or to solicit information known or engagement in a potential NCAA violation.

Participant, applicants, and those associated with ECAG processes have a responsibility to cooperate and to provide truthful information. [See: [Terms of Participation/Responsibility to Cooperate.](#)]

ECAG has the sole and final authority to determine whether a violation has occurred and the suitable adverse action(s) and penalties. [See: [ECAG Adverse Actions.](#)]

ECAG Administrative Fees.

ECAG is authorized to charge fees for registration, application submission, or other ECAG services to assist in eliminating the administrative burden on the NCAA, subsidize resources needed to improve the process and provide the necessary staff. ECAG reserves the discretion to change the amount of fees for any ECAG service without notice.

TERMS OF PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS.

Participating in ECAG's certification/approval processes or by accessing any ECAG technology platform serves as an agreement to the terms required of ECAG participation. This applies to all the following involved individuals:

- Event/league operators or individuals involved in operating or managing of an NCAA-certified event (scholastic and nonscholastic) or league.
- Operators or individuals involved in operating an NCAA-approved recruiting/scouting service or video-only service.
- Individuals involved in coaching activities at an NCAA-certified nonscholastic events.
- Individuals responsible for an organization of teams participating at an NCAA-certified event.
- Individuals who have obtained NCAA agent certification.
- Student-athletes participating in NCAA-certified leagues.
- Prospective student-athletes participating in NCAA-certified events/leagues.

Agree to ECAG Authority and Operational Compliance

Because ECAG applicants/coaches are not NCAA members and therefore, not subject to NCAA legislation, they agree to

- Comply with NCAA legislation and ECAG and requirements and procedures (RPs).
- Acquiesce to ECAG's authority to determine compliance with NCAA rules, requirements, and standards and accepting ECAG's decisions regarding certification/approval with the understanding that all ECAG decisions are final and not subject to further review.
- Submit to ECAG's authority to determine whether a violation has occurred and the suitable adverse action(s)/penalties and agree to submit to this authority.
- Not hold the NCAA responsible for any actions taken by another governing body (USAB, NBPA, etc.), state regulatory bodies, professional associations or other third-parties arising from or relating to administration of NCAA legislation and ECAG RPs and that by participating in ECAG programs accept the foregoing risks.

These agreements endure for perpetuity and applies to all current and former participants.

Responsibility for NCAA Compliance.

The ultimately responsible for ensuring NCAA compliance of an event, league, service, team, organization, and/or agency with lies with the applicant/coach.

Compliance and the Ownness of Acquiring Knowledge.

Compliance operations/participation requires ECAG applicants/coaches to have knowledge and understanding of NCAA rules/requirements. Any information provided by ECAG online or via email, training, or any other means of communication becomes the responsibility of the applicant/coach to read, know, understand, and operate within. The applicant/coach must make plans and develop procedures to successfully comply with the expected rules, requirements, and procedures.

An individual's purported lack of knowledge does not mitigate missing a deadline, determining if a violation has occurred, or in assessing any associated penalty.

Responsibility for Personnel (Paid or Unpaid).

The applicant/coach is presumed to be responsible for the compliance of the association or entity they are part of, including all employees and individuals (paid or unpaid) who report to them directly or indirectly; as well as any individual involved with the function for which NCAA certification/approval was requested; those that participate (or responsible for those that participate) in or benefit from NCAA certification/approval.

The applicant/coach should inform their staff that through their involvement with an NCAA-certified/approved function, they have an obligation to cooperate fully with and assist the NCAA if requested, including but not limited to participating in an interview(s). The applicant/coach is accountable for staff actions that warrant adverse actions in association with the NCAA-certified/approved function.

Sports Bribery, Point Shaving or Game Fixing.

Anyone found guilty or who plead guilty in a court of law for having been involved in sports bribery, point shaving or game fixing cannot have an association with or be on staff of the event or any participating team.

Atmosphere of Compliance.

ECAG expects the applicant/coach to promote an atmosphere of compliance within his or her program and monitor the activities of all those associated with the NCAA-certified/approved function.

Strategies to Promote an Atmosphere of Compliance

A list of strategies and recommendation to promote an atmosphere of compliance appear below. This is not an exhaustive list; other strategies are possible.

- Review resources provided on the NCAA website.
- Attend any educational sessions offered by ECAG.
- Question everything. Ask before you act. Address any questions you may have by accessing FAQs or contacting ECAG for clarification.
- Formally meet with all employees and individuals (paid or unpaid) who report to them directly or indirectly; as well as any individual who assists with or oversees their work and benefits from their NCAA certification, approval, or participation to discuss expectations regarding rules compliance. Create a written agenda and include discussion points on expectations of each role/duty; steps of compliant operations; procedures for what to do when they are unsure of the compliant action to take, etc.
- Identify areas of vulnerability and conduct specific rules education sessions to help decrease the vulnerability.
- Answer any questions of your associates and if necessary, contact ECAG for an accurate response.
- Track and document everything.
- Keep written records of any information that shows the efforts you made to promote an atmosphere of compliance.
- Identify any questionable situations in advance and reach out to ECAG for clarification.

Unfettered NCAA Access.

By obtaining NCAA certification/approval or by participating in an NCAA-certified event/league, the individual voluntarily obligates themselves to providing the NCAA (or its designated representative) access to business operations associated with the NCAA-certified/approved function without restrictions and without prior notice. This transparency includes the following:

- Access to facilities.
- Operational procedures.
- Opportunity to inspect event/league check-in procedures.
- Financial records.
- Any other relevant information/documentation.

Additionally, when requested, the applicant/coach must provide ECAG with an administrative username and password to access their technology platforms.

Complete, Truthful and Accurate Information.

Must provide complete, truthful, and accurate information to the NCAA in any submission, during all conversations/interviews or in any other interaction and submit to all applicable ECAG penalties for the provision of false and misleading information.

Agreement to Shared Information.

Must agree that ECAG may at its discretion share information obtained while processing, monitoring, investigating or otherwise received or discovered with other NCAA staff groups; NCAA membership institutions and conferences; NCAA committees; applicable law offices, governing bodies and/or other individuals or entities ECAG determines to be appropriate.

Financial Transparency.

Must agree to allow the NCAA (or its representatives) access to financial information when requested and be subject to transparency requirements including, but not limited to:

1. Be subject to audit and to provide all required IRS and other tax filings.
2. Disclose all sources of financing and other payments and the recipients of all funds provided for or collected in relation to the NCAA-certified/approved function; and
3. Disclose any financial relationship between themselves or the pursuits for which they obtained certification/approval with any administrator, coach or booster at any NCAA school, apparel company or other similar entities.

Responsibility to Cooperate.

Must agree to fully cooperate with the NCAA in connection with its investigation and analysis of possible NCAA rules violations, even if the violations are unrelated to ECAG certification/approval. Full cooperation includes:

1. Failure to submit to an interview.
2. Provide relevant information.
3. Provide complete and accurate information.
4. Provide supporting documentation requested by the NCAA staff; or
5. Respond to inquiries in a timely manner.

Failure to cooperate with the NCAA staff in any way will likely result in loss of eligibility to participate in or operate an NCAA-certified/approved functions and there would be no appeal rights for such an action.

Maintain an Account & Engage with ECAG's Online Platforms.

Requests for NCAA certification/approval occur via one of ECAG's online platforms. Therefore, an applicant/coach must have an active user account and meet ECAG's expectations regarding the account(s).

User Account Contact Information.

The applicant/coach is responsible for maintaining the accuracy of their contact information. If an issue arises, ECAG will contact the applicant/coach via the email address on the user account. In rare circumstances, ECAG may choose to communicate in another way, but typically, especially about normal processing procedures, ECAG will not attempt to contact or send the request by other means (fax, phone, mail, overnight delivery service, fax, etc.). As a courtesy or for convenience, ECAG may choose to communicate in another way besides an email, but doing so is at its discretion.

Registration Agreements and Attestations.

The applicant/coach must agree to the attestations, terms, and conditions statements to operate in compliance with NCAA expectations at various stages of registration and application processes.

Online Terms of Use and Privacy Policies.

In addition to NCAA legislation, ECAG RPs, and attestations appearing in ECAG online platforms, applicants/coaches are accountable for knowing and operating within the NCAA's Terms of Use for the NCAA website(s) together with its subpages and microsites (e.g., BBCS, etc.) and the NCAA Privacy Policy posted on www.ncaa.org.

Whitelist NCAA Email Addresses with Service Provider.

The applicant/coach is responsible to add "@ncaa.org" as a "safe" or "trusted" source in any filters used by their email service provider. Taking this step ensures that the applicant/coach receives all communications from ECAG and its online platforms without marking them as spam or sending them to a junk mail folder, etc. Failure to read an email request for information due to misdirection will not mitigate a missed deadline.

Security of Online User Account and NCAA Data.

Sharing one's username and/or password to an ECAG online platform with any unauthorized individual or entity to access the platform is prohibited and any/all activities that occur while signed into an account are the responsibility of the account owner.

Agreed Submission to Adverse Actions and/or Penalties.

Must acknowledge that ECAG has sole authority to determine whether a violation has occurred and agree to comply with ECAG decisions regarding adverse actions and/or penalties, including withdrawal of current or denial of future certification, approval, or participation.

Interpretive questions regarding NCAA legislation application to a specific set of facts may require ECAG to request a legislative interpretation from Academic and Membership Affairs staff. For this reason, the applicant/coach must acknowledge understanding that any such determination is conclusive for purposes of ECAG's administration of the certification/approval programs.

Release of NCAA from Other Associations' Actions.

Must acknowledge that the NCAA is not responsible for any actions taken by another organization or entity.

DEADLINE ENFORCEMENT.

Deadlines are set at the discretion of ECAG, but strictly enforced once identified. Deadlines are NOT speculative and therefore there is no gray area; they are either met or not met.

All deadlines expire at **11:59 p.m. Eastern Time**. Be early when at all possible.

The expectation of applicants/coaches includes planning in advance to ensure timely completion or submission of forms, documents, and/or responses.

In incredibly rare circumstances (i.e., the NCAA is at fault, acts of God in the weather/pandemic, etc.) ECAG may provide relief from a deadline at its discretion.

ECAG may deny or not review late submissions of justifications or athlete address/residency requests due to the lack of time between its submission and the athlete's participation.

Verification of Submission.

Online.

Information submitted in one of the ECAG online platforms will be time/date-stamped and this data is not disputable. If an operator completed all required fields on an application, failure to click the submit button and lack of a status changes from "Not Submitted" to "Submitted" ("Paid" in the case of a nonscholastic event or league application), the application remains unsubmitted. Therefore, ECAG will not process the application, and it is subject to denial.

Offline.

For information submitted by email or hard copy, it is the applicant's responsibility to verify and produce proof of a timely submission when validation is necessary. Therefore, it is advisable to mark all emails for a read and delivery receipt and keep that verification as proof of successfully submitting the information. Similarly, ECAG advises use of traceable delivery (i.e., FedEx, UPS, certified mail, etc.) when sending anything hard copy.

ADVERSE ACTIONS AND PENALTIES.

Failure to comply with NCAA legislation and ECAG RPs may result in adverse actions/penalties of varying severity at the discretion of ECAG. Appropriate NCAA membership committees have authorized ECAG to determine whether a violation has occurred or that operations are inconsistent with NCAA legislation and ECAG RPs. The same authority empowers ECAG to determine suitable adverse actions/penalties and to implement, assign, and enforce those repercussions. ECAG decisions are not subject to further review and there is no appeal process.

ECAG can assign adverse actions and penalties separately or in combination. Further, adverse actions and penalties assessed in one area of ECAG may also restrict participation in a separate ECAG process. For example, a scouting service rendered ineligible for rules violations may also lose eligibility to operate an NCAA-certified basketball event.

ECAG must assess a penalty of some kind if a violation occurs. The presumed minimum penalty is withdrawal of current or denial of future participation in or becoming an NCAA certified/approved function. Behaviors considered inadvertent, unintended, administrative, or occurred despite of preventative processes remain subject to adverse actions.

Those involved in NCAA-certified/approved functions voluntarily agree to ECAG's authority (See the chapter on Terms of Participation).

Assessment of Adverse Actions and Penalties.

Considerations for Determining Adverse Actions and Penalties.

In assessing the appropriate disciplinary action, ECAG will consider the following factors:

1. Prior history of compliance/non-compliance.
2. Intentionality.
3. Any appropriate mitigating information.
4. Whether the violation was isolated or continuing.
5. Any impact to the eligibility of a current PSA or SA.
6. The involvement, if any, of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete, booster, or institution or its staff.
7. The extent of cooperation with the NCAA.
8. Any other fact or circumstance deemed relevant by ECAG.

Statute of Limitations.

Adverse action and penalties apply to conduct occurring not earlier than four years before ECAG places the involved individual on written notice of the potential violation. The following conduct, however, has no limitation in which ECAG can process a violation and assign disciplinary action:

1. Conduct involving violations affecting the eligibility of a current student-athlete or prospective-student athlete.
2. Repeat violators who demonstrate a pattern of willful violations even if a portion of that pattern occurred earlier than four years before ECAG places the involved individual on written notice of the potential violation.
3. Conduct that involves an effort to conceal the occurrence of the prohibited conduct.

Conduct Subject to Adverse Actions and Penalties.

Regardless of the violation that occurred, the offender should presume a minimum penalty of withdrawal of current or denial of future certification, approval, or participation.

Deadlines.

1. Failure to properly complete an application or post-event/season review form including the required attestations.
2. Failure to submit information by the required deadline or if the information provided is incomplete mandates adverse actions or penalties.
3. Failure to submit all documentation requested by ECAG or its representatives.

Requirements.

1. Failure to meet the NCAA background check requirements when applicable.
2. Failure to complete or participate in any ECAG educational requirements.
3. Failure to comply with NCAA legislation and ECAG RPs.
4. Failure to comply with NCAA terms and conditions.
5. ECAG becomes aware of information that calls into question the applicant's qualifications.

Intentional Misconduct.

Any noncompliant behavior that is intentional, deceptive, contrary to the NCAA's core mission or which may adversely affect the interest or well-being of SAs. The presumed minimum penalty for most violations is withdrawal/denial of the process participant's application/post-event review form and/or impact the process participant's eligibility to participate in or benefit from NCAA certification/approval including permanent ineligibility. ECAG has the sole and final authority to determine whether the process participant has engaged in impermissible conduct. Impermissible conduct includes the following:

1. Failure to comply with or taking part in activities that result in or considered a violation of NCAA legislation and ECAG RPs.
2. Failure to cooperate with the NCAA in its processing of an application, post-event review form, investigation, etc.
3. Misappropriating funds or engaging in specific acts of financial malpractice such as embezzlement, theft, or fraud, which would render him/her unfit.
4. Participation in unethical activities or any activity determined by ECAG to be misconduct.
5. **AGENT CERTIFICATION ONLY** - Engaging in other conduct that significantly impacts adversely his or her credibility, integrity, or competence to serve in a representative capacity on behalf of a student-athlete. (Until high school students are eligible to enter the NBA draft, legislation addressing representation of prospective-student athletes remains inactive).

Reputation.

1. Involvement with conduct detrimental to the integrity and public confidence of the NCAA.
2. Any noncompliant behavior contrary to the NCAA's core mission, detrimental to the best interests of the NCAA's certification/approval programs, or that may adversely affect the interest or well-being of student-athletes.
3. Unauthorized use of the NCAA brand and trademarks.

Fraudulent Activities.

Any deliberate act or participation in fraudulent activities including:

1. Provision of fraudulent/dishonest information.
2. Forgery, alteration, or manipulation of any documentation or digital file(s).
3. Deception regarding financial transparency.
4. Plagiarism.
5. False representation of NCAA certification.
6. Failure to provide complete, truthful, and accurate information or to disclose information.
7. Influencing others to furnish the NCAA false or misleading information.
8. Any other activity conducted with intent to otherwise deceive.

Invalidation of Prerequisites.

Should an occupational or professional license, certification, franchise, or another similar credential (i.e., sports union membership, certified public account, chartered life underwriter, registered investment advisor, etc.) become denied, withdrawn, suspended, reprimanded, censured, or otherwise disciplined or rendered disqualified, ECAG may impose appropriate adverse actions.

1. Loss of a USAB License. An NCAA-certified event/league operator or participating coach who loses his or her USAB license for any reason automatically forfeits eligibility to participate in activities associated with ECAG.
2. Loss of NBPA Certification. An NCAA-certified agent who loses his or her NBPA certification for any reason automatically forfeits NCAA certification.

Unlawful Conduct & Potential Violations of State/Federal Law.

ECAG, in its sole discretion, reserves to impose adverse actions to any individual who has been arrested, charged or convicted of, received a deferred sentence or adjudication for, or pled guilty or no contest at any time for, or has been charged with any felony or any misdemeanor for a violent crime, sex offense or crime against a child. [NOTE: Until a diversion agreement terminates and the charge(s) dismissed, the charge remains in effect.]

Agent Specific Laws.

ECAG, in its sole discretion, may also impose adverse actions to any agent found to have violated laws governing athletic agents including but not limited to violations of state law (e.g., UAAA/RUAAA) or SPARTA [15 U.S.C. 7801-7807].

Potential Adverse Actions.

Denial of Certification/Approval.

Failure to meet ECAG RPs during the application or registration process may result in the denial of NCAA certification/approval. Similarly, Failure to uphold or remain compliant with NCAA legislation and ECAG RPs in its operation may result in denial of future certification/approval.

Withdrawal of Certification/Approval.

Failure to uphold or remain compliant with NCAA legislation and ECAG RPs in its operation may result in withdrawal of a previously granted certification/approval.

Conditional Approval.

If an applicant/team fails but nearly meets requirements for certification/approval and the applicant/team has demonstrated the ability to operate in compliance with NCAA legislation and

ECAG RPs, ECAG may at its discretion certify or approve the application reliant on an assigned action(s) or condition.

A conditional approval status appears without distinction from full approval to everyone other than the applicant or coach and any event connected to a conditionally approved team. All others cannot decipher an approval from a conditional approval.

Failure to satisfy the conditions outlined when approved may result in additional adverse actions/penalties including denial of future certification/approval.

Recruiting/Scouting Service Approval and Agent Certification.

Conditional approval typically applies to unestablished scouting services or with agents who do not have the required number or years with NBPA certification. (See the status section in these chapters for more information.)

Basketball Certification.

Approvals for residency exceptions and roster justifications for an athlete to participate on a team are examples of conditional approvals. Because the approval granted is dependent on the residency documentation reviewed at a specific time a definitive approval is not possible. If documentation submitted to ECAG is inaccurate or should that information change, the exception/justification would cease to apply even though it may appear as approved in the BBCS.

Extended Evaluation.

ECAG may, at its sole discretion, choose to use Extended Evaluation for a variety of reasons including, but not limited to, the reasons identified later in this section. Extended evaluation stipulates a higher level of scrutiny and increased monitoring. Disclosing the reasons that prompted an extended evaluation is permissible but not required and at ECAG's discretion.

Extended Evaluation with Corrective Measures.

Extended evaluation with corrective measures applies if there are operational concerns, but a denial seems excessive or irrational. This course of action aims at improving the behavior and restoring the individual/entity to former privileges through training. Extended Evaluation is an opportunity to make operational changes to rectify specific inadequacies. Should the applicant/coach fail to complete the required corrective measures or if additional violations occur, ECAG may impose more significant adverse actions/penalties including denial of future approval(s).

Extended Evaluation with Probation.

Probation permits the applicant/coach to bypass a denial after a violation has occurred mandating penalties. Extended evaluation with probation allows the service to obtain an approval in the current season with the expectation that the service will take corrective measures during the specified probation period.

Failure to successfully fulfill all probationary terms will result in the reinstatement of the original penalty and may lead to additional adverse actions/penalties including denial of future approval(s).

Extended Evaluation with Deferred Adjudication.

Extended evaluation with deferred adjudication applies for minor inadequacies identified during the application process that may be an oversight or easily resolved. This course of action aims at permitting the service to correct its shortfalls and avoid penalty. Deferred Adjudication is a form of probation offered before a violation has occurred.

Failure to successfully correct the identified inadequacies will result in more significant adverse actions/penalties and potential denial of future approval(s).

Extended Evaluation for Previous Violations.

Extended evaluation may apply if there is a repetitive history of violation(s) or previous adverse actions acquired, but currently the criteria for approval are present. To deter repetition, ECAG deems it necessary to monitor more closely in the current season. Repeat offenders are subject to more severe adverse actions and penalties.

Potential Penalties.

ECAG may, at its sole discretion, choose to assign penalties for a variety of reasons including, but not limited to, the reasons identified later in this section. Penalties vary based on the severity of the noncompliance.

Warning/Reprimands.

Less egregious offenses and/or isolated instances of noncompliance may be punishable by a written warning, formal reprimand, or official notice of noncompliance. NOTE: If ECAG suspects egregious behavior an investigation may ensue without the service having previously received a written warning, reprimand, or formal notice.

Late Fees or Sliding Scale Fees.

ECAG is authorized to charge fees for registration and application submission that are contingent on specified objective criteria (e.g., date of submission).

Fines.

ECAG is authorized to require a fine as a penalty for noncompliance and withhold future participation, certification, or approval until receipt of payment.

Ineligible.

ECAG is authorized to render an individual, activity, or entity “ineligible” to participate in or operate an NCAA-certified/approved function. At times, ineligibility applies to the entirety of an entity/organization despite that an individual obtained the certification or approval and an individual’s actions are responsible for noncompliance.

For example, ECAG does not certify/approve coaches or teams participating in an NCAA-certified event. Coaches must obtain a USAB license to be eligible for participation. It would be permissible, however, for ECAG to determine that the actions of a coach have rendered him/her ineligible to coach in an NCAA-certified event even though the coach has a USAB license.

Penalties for Noncompliant Teams Participating in an Event.

Penalties imposed on teams or organizations of teams for issues like residency violations are applicable to all coaches associated with the team and if determined to be appropriate, may impact other teams within the organization. Further, teams participating in violation of residency requirements or participation of an ineligible coach will result in penalties for both the team coaches and for each event where the team participated. If the violation is a result of an association with a sports agent or due to actions of a scouting service, those individuals are also subject to adverse actions and penalties.

Duration of Penalties.

Penalties imposed are typically between a year and five years, but ECAG has the authority to impose more significant penalties if warranted. At times, the penalty persists until the individual cooperates or compliance achieved. ECAG may also assign permanent ineligibility. If there is a lack of communication and the window of opportunity closes, permanent ineligibility is possible. For example, a coach fails to participate in an interview with enforcement, the case concludes so the interview is no longer necessary and the opportunity to cooperate has passed, rendering the individual permanently ineligible.

ECAG Procedures for Enforcement.

Notice of Investigation Not Required.

After granting certification/approval, ECAG may initiate enforcement proceedings at any time in response to information brought to its attention or acting on its own. An investigation may begin without providing advanced notice to any party.

Tentative Decision with Inquiry.

ECAG primary form of communications occurs via email. Therefore, notification of all findings and potential violation happens via email or through one of ECAG's online portals, which will also generate an email, identifying:

1. The nature of the violation(s) and supporting rationale.
2. The adverse action(s) and/or penalty(s) assessed, if any.
3. Additional information needed or actions required to avoid finalization of an undesirable decision.

Failure to timely respond to this notice or ECAG's subsequent requests for information will result in the finalization of the reported decision and constitute waiver of further review or appeal (when applicable) of the decision.

Response to Tentative Decision and Inquiry.

Individuals who receive a tentative decision with inquiry requiring additional information or action(s) to avoid finalization of an undesirable decision must respond by the identified deadline. The response should either admit or deny each factual allegation, provide supporting documentation for facts denied, state whether there is additional relevant information or mitigating circumstances believed worthy of consideration, and provide rationale for contesting the violation and/or penalty. Once reviewed by ECAG, a final written decision gets issued via email or one of ECAG's online portals, which will also generate an email.

Contested Violations.

All disagreements with ECAG decisions and requests for reconsideration/appeal require a written response (email is sufficient) by the ascribed deadline.

Appeal of a Denial.

Basketball Certification Decisions – No Appeal.

ECAG has sole authority to determine violations and impose appropriate penalties and such decisions are not subject to appeal. If, however, the denial is based on a factual error, the individual may complete steps to request reconsideration of a denial.

Recruiting/Scouting Service Approval.

ECAG has sole authority to determine violations and impose appropriate penalties and such decisions are not subject to appeal. If, however, the denial is based on a factual error, the individual may complete steps to request reconsideration of a denial.

Appeals for Agent Certification Decisions.

An agent may appeal a denial, the nature of the penalty imposed, or both. The chapter on Agent Certification outlines the details of the agent appeal process.

Reconsideration of a Denial.

A denial believed to be unfounded or based on a factual error or incomplete information, a request for reconsideration requires a written response (email is sufficient) by the ascribed deadline.

The basis for a reconsideration must be new, relevant information to consider; an argument based on the same information submitted in the initial response will not influence the original decision. The failure to timely request reconsideration will result in the loss of the right to petition ECAG's reassessment of the decision on all grounds. Further, ECAG may not review or could automatically deny late submissions of justification or athlete address/residency requests merely due to the lack of time between its submission and the athlete's participation.

The response submitted should include an explanation of the dispute, provide supporting documentation for facts denied, state whether there is additional relevant information or mitigating circumstances believed worthy of consideration, provide rationale for contesting the violation and/or penalty and include any correction of the omissions or error.

Occasionally, resubmitting the form (i.e., application, post-event review form, athlete address/residency exception form, justification, etc.) in the ECAG online platform may be necessary, provided the deadline to do so has not expired.

Once reviewed by ECAG, a final written decision gets issued via email or one of ECAG's online portals, which will also generate an email.

No Stay or Extension of Application Period.

A denial decision does not suspend during evaluation of a reconsideration and/or appeal requests (when applicable). No opportunity for an extension of time to fulfill a requirement or respond (i.e., submit additional information, complete an educational component, etc.) exists. The applicant must wait and reapply during the next certification/approval period if the request for reconsideration and/or appeal extends beyond the annual certification/approval period.



EVENTS

Scholastic

JUNE SCHOLASTIC EVENT REQUIREMENTS.

Information about NCAA basketball certification process for June scholastic events and the list of approved events is available on www.ncaa.org/scholastic-events.

NCAA Division I coaches may only attend scholastic events certified/approved by one of the entities below:

- NCAA enforcement certification and approvals group (ECAG).
- National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).
- National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).
- California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA).

Scholastic event requirements underscore the importance of maintaining an education-based focus on event formats and host sites, align with the philosophies, fundamentals and processes used in the National Federation of High Schools scholastic program for hosting events, and were defined in partnership with NFHS.

Permissible Applicants.

High School events involving participants from schools that are part of the NFHS membership must apply with NFHS. ECAG processes all applications for high-school athletes and teams not associated with NFHS.

Events must be conducted and operated exclusively by one of the following entities:

1. A high school athletics association (e.g., state athletics association, metro area athletics association, regional athletics association, or parochial athletics association) that:
 - A. Have been established and active for at least one year prior to the time of application.
 - B. Is organized for the primary purpose of governing education-based athletics.
 - C. Is licensed by and/or registered under appropriate state regulations or laws; and
 - D. Performs duties and functions consistent with other high school athletics governing bodies.
2. A National High School Basketball Coaches Association (NHSBCA) member.
3. A state high-school basketball coaches' association or a state high-school coaches' association, provided that a non-sport specific coaches' association exists. Coaches associations must¹:
 - A. Have been established and active for at least one year prior to the time of application; or
 - B. Be recognized by or members of their respective state high school athletics/activities association.

Permissible Event Formats.

The NHSBCA in its collective expertise has identified five event formats appropriate for scholastic events. These formats are posted online as the "[Blueprint of NHSBCA Event Models](#)". ECAG strongly recommends using one or a combination of these five models as the format for its scholastic event(s). For more information about the NHSBCA go to www.NHSBCA.org.

¹ECAG may, in its discretion, approve an association that does not meet these requirements on a case-by-case basis.

Permissible Staff.

Primary Event Staff Requirements.

Must be staff/members of the host association, member schools, or an active member of the state coaches' association and in good standing. Primary staff cannot be made up of individuals associated with host-school facilities or participating schools (e.g., athletes; students; alumni; parents of athletes, students, or alumni; community members or family members of host association members/staff).

Primary Event Staff Defined.

Includes anyone involved in conducting/administering the event such as site director, gym supervisors, organizers, coordinators, coaches, etc.

Does not include officials, medical personnel, security, concessions, clocks/score table workers, parking attendants or janitorial services.

Required Medical Personnel.

Qualified medical personnel must be present at EACH facility used by the event.

Accredited Officials.

Game officials should be members of an accredited officials' association, such as NFHS, International Association of Approved Basketball Officials, Inc., or an equivalent.

Permissible Coaches.

The host organization is responsible for ensuring that all coaches meet each of the following criteria:

1. Employed (paid or unpaid) by the participating high schools, or
2. A member in good standing with one of the following:
 - A. NHBSCA,
 - B. State high school basketball coaches' association (or state coaches' association if a basketball specific organization does not exist), or
 - C. host athletics association.
3. Must complete all school and state certification requirements, including background checks, prior to coaching in the event.
4. Must not have been found guilty or pleaded guilty in a court of law to a felony.

If the coach is employed by a school that does not require background checks, the coach must complete and be approved through the NCAA selected background check provider used in nonscholastic events. (A USAB Gold License is currently required and includes completion of educational modules and a criminal background check).

Participating Athlete Requirements.

High School Teams or Individuals.

Host organizations are responsible for ensuring that high schools and athletes participating are currently enrolled in a high school that meets the eligibility requirements below.

The school:

1. Is governed by a high school athletics association and that association.
 - a. Has existed for at least one full academic year.

- b. Is organized for the primary purpose of governing education-based athletics,
 - c. Is licensed by and/or registered under appropriate state regulations or laws,
 - d. Performs duties and functions consistent with other high school athletics governing bodies.
2. Has been in continuous operation for at least one full academic year, with enrolled students who have completed at least two semesters of classes.
3. Has been CLEARED through the NCAA High School Certification Review process by the NCAA Eligibility Center. Instructions for checking this status are posted on www.ncaa.org/scholastic-events.

ECAG recommends that the host/operator require all participants (individuals, teams, etc.) be finalized early enough to allow NCAA coaches to determine which event(s) the athletes they are recruiting are participating in.

Permissible Fees.

Price Disclosed in Advance of Event.

The price of attendance and participation must be disclosed on the event application and be publicized in advance. Most of the reported fees will be posted to the list of approved events available on www.ncaa.org/scholastic-events.

Same/Similar Fees for All NCAA Coaches.

The sell of an event packet sold to NCAA coaches is restricted to \$150 and all coaches must pay the same/similar fee. This does not mean that all coaches have to pay the exact same amount, but if there are multiple packet prices available (by advance sales, division, number of days attending, etc.) the price must be made available to all qualifying participants and must be based on some objective criteria.

Disclosure of Gifts, Benefits, and Inducements.

All gifts, benefits, inducements, and/or contractual arrangements provided to participants and/or their families such as travel, meals, accommodations, gear, etc.) must comply with certification requirements. Operators/Coaches are required to maintain records of all such activity and must be disclosed to the NCAA or its designee when requested.

Sponsors.

Sponsors are permitted to provide operational expenses (e.g., facility rental fee, food and beverage for participants and event staff, printing of credentials, etc.), but they cannot influence participation (players, teams, or coaches) or dictate event activities. The host organization is responsible for ensuring that sponsorship entities and what they provide does not negatively affect the high school or NCAA eligibility of any event participant.

Same/Similar Participant Entry Fees.

Entry fees must be similar for all participants. Team event entry fees cannot exceed \$250 per team/school. Individual event entry fees cannot exceed \$50 per participant. ECAG may change the allowable fees in collaboration with NFHS adjustments.

Excess Entry Fees for Participants.

If there is a need to exceed the allowable participant fees, ECAG may consider granting an exception if requested and disclosed on the event's application. The applicant must justify the reason the allowable fees are insufficient and if approved, will need to document those reasons on the post-event review form with invoices, receipts, etc. Exceeding the permissible fees without advance approval is subject to adverse actions and may affect future eligibility to obtain NCAA approval.

Reduced Entry Fees.

Host organizations are prohibited from granting free entry or reduced entry to select participants based on athletics ability or reputation. A host organization may offer participants a reduced entry fee provided the following conditions are met:

- If offered, reduced entry fees must be made available to all qualifying participants and must be based on some objective criteria that is unrelated to a participant's athletics ability or reputation.
- Any reduced entry fee program must be publicized in advance. Host organizations will need to identify during the application process how participants will be notified/informed that such a program exists (on registration form, event flyers, website, etc.).

Nonparticipant Entry Fees.

Event admission charges for nonparticipants cannot exceed \$10 per day. ECAG may change the allowable fees in collaboration with NFHS adjustments.

Excess Admission Charges for Nonparticipants.

If there is a need to exceed the allowable admissions fees, ECAG may consider granting an exception if requested and disclosed on the event's application. The applicant must justify the reason the allowable fees are insufficient and if approved, will need to document those reasons on the post-event review form with invoices, receipts, etc. Exceeding the permissible fees without advance approval is subject to adverse actions and may affect future eligibility to obtain NCAA approval.

Event/Coaches' Packets Fees.

Event/coaches' packets fees cannot exceed \$150 per packet. If an institution's coaching staff wants more than one packet, each coach must pay a separate packet fee. If they decide to share a packet, the cost should not exceed \$150 for the packet but each additional coach should pay the event admission fee (not to exceed \$10). ECAG may change the allowable fees in collaboration with NFHS adjustments.

Event Packet Requirements.

If sold, event packets must contain substantive information relevant to the observation and evaluation of participating athletes, including but not limited to:

1. Event schedule.
2. Location of all sites where NCAA coaches can observe PSAs.
3. Participant information (either individually or on a team roster) that includes:
 - A. Name of prospect.
 - B. Prospect's direct contact information.
 - C. Jersey number.
 - D. Graduation year (e.g., 2019, 2020, etc.).
 - E. Scholastic institution.
 - F. Name and contact information for scholastic coach.

Permissible Locations/Facilities.

In addition to criteria outlined in the Facility Requirements and Restrictions chapter, June scholastic events must comply with the following additional requirements.

Scholastic Facilities Only.

NCAA scholastic events may only be conducted at a location that is physically situated on or at an educational institution. Examples of permitted sites include elementary, middle, or high schools, two-year institutions or any four-year college or university that is not a Division I NCAA member institution.

Nonscholastic Facility Exception.

A host association may request an exemption from the educational facility requirement by completing the [Noneducational Facility Exception Request Form](#). The applicant must justify the need to use noneducational facilities. NFHS and ECAG (for nonNFHS events) are authorized to grant an exception allowing a June scholastic event to use a nonscholastic event. The use of NCAA Division I facilities remains prohibited.

Multiple Sites.

More than one facility can be used if each additional location complies with ECAG RPs.

Best Practices and Recommendations.

1. Use NFHS/high school or NCAA playing rules.
2. Follow [USAB/NBA Youth Guidelines](#).
3. Educate athletes, parents, and coaches on NCAA eligibility rules. Resources are available on www.ncaa.org/scholastic-events.
4. Designate net revenues to host future events or invest them in direct student-related programs (e.g., student leadership conferences, sportsmanship summits, college information educational materials, etc.).

JUNE SCHOLASTIC EVENT PROCEDURES.

Information about NCAA basketball certification process for June scholastic events and the list of approved events is available on www.ncaa.org/scholastic-events.

Application Procedures and Deadlines.

Completing the Application Process.

Applications are available on www.ncaa.org/scholastic-events and typically will appear in January each year. The applicant must provide information relating to each of requirements including, but not limited to, providing the following:

1. **Event Information** - including event name, format, participant gender, general schedule, awards, gifts, invited states, and staff information.
2. **Applicant Identity** - and contact information.
3. **Host Organization Information** - including name, address, website, organization type, first date of organization's existence, state tax ID number, number of staff, number of Board of Directors, and a copy of the Articles of Incorporation.
4. **List of Schools** - If the host organization is a high school association, an organization chart or description of structure identifying all its membership schools must also be submitted.
5. **Host Contact Identity** - Name of the contact person (likely a different person than the applicant) at the host organization and their contact information.
6. **Facilities** – location(s) used, site managers (and their contact information), and a [Noneducational Facility Exception Request Form](#) if needed.
7. **Charged Fees** - All planned fees, sponsors, an estimated budget of revenues and expenses, and support for any fee exception request.
8. **Insurance** – Proof of coverage identifying carrier, policy number and demonstration of being compliant with the NCAA requirements.
9. **Application Agreements and Attestations.** Agree to comply with all NCAA rules, requirements, procedures, and terms and conditions outlined in that platform in addition to those on ncaa.org.

Application Deadline.

Applications must be submitted to ECAG no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on March 31 each year. Applications will be processed in the order received.

Failure to submit the required information by the appropriate deadline will result in the denial of the application. ECAG's decision to approve or deny an application is final and not subject to further review.

Application Fee.

There is currently not an application fee associated with June scholastic events, but ECAG is authorized to charge fees in the future if warranted to assist in eliminating the administrative burden on the NCAA, subsidize resources needed to improve the process and provide the necessary staff.

Processing the Application Overview.

ECAG reviews the information submitted to determine compliance with all requirements. If warranted, ECAG approves the application and appropriate communications occur. In most cases, however, the initial submission is insufficient or ECAG needs clarification.

[ECAG Requests Additional Information.](#)

In its review and consideration, ECAG may request additional information, documents,

materials, or may conduct any needed inquiry/investigation. Most responses occur in the via email, but a conference with the applicant by telephone, video platform (Zoom, Teams, etc.) or in person may be required.

If more information is needed, ECAG sends a request for additional information via email identifying insufficiencies, clarifications, and/or omitted documents that the applicant must submit. The deadline to respond is 10 days after the email request was sent, the email identifies the specific date.

Applicant Responds.

Applicant must submit the requested information via email no later than 10 days after the email request was sent. Failure to submit the requested information by the appropriate deadline will result in the denial of the application.

NHSBCA Review of Applications.

ECAG provides NHSBCA with applications submitted for an initial review. NHSBCA uses its collective knowledge to look for any red flags or concerns that the NCAA should consider when processing the application.

NCAA Review of Response to Information Request

Once the deadline has passed, ECAG reviews the information submitted to determine if the applicant fully responded and determine the appropriate application decision.

NCAA Finalizes a Decision.

ECAG determines the applicable decision. ECAG has final authority to approve or deny an application and its decisions are not subject to further review.

Final Decision is Communicated.

ECAG's communicates the final decision via email. The application approval email includes a reminder of the required post-event review form and the specific deadline it must be submitted to remain eligible for certification the following year.

Additional Notifications of Approval.

If approved, the event posts to [List of Approved June Scholastic Events](https://www.ncaa.org/scholastic-events) available on www.ncaa.org/scholastic-events. [The list can also be accessed on www.ncaa.org/basketballcertification under the NCAA-Certified Events and Leagues heading as [Current June Scholastic Events](#).]

Post-Approval Reminders.

Compliant Operation.

Receipt of certification comes with an expectation that the event/league operates in compliance with NCAA legislation and ECAG requirements.

Notify ECAG of All Changes or Cancellations.

Applications are approved based on the information included in the submission; any changes that occur post approval (names, location, dates, fees, times of games, etc.) or cancellations must be reported to ECAG in writing via email no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled start of the event. Failure to timely report changes may render the event ineligible for future approval.

Post-Event Review Forms (Events Only).

Upon the conclusion of the event, information about the operation of the event and the event's participants must occur. The event approval email includes a reminder of the post-event review form and its deadline for submission. Procedures and deadlines for the post-event review form are outlined later in this document. ECAG recommends reading those procedures so plans can be made to meet the post-event review form requirements during registration and operation of the event.

Promotion of NCAA Certification for Scholastic Events.

Permissible Language.

Once an event meets the criteria of approval outlined in the chapter on Terms of Participation, promotion of that status should use the permissible language provided below.

"This event has been certified by the NCAA in accordance with NCAA legislation and ECAG requirements and procedures. NCAA Division I basketball coaches may attend for evaluation purposes."

Events Approved by Another Association (Not NCAA Certified).

Hosts of events that have been approved by the NFHS, the NJCAA, CCCAA and NWAC cannot communicate that those events are "NCAA-certified events." Certification for these events was granted by those organizations and not the NCAA. The following language may be used to promote those events:

"This event has been certified by the NFHS (NJCAA, CCCAA, or NWAC) consistent with NCAA legislation and ECAG requirements and procedures."

Promotion Prior to Approval.

ECAG prohibits the marketing of a certification/approval through any means (website, brochures, application, etc.) until that is a factual statement. Previous approval is not a guarantee of future approval.

After successfully applying, the entity requesting NCAA certification/approval may promote itself as "NCAA certification/approval is pending". Prior to applying in the current season/year, the service cannot claim NCAA approval.

Promotion of being NCAA certified/approved is permissible once the following is true:

- The operator, organization, recruiting/scouting service, or agent is included on the appropriate approval list accessible in one of the ECAG subject areas posted on www.ncaa.org/ecag.
- The operator, organization, recruiting/scouting service, or agent receives notification of the approval from ECAG.
- The status of the application appears as "approved" in the applicable ECAG online platform.

False Claims of NCAA Certification/Approval.

False or premature claims of certification/approval are inaccurate and misleading to athletes, their families, and their coaches, in addition to the NCAA membership and may result in denial of current or future certification/approval or other appropriate adverse actions.

Use of NCAA Brand and Trademarks.

The NCAA prohibits individuals and entities involved in NCAA certification/approval process from using the NCAA name, trademarks (i.e., March Madness, Final Four, Big Dance, etc.) or logos, including the blue disk. The NCAA reserves all rights to the identifying marks and symbols of the NCAA, and no one may reproduce or copy them without the permission of the NCAA.

Impermissible use of the identifying marks and symbols of the NCAA may result in denial of current or future certification, participation or approval and/or other appropriate adverse actions. Violators are subject to vigorous legal action. [NCAA Current Trademarks](#).

Post-Event Review Form Procedures and Deadlines.

An approved event application and receipt of NCAA certification requires the submission of information regarding the event's operations upon conclusion of the event even if zero NCAA coaches were in attendance. Failure to submit this post-event review form by the assigned deadline will result in a denial rendering the event ineligible for certification during the same season the

following year.

Completing the Post-Event Review Form.

The post-event review form will be posted on www.ncaa.org/scholastic-events prior to the events occurring. The applicant must provide information relating to each of the requirements including, but not limited to, staff used, coaches and athletes that participated, and NCAA coaches in attendance.

The online post-event review form includes availability to upload all the required supplements, which include:

1. Name and high school of each participating athlete.
2. Name, high school, and email address of each participating coach.
3. Name and institution of each NCAA collegiate coach in attendance.
4. A copy of the event schedule/event results (identifying which teams played at which times).
5. A copy of the event/coaches' packets created for NCAA coaches in attendance.

Post-Event Review Form Deadlines.

Post-event review forms must be submitted to ECAG via email no later than 60 days of the last certified event date. The specific deadline date appears in the approval email received when certification was granted.

Processing the Post-Event Review Form Overview

ECAG reviews the information submitted to determine compliance with all requirements. If warranted, ECAG approves the post-event review form and appropriate communications occur. In most cases, however, the initial submission is insufficient or ECAG needs clarification.

ECAG Requests Additional Information.

In its review and consideration, ECAG may request additional information, documents, materials, or may conduct any needed inquiry/investigation. Most responses occur via email, but a conference with the applicant by telephone, video platform (Zoom, Teams, etc.) or in person may be required.

If more information is needed, ECAG sends a request for additional information via email identifying insufficiencies, clarifications, and/or omitted documents that the applicant must submit. The deadline to respond is 30 days after the email request was sent, the email identifies the specific date.

Response Submitted.

Applicant must submit the requested information via email no later than 30 days after the email request was sent. Failure to submit the requested information by the appropriate deadline will result in the denial of the post-event review form, rendering the event ineligible for certification during the same season the following year.

ECAG Review of Response to Information Request

Once the deadline has passed, ECAG reviews the information submitted to determine if the event operated in compliance and meets all requirements.

ECAG Finalizes a Decision.

ECAG reviews the information submitted, determines the applicable decision and appropriate communications occur. ECAG has final authority to approve or deny an application and its decisions are not subject to further review.

Final Decision is Communicated.

ECAG's communicates the final decision via email.

EVENT SCHEDULE RESTRICTIONS.

Permissible Evaluations for Division I Coaches.

The NCAA bylaws below dictate when Division I coaches may evaluate at NCAA-certified events.

- 13.1.7.5 – Men’s Basketball Evaluations.
- 13.17.2 for Men’s Basketball Calendar Formula.
- 13.1.7.6 – Women’s Basketball Evaluations.
- 13.17.3 for Women’s Basketball Calendar Formula.

[Division I Recruiting Calendars](#) post annually and specific dates will vary from year to year.

Permissible Dates.

Once recruiting calendars post, updates to ECAG web pages occur to include permissible dates when NCAA-certified events can occur.

- Nonscholastic basketball events appear on www.ncaa.org/basketballcertification.
- Scholastic basketball events appear on www.ncaa.org/scholastic-events

Permissible Times for Athletically Related Activities.

Athlete participation may never begin prior to 8 a.m. and the last athletically related activity may not begin later than 10 p.m.

CAUTION! If the schedule includes games beginning at 10 p.m. and there is a delay in the schedule for any reason (i.e. injury, travel time between locations, etc.), the 10 p.m. games will need to be moved to the next day after 8 a.m. and the rest of the schedule adjusted accordingly. Under no circumstances can athletically related activities begin after 10 p.m.

Suggested Preventative Measures for Time Limitations.

ECAG recommends event operators include a buffer in the event schedule to ensure compliance with schedule requirements.

Permissible Times of Day for Event Operations.

Occasionally, the entirety of the event must occur between two specific times and no part of the event can occur outside those time parameters.

May Men’s Basketball Event Restrictions.

During the month of May, to encourage minimal missed class time and academic commitments, no part of the event may begin prior to 8 a.m. on the first day of the evaluation period or after 4 p.m. on the last day of the evaluation period.

Athletically Related Activity Limits.

In accordance with [USAB/NBA Youth Guidelines](#), athlete participation in athletic activities is limited to no more than two games on any one day and no more than 14 hours of athletically related activities in one week. Individual events and camps must comply with the 14-hour requirement. NOTE: ECAG recommends event operators and coaches of prospective-student athletes use all other [USAB/NBA Youth Guidelines](#) as best practices.

Game Determinations and Countable Competitions.

Competitions that meet any of the following conditions count against the allowable number of games per day:

1. Competition is scheduled and publicized in advance.

2. Official score is kept.
3. Individual or team standings are maintained.
4. Official timer or game officials are used.
5. Admission is charged.
6. Teams are regularly formed, or team rosters are predetermined.
7. Team uniforms are used.
8. A team is privately or commercially sponsored; or
9. The competition is either directly or indirectly sponsored, promoted, or administered by an individual, an organization, or any other agency.

Game Limitations for an Athlete on Multiple Teams.

The permissible number of games encompasses the entirety of the athlete's participation and not the number of games per team.

OPERATOR - must monitor athlete participation and ensure he/she does not exceed the permissible number of games per day.

COACH - must use wisdom in determining when to play the athlete for each team to avoid exceeding the permissible number of games per day.

Suggested Preventative Measures for Multi-Team Athletes.

For event operators, monitoring an athlete's participation who competes with multiple teams is extremely labor intensive. Therefore, operators often require athletes to only participate on one team during his/her event. ECAG encourages this activity, but the operator can use his/her discretion.

Certification Applies Only to Identified Dates.

ECAG only certifies dates that appear on the detailed playing schedule submitted with the application. Dates certified appear on the event's approval notifications (email and online platform when applicable) and on the NCAA's list of certified events posted to the appropriate ECAG web pages.

- Nonscholastic basketball events appear on www.ncaa.org/basketballcertification.
- Scholastic basketball events appear on www.ncaa.org/scholastic-events

Division I Coach Attendance Restrictions.

Division I coaches may only attend/evaluate prospective-student athletes during the dates/times identified on the NCAA's list of certified events posted to the appropriate ECAG web pages.

- Nonscholastic basketball events appear on www.ncaa.org/basketballcertification.
- Scholastic basketball events appear on www.ncaa.org/scholastic-events

CAUTION! There may be instances when an event occurs on dates/times that are not eligible for certification. Division I coach attendance is only eligible on certified dates and times.

If the schedule extends past the dates/times when Division I coaches can attend, the applicant must submit an explanation describing procedures and preventative measures that will be implemented to prohibit NCAA coaches from observing athletically related activities prior to the first certified date/time and the methods they will employ to ensure the facility is free of NCAA coaches by the last certified date/time.

June Specific Division I Coach Attendance Restrictions.

Division I men’s basketball coaches may not attend and evaluate athletes at a June scholastic event until noon on the first day of the evaluation period or past 6 p.m. on the final day of the evaluation period.

BASKETBALL CERTIFICATION RPs

SEPARATION OF NCAA COACHES REQUIREMENTS.

The purpose of Division I coach attendance at an event is for evaluation only. Operators/host organizations of NCAA-certified events must take precautions to allow NCAA coach attendance to evaluate prospective-student athletes with minimum opportunity for contact violations. Event operators/host organizations should implement reasonable precautions to separate NCAA coaches from participants and spectators.

IAWP Definition Clarification.

An IAWP includes any person who maintains (or directs others to maintain) contact with a prospective student-athlete (family members or coaches) during his/her participation in basketball. This contact is related (directly or indirectly) to either the athlete's skills/abilities or the athlete's recruitment by or enrollment in an NCAA institution.

The following categories of people cannot sit in the NCAA coaches' section because they refer to IAWPs in reference to an NCAA-certified event.

1. Parents and/or legal guardians.
2. Handlers.
3. Personal trainers.
4. Individuals associated with a recruiting/scouting service.
5. Event/league operators.
6. Nonscholastic coaches (regardless of whether their team is participating in the event).
7. Two-year college coaches (regardless of whether their team is participating in the event).
8. Media.

Division I Men's Basketball Coach Contact Restrictions.

MBB	Prospective Student Athlete (Prospect)	Prospect's Family	Non-Scholastic Coach (AAU/Club/Travel)	High School Coach	IAWP
May	No in-person contact. Yes calls/texts/emails.	No in-person contact. No calls/texts/emails.	No in-person contact. No calls/texts/emails.	No in-person contact. Yes calls/texts/emails.	No in-person contact. No calls/texts/emails.
June	No in-person contact. Yes calls/texts/emails.	No in-person contact. No calls/texts/emails.	No in-person contact. No calls/texts/emails.	No in-person contact. Yes calls/texts/emails.	No in-person contact. No calls/texts/emails.
July	No in-person contact. Yes calls/texts/emails.	No in-person contact. No calls/texts/emails.	No in-person contact. No calls/texts/emails.	No in-person contact. Yes calls/texts/emails.	No in-person contact. No calls/texts/emails.

Division I Women's Basketball Coach Contact Restrictions.

WBB	Prospective Student Athlete (Prospect)	Prospect's Family	Non-Scholastic Coach (AAU/Club/Travel)	High School Coach	IAWP
April	No in-person contact. No calls/texts/emails.	No in-person contact. No calls/texts/emails.	Yes in-person contact. Yes calls/texts/emails.	Yes in-person contact. Yes calls/texts/emails.	Yes in-person contact. Yes calls/texts/emails.
May	No in-person contact. No calls/texts/emails.	No in-person contact. No calls/texts/emails.	Yes in-person contact. Yes calls/texts/emails.	Yes in-person contact. Yes calls/texts/emails.	Yes in-person contact. Yes calls/texts/emails.
June	No in-person contact. No calls/texts/emails.	No in-person contact. No calls/texts/emails.	Yes in-person contact. Yes calls/texts/emails.	Yes in-person contact. Yes calls/texts/emails.	Yes in-person contact. Yes calls/texts/emails.
July	No in-person contact. No calls/texts/emails.	No in-person contact. No calls/texts/emails.	Yes in-person contact. Yes calls/texts/emails.	Yes in-person contact. Yes calls/texts/emails.	Yes in-person contact. Yes calls/texts/emails.

Required Precautions to Protect NCAA Coaches.

Event operators must provide NCAA coaches with opportunities to avoid contact violations.

Identification of NCAA Division I Coaches.

Operator must have a mechanism for distinguishing NCAA Division I coaches from other attendees (e.g., arm bands, lanyards, etc.).

Signage.

Operators must clearly identify all separate NCAA coaches' areas.

Separate Seating.

NCAA coaches must have a designated seating section, free of those individuals with whom NCAA bylaws prohibit NCAA coaches to have contact.

No NCAA Coaches in General Seating.

Regardless of whether an NCAA coach purchased an event packet, paid for an NCAA coach admission, or paid general admission, it is not permissible for an event operator to make an NCAA coach sit in the general admission seats (public seating).

Monitoring NCAA Coaches.

Operators must have staff/volunteers monitoring and removing non-NCAA coaches from designated NCAA-coach areas.

Clarification of Monitoring Responsibilities.

Operators are not responsible for NCAA coach behavior. If a coach elects to engage with an IAWP or attempts an impermissible contact, ECAG encourages operators to remind the coach of the enhanced contact violation penalties at certified events but there is no expectation of enforcing recruiting requirements on individuals subject to NCAA bylaws.

Media.

NCAA coach contact restrictions do not apply to bona fide new media but do apply to media members that trigger IAWP status (e.g., media members employed by, or working in partnership with, a scouting service or recruiting service).

Suggested Preventative Measures for Time Limitations.

Making the distinction between bona fide new media and media members that trigger IAWP status can be difficult and labor intensive. Therefore, ECAG recommends providing media its own seating section and barring all media from sitting in the college coaches section to prevent violations. Conversations deemed necessary between those two groups can occur elsewhere.

Hospitality Rooms.

If providing a hospitality room for college coaches, staff must monitor the room and unauthorized participants or attendees removed when necessary. If the operator desires to provide a hospitality room for participating team coaches, athletes, or any other group it must be separate from the college coaches hospitality room.

Encouraged Precautions to Protect NCAA Coaches.

When possible, ECAG encourages operators to provide NCAA coaches with separate entrances, check-in locations, bracket postings, bathrooms, parking lots, concessions, etc.

EVENT/COACHES' PACKET REQUIREMENTS.

Must Include Useful and Accurate Information.

Packets must contain useful information relevant to the observation and evaluation of participating athletes. The NCAA expects operators to make a reasonable and concerted effort to ensure that the packet includes accurate information in all the following categories:

1. Event schedule.
2. Location of all sites where NCAA coaches can observe athletes.
3. Participant information (either individually or on team roster) that includes:
 - A. Name of prospect.
 - B. Prospect's direct contact information.
 - C. Jersey number.
Accurate player-jersey numbers are critical. The basic contact rules prevent NCAA coaches from having face-to-face contact with prospective-student athletes and sometimes those associated with the athlete (coaches, family, etc.) during an event; so, operators must make every possible step to ensure inclusion of jersey numbers and their accuracy.
 - D. Graduation year (e.g., 2012, 2013, etc.).
 - E. Scholastic institution.
 - F. Name and contact information for scholastic coach.

Packet Prices and Fees.

Price Disclosed in Advance of Event.

Advanced disclosure of all price(s) and package options must occur and be included on the event application. This information will appear on the appropriate list of NCAA-certified events. Operators should include it when communicating with NCAA coaches as well (e.g., invitations, event website, etc.) NCAA coaches know to notify ECAG if asked to pay something other than the published amount and the event may incur adverse actions.

Same/Similar Fees for All NCAA Coaches.

Event operators must sell event/coaches' packets to all NCAA coaches at the same/similar rate. This does not mean that all coaches must pay the exact same amount, but if there are multiple packet prices available (by advance sales, division, number of days attending, etc.) the price must be made available to all qualifying participants and must be based on some objective criteria.

Subscriber Discounts - Recruiting/Scouting Service Warning.

If an event operator also operates a recruiting/scouting service, there may be a discount packet price for their current subscribers. NOTE: NCAA Division I institutions must only subscribe to recruiting/scouting services that are NCAA approved.

June Scholastic Price Limitations.

The cost to an institution to purchase a packet shall not exceed \$150 for the event unless the institution's coaching staff desires to have more than one packet. If the staff from the same institution share a packet, the cost should not exceed \$150 for the packet and each additional coach would need to pay the event admission fee (not to exceed \$10).

Provide a Copy to the NCAA.

Operators must provide a copy of the packet to ECAG when submitting the post-event review form.

FACILITY RESTRICTIONS.

Unfettered Access.

REMINDER – Operators must provide representatives of the NCAA with unfettered access to any event/league, including physical access and opportunity to inspect all financial and other documentation associated with the event/league without prior notice to the operator. (See Terms of Participation chapter.)

Use of Division I Campus Facilities.

Legislation exists that prohibits a Division I institution from hosting, sponsoring, or conducting a basketball practice or competition in which prospective student-athletes participate on its campus or at an off-campus facility regularly used by the institution for practice and/or competition by any of the institution's sport programs.

Reminders and Considerations.

Separation of NCAA Coaches at Events.

NCAA-certified events must provide NCAA coaches with separate seating. Event operators should keep this in mind when choosing facilities. ECAG recommends additional separations like entrances and bathrooms when possible. See the chapter on Separation of NCAA Coaches for more information.

Adequacy of Facilities.

ECAG encourages event/league operators to remember the health and welfare of the participating prospective-student athletes and student-athletes when selecting facilities. The operator should consider things like the safety/cleanliness of the environment, whether the facility can accommodate expected number of attendees, temperature control (air conditioned, etc.), has satisfactory bathrooms (number and quality), etc.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.

Insurance Carrier Ratings.

Insurance coverage must be issued by admitted insurance carriers with an A.M. Best rating of A-VII or better.

Accident Medical Insurance.

All NCAA-certified events must show proof of accident medical insurance that covers all participants during athletically related activities regardless of negligence/fault prior to approval of an application. No specific minimum or maximum is required for accident medical insurance, but coverage should be acquired before applying and must be effective during all the dates when athletically related activities will occur.

Membership Organization Coverage.

If a membership organization (AAU, USSSA, etc.) issues the insurance instead of a traditional insurance carrier, the operator must confirm limiting participation to member teams/individuals. These policies frequently required sanctioning from the issuing organization as well; so, the operator must submit documentation of that sanctioning to ECAG when applying for NCAA certification. NOTE: Membership organizations often provide their teams with insurance as well. A “team” policy written for a specific club team or organization does not apply to an event/league and will not meet ECAG requirements.

Exceptions.

Reasons identified below are the only instances when ECAG can grant certification without an accident medical insurance policy are outlined below.

National/Social Healthcare.

If occurring in a location that has a social-healthcare system, operators must confirm that all athletes are residents and covered by national healthcare to avoid the need to purchase accident insurance. If participation includes athletes who are not covered, accident insurance is required.

Self-Insurance Agreements.

Some metropolitan or national organizations are self-insured and cover accidents regardless of fault within their agreements. To use these types of coverage and avoid purchasing accident insurance, the operator must submit documentation that demonstrates their self-insurance coverage is consistent with the accident insurance requirement (includes accident medical coverage for all participants that will cover athletically related activities more than liability and regardless of negligence/fault).

Commercial General Liability (CGL) Insurance.

All NCAA-certified events must show proof a CGL policy prior to approval of an application.

Additional Insured Requirement.

The NCAA and its officers, directors, agents, employees, and volunteers must be named as additional insureds ("NCAA Additional insureds") in the CGL policy on a primary and noncontributory basis.

Amount and Scope of Liability Insurance Coverage.

The CGL must covers all participants during athletically related activities with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate, written on an occurrence basis providing coverage for bodily injury, property damage, and personal/advertising injury. The CGL coverage shall not exclude liability arising from sexual abuse and molestation, athletics participation, spectators, or food-borne illness.

Additional Coverage.

Site Specific Insurance.

If the policy issued is site specific, the operator must submit documentation that identifies all sites being used.

Quantity Specific Insurance.

If the policy identifies a specific number of teams/individuals, the operator must affirm their understanding that the policy must be updated prior to the start of the event/league if the designated number of covered participants is exceeded.

Applications, Quotes, Invoices and Waivers.

An application, quote, invoice, or description of coverage available does not meet ECAG's insurance requirements. Nor can an operator require teams/athletes to sign a waiver in lieu of having insurance. The operator must submit evidence of a purchased policy that covers all participants during athletically related activities and compliant with all other ECAG requirements.

Validation with Editable Documents.

Editable documents are not acceptable since the information that appears cannot be validated as accurate. Operators must submit the original documentation provided by the insurance company and may be required to provide additional information validating authenticity.

Single Insurance Account Number for Multiple Policies.

If an Accord form includes the same account number for both accident and CG (even if the form mentions medical payments for participants), the accident portion may only apply if the event is liable for the accident. This is not consistent with ECAG requirements. Therefore, the operator must submit the full policy documentation that includes the description related to the accident medical policy to ECAG for review.

Expired Policies on a Renewal Cycle.

If a policy has an annual renewal cycle, there may be times when the applicant cannot acquire a policy that covers the entirety of an event/league prior to submitting the application to ECAG. This will not interfere with obtaining NCAA approval. However, once renewed, an updated insurance policy that complies with all ECAG requirements must be submitted within five days of the initial policy's expiration date to avoid withdrawal of NCAA certification.

Expired Insurance Submitted with Application Procedures.

If the insurance submitted with the application has expired before ECAG processes the application, the policy must be updated and submitted within 10 days from the date ECAG requests it.

Falsified Insurance.

Documentation determined to be fraudulent or altered in any way or that not in affect during the event/league is subject to adverse actions.

Insurance Providers

The list below is a reference for applicants who need assistance securing insurance. It includes providers frequently submitted to ECAG by other applicants. ECAG and the NCAA do not partner with, recommend, or endorse the quality of any provider identified and it is not meant to be all-inclusive. Operators are free to use any company of their choice, provided the NCAA minimum requirements are met.

Camp/Event/Tournament Specific Providers.

Francis L. Dean & Associates, Inc.
1776 South Naperville Road, Building B
P.O. Box 4200
Wheaton, Illinois 60189
Phone: 800/745-2409 ext. 129
www.fdean.com

K&K Insurance Group, Inc.
1712 Magnavox Way
Fort Wayne Indiana 46804
Phone: 800/637-4757
www.kandkinsurance.com/Pages/Home.aspx

American Specialty Insurance & Risk Services, Inc.
7609 W. Jefferson Boulevard, Suite 100
Fort Wayne, IN 46804
(800) 245-2744
www.americanspecialty.com
www.americanspecialtyexpress.com

Gallagher Student Health & Special Risk
500 Victory Road
Quincy, MA 02171
Email: Sports@gallagherstudent.com
Phone: 877/345-8928
www.gallagherstudent.com

CapSure Insurance Group
McKay Tower, Suite 421
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Email: dan@capsureins.com
Phone: 616/450-5870
www.capsureins.com

The Camp Team
615 West 38th Avenue, Suite B109
Wheat Ridge, Colorado 80033
Phone: 800/747-9573
www.campteam.com

Nontraditional Membership Organization Options.

[AAU](#)

[USSSA](#)

Others Previously Submitted.

Aon Corporation - Global Headquarters
200 East Randolph Street
Chicago, Illinois 60601 USA
Phone: 312/381-1000
www.aon.com/default.jsp

Chappell Insurance Agency, Inc.
25807-A Cox Road
Petersburg, Virginia 23803
Phone: 800/447-6797 or 804/733-2020
www.chappellinsurance.com/home/index.htm

Bollinger Insurance
101 JFK Parkway
Short Hills, New Jersey 07078
Phone: 973/467-0444 or 800/526-1379
www.bollingersports.com/our-products.aspx

Sadler & Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 5866
Columbia, South Carolina 29250-5866
Phone: 800/622-7370
www.sadlerco.com/

Bene-Marc, Inc.
6301 Southwest Boulevard, Suite No. 101
Fort Worth, Texas 76132-1063
Phone: 800/247-1734 or 817/738-6899
www.bene-marc.com

The Monument Sports Group
508 North Allison Street, No. 1
Richmond, Virginia 23220-2704
Phone: 804/354-9020
www.monumentsports.com/

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AWARDS CONDITIONS.

Participants may receive an award based on place finish or performance, subject to the applicable awards limits. An award may not include cash (or cash equivalents) that exceeds actual and necessary expenses.

Scholastic Event Restrictions for Awards.

For scholastic events, awards provided must comply with the state high-school association of the state hosting the event or for multi-state events, the most restrictive participating state association.

Disclosure of Awards.

Operators must maintain records of all awards given to participants and must disclose that information, along with the source of their provision, to the NCAA or its designee when requested.

Transportation.

Operators may provide air and ground transportation to and from the event/league provided that the same benefit in both quality and quantity is provided/available to all participants.

Hotels, Lodging and Accommodations.

Operators may provide hotels, lodging or accommodations (i.e., dormitories etc.) provided that the same benefit in both quality and quantity is provided/available to all participants.

Food and Beverage.

Event operators may provide food and beverage hospitality to event participants (athletes/coaches) and their families provided that the same benefit in both quality and quantity is provided/available to all.

Basketball Certification.

Enabling Legislation.

- 17.4.8.1.4(a) Summer Basketball Leagues.
- 13.18 Basketball Event Certification.
- 13.1.7.5.3 June Evaluation Periods.

Related NCAA Bylaws.

12 Amateurism and Athletics Eligibility

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13 Recruiting

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 - 13.02.14.2 Exception – After Commitment.
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- 13.1.7.5 Evaluations -- Men's Basketball.
- 13.1.7.6 Evaluations -- Women's Basketball.

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- 13.11.1.1 Definition of "Prospective Student-Athlete" for Tryout-Rule Purposes – Women's Basketball.
- 13.11.1.2 Definition of "Prospective Student-Athlete" for Tryout-Rule Purposes – Men's Basketball.
- 13.11.1.7 Nonscholastic-Based Basketball.
 - 13.11.1.7.1 Planning or Operation of Nonscholastic Events -- Men's Basketball.
- 13.11.1.8 Use of Division I Campus - Nonscholastic Practice or Competition -- Men's Basketball.
- 13.11.1.9 Use of Division I Campus - Nonscholastic Practice or Competition -- Women's Basketball.
- 13.11.1.11 Use of Institutional Facilities for Noninstitutional Camps or Clinics -- Men's Basketball.
- 13.11.1.12 Use of Institutional Facilities for Noninstitutional Camps or Clinics -- Women's Basketball.

13.12.1 Institution's Sports Camps and Clinics.

- 13.12.1.1.1 Definition of Prospective Student-Athlete -- Men's Basketball
- 13.12.1.1.2 Definition of Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete -- Basketball.
- 13.12.1.1.6 Institutional Camps and Clinics - Basketball.

Recruiting Calendars.

Recruiting Calendars are posted on the Resources Tab of LSDBi. Or can be found by going to www.ncaa.org, select Division I, select Recruiting, and then use the link under Recruiting Resources. Recruiting calendars for the next academic year are usually published mid-June.

Recruiting/Scouting Services

Enabling Legislation.

- 13.14.3.1 Recruiting or Scouting Services – Basketball and Football.
- 13.14.3.1.1 Video-Only Services.

Related NCAA Bylaws.

- 12.3.3.1 Talent Evaluation Services and Agents.

Definition of a Recruiting/Scouting Service.

A recruiting/scouting service includes any individual, organization, entity, or segment of an entity that primarily provides information about PSAs. This definition does not include any individual, organization, entity, or segment of an entity that primarily provides information about PSAs incidental to its primary purpose and is generally available to the public (e.g., news media).

Recruiting Services.

Those services that meet the definition above that are primarily marketed to PSAs and their families rather than to NCAA coaches.

Scouting Services.

Those services that meet the definition above that are primarily marketed to NCAA coaches.

Agent Certification.

Enabling Legislation.

- 12.02.1.2 NCAA Certification Requirement – Men's Basketball

Related NCAA Bylaws.

- 12.3 Use of Agents.
- 12.3.1 General Rule
- 12.3.1.2 Exception -- NCAA-Certified Agents -- Men's Basketball
- 12.3.1.2.2 Enrolled SAs and Two-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes
- 12.3.1.2.3.2 Expenses After Agreement.
- 12.3.1.2.4 No Missed Class Time.
- 12.3.1.2.5 Written Agreement.

NCAA Bylaws on Use of Agents by Prospective Student-Athletes (PSAs) and Permissible Expenses (Not Yet Implemented).

- 12.3.1.2.1 Elite Senior PSAs.
- 12.3.1.2.3 Expenses from an NCAA-Certified Agent
- 12.3.1.2.3.1 Expenses Before Agreement

ECAG RPs

GLOSSARY

Academic and Membership Affairs (AMA) Staff: The AMA staff supports the NCAA membership and the public in six basic areas: (1) legislation; (2) interpretation of NCAA bylaws; (3) education; (4) self-study; (5) academics; and (6) committee and governance liaison support for all three divisions and provides compliance assistance for member institutions.

Activity Type: Identification of whether the occurrence seeking basketball certification is an event or a league or is for predetermined teams or individual athletes.

Actual and Necessary Expenses: [NCAA Bylaw 12.02.2] Actual and necessary expenses include:

1. Meals.
2. Lodging.
3. Apparel, equipment, and supplies.
4. Coaching and instruction.
5. Health/medical insurance.
6. Transportation (expenses to and from practice and competition, cost of transportation from home to the training/practice site at the beginning of the season/preparation for an event and from training/practice/event site to home at the end of season/event).
7. Medical treatment and physical therapy.
8. Facility usage.
9. Entry fees; and
10. Other reasonable expenses.

Adjoining State: A state sharing a continuous boarder with another state.

Adjoining State Rule: The residency requirement applied to nonscholastic teams participating in NCAA-certified events. Teams participating in NCAA-certified events are restricted to including athletes who reside within the same state as the team's official address or within a geographically adjoining state to the team's official address. There is no limit to the number of out-of-state athletes from an adjoining state or who meet one of the other defined exceptions.

Advisor: A lawyer or other individual who can discuss the components of a proposed professional sports contract with a student-athlete provided that the individual does not:

1. Represent the student-athlete directly in negotiations for the contract, OR
2. Facilitate in any manner communications between the student-athlete and professional teams.

Amateurism: NCAA Division I member institutions adhere to a "Commitment to Amateurism" whereby they are required to conduct their athletics programs for students who choose to participate in intercollegiate athletics as a part of their educational experience and in accordance with NCAA bylaws, thus maintaining a line of demarcation between student-athletes who participate in the Collegiate Model and athletes competing in the professional model. student-athletes must be amateurs in an intercollegiate sport, and their participation should be motivated primarily by education and by the physical, mental, and social benefits to be derived. Student participation in intercollegiate athletics is an avocation, and student-athletes should be protected from exploitation by professional and commercial enterprises. [NCAA Division I Constitution 2.9; NCAA Bylaw 12.1.2, et seq.]

Agent: See definition of Non-NCAA-Certified Agent.

Agency Contract: As used herein, agency contract means a written agreement in which a student-athlete authorizes a person to negotiate or solicit on behalf of the athlete a professional-sports-services contract or endorsement contract or other agreement made for the purpose of marketing the student-athlete's athletics ability or reputation. NOTE: NCAA-certified agents are ONLY permitted to provide representation services for the purposes of obtaining employment for an individual with a professional sports team or organization or as a professional athlete.

Application: Form submitted to request NCAA approval or certification for the following categories of applicants:

1. Basketball events (scholastic & nonscholastic/college leagues.
2. Recruiting/scouting services in the sports of basketball and football.
3. Agents.

Athlete: Any prospective-student athlete prospective-student athlete or student-athlete.

Basketball Certification: The process by which basketball activities (events, leagues, showcases, tournaments, festivals, camps) for prospective-student athlete prospective-student athletes and Division I student-athletes request NCAA approval as a league or an event for the defined purpose (see definition of league and event).

Basketball Certification System (BBCS): The online service used by ECAG to administer the basketball certification process for nonscholastic events and college leagues. BBCS registration is required for all individuals involved in coaching activities and in operating or managing an event, league operators, nonscholastic coaches, participating prospective-student athlete prospective-student athletes and those who are financially responsible for an organization of nonscholastic teams. All basketball application requests, post-event review forms, team rosters, and other documentation necessary for compliance with certification requirements are submitted via the BBCS.

Board of Directors (BOD): The NCAA Division I governing body comprised of conference chairpersons and is the top governing body for Division I, responsible for strategy and policy and overseeing legislation and management of the division. The BOD focuses on strategic topics in college sports and their relationship to higher education; monitors legislation to ensure it does not conflict with policies and goals; reviews and approves policies and procedures governing the infractions program; approves an annual budget; adopts legislation when significant values are at stake or an issue requires fast action that does not allow use of the regular legislative process; and collaborates with NCAA staff on how the national office can best serve Division I members.

Booster: See definition for "Representative of the Institution's Athletics Interests."

Broad-Based Coverage: Information provided by an NCAA-approved recruiting/scouting service must include prospective-student athlete prospective-student athletes from a broad spectrum and not limit the coverage to select teams, individuals, or geographical locations.

Coach: As applicable to ECAG, "coach" means any individual who is a nonplayer and who inhabits the bench during an event or competition, or who engages in other coaching activities.

Coach Administrator: The coach administrator is the coach who will create the team in the BBCS and be responsible for submitting all necessary financial documentation, justifications, and residency documentation for those justifications. The coach administrator may be the head coach or an assistant coach but should be the person with the authority to make decisions and speak for the team.

Coaching Activities: Coaching activities including but not limited to providing instruction or training; directing the behavior of a team or individual player; having the responsibility for improving a team through player development, strategy, and in-game management; and nonplayer individuals who sit on the team bench during an event.

Coaches'/Event Packet: A packet of material prepared by an event operator available for purchase by NCAA coaches that includes information about the event (i.e., schedule, driving direction between sites, team rosters with contact information, etc.).

Cohorts (ECAG Cohorts): A word used to encompass all the following:

- operators or individuals involved in operating or managing an NCAA-certified event and/or league.
- operators or individuals involved in operating or managing an NCAA-approved recruiting or scouting service.
- coaches or individuals involved in coaching activities at an NCAA-certified event.
- individuals responsible for an organization of teams participating at an NCAA-certified event.
- student-athletes or prospective student-athletes participating in an NCAA-certified event and/or league.
- NCAA-certified MBB agents.

Contact: A contact is any face-to-face encounter between a prospective-student athlete, the athlete's family members and an NCAA institutional staff member or athletics representative during which any dialogue occurs more than an exchange of a greeting. Any such face-to-face encounter that takes place at the site of organized competition or practice involving the prospective-student athlete is considered a contact, regardless of whether any conversation occurs. [NCAA Bylaw 13.02.4]

Contact Period: A contact period is that time when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff members to make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations. [NCAA Bylaw 13.02.5.1]. Note that NCAA recruiting periods and calendars for each sport change from time to time and it is the responsibility of the event operator and/or nonscholastic coach to stay apprised of any such changes.

Dead Period: A dead period is that time when it is not permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts or evaluations on or off the member institution's campus or to permit official or unofficial visits by prospective-student athletes to the institution's campus. [NCAA Bylaw 13.02.5.5] Note that NCAA recruiting periods and calendars for each sport change from time to time and it is the responsibility of the event operator and/or non-scholastic coach to stay apprised of any such changes.

Demographic Information: Information that identifies a prospective-student athlete including, but not limited to name, address telephone number, high school, non-scholastic team, position, jersey number, date of birth, graduation year, height, weight, etc.

Director of Athletics: As used herein, director of athletics means the individual responsible for administering the overall athletic program of an educational institution, or his or her designated representative.

Division I Council (Council): The NCAA Division I governing body comprised of athletics administrators, faculty athletics representatives and institutional administrators representing Divisions I-A, I-AA, and I-AAA. The Council recommends nonacademic policies to the BOD; coordinates strategic planning activities; identifies and examines trends and issues in college sports; takes final action on matters delegated to it by the BOD; supervises qualifications and selection procedures for Division I championships and national collegiate championships; reviews recommendations from sports committees regarding the administration of championships; and oversees Division I membership standards.

Eligibility: The determination of a prospective-student athletes or student-athletes compliance with NCAA rules resulting in the right to practice, compete and get a scholarship from a member institution through satisfaction of the appropriate conditions (academic record, SAT® or ACT scores, and amateur status). [NCAA Bylaw 14.3]

Eligibility Center (EC): The EC is responsible for processing and certifying the initial eligibility (academic and amateurism status) of prospective-student athletes. The EC is responsible for academic certification, amateurism certification, the NCAA customer service center, high school review and managing the daily operations of the National Letter of Intent (NLI) program.

Evaluation Period: An evaluation period is a time when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff members to be involved in off-campus activities designed to assess the academic qualifications and playing ability of prospective-student athletes. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts shall be made with the prospective-student athlete during an evaluation period. [Bylaw 13.02.5.2]. Note that NCAA recruiting periods and calendars for each sport change from time to time and it is the responsibility of the event operator and/or non-scholastic coach to stay apprised of any such changes.

Event Participant Information: As part of the post-event review form, operators are required to identify who participated in the event.

1. For individual events, operators are required to search the BBCS for each prospective-student athlete and individual involved in coaching activities and add them to the event's individual participants tab of the post-event review form. Operators will also have to disclose compensation paid for everyone involved in coaching activities.
2. For team events, it is the operator's responsibility to ensure that all participating teams have registered in the BBCS. The operator is required to access the roster of all participating teams in the BBCS and identify each coach and prospective-student athlete who participated. Additionally, it is the operator's responsibility to confirm that the address and telephone number provided in the BBCS is accurate for each participant, is a permissible address for that athlete (sometimes requiring collection of documentation of residence) and is compliant with ECAG residency requirements.

Event: An athletics activity (event, league, showcase, tournament, festival, camp, etc.) that is certified to allow Division I basketball coaches to attend and evaluate prospective-student athletes.

Family Member: A family member is an individual with any of the following relationships to the prospective-student athlete: spouse, parent or legal guardian, child, sibling, grandparent, domestic partner, or any individual whose close association with the prospective-student athlete is the practical equivalent of a family relationship. [NCAA Bylaw 12.02.4]

Games (Countable Competition): [NCAA Bylaw 17.31.2.1 Organized Basketball Competition]
An athletic activity would be considered a game if any of the following conditions are met:

1. Competition is scheduled and publicized in advance.
2. Official score is kept.
3. Individual or team standings are maintained.
4. Official timer or game officials are used.
5. Admission is charged.
6. Teams are regularly formed, or team rosters are predetermined.
7. Team uniforms are used.
8. A team is privately or commercially sponsored.
9. The competition is either directly or indirectly sponsored, promoted, or administered by an individual, an organization or any other agency.

Individual Analysis: Individual analysis is athletic or academic evaluation specific to the athlete that enables an institution to make more informed recruiting decisions. This includes personal evaluations of performance, athletics assessments (i.e., comparisons of statistical data, reporting of abilities like 40-yard dash speed or standing high jump measurements, etc.), and academic assessments (i.e., grade-point average, standardized test scores, etc. Individual analysis must be more than demographics (e.g., height, weight, class, and position), rankings (i.e., Division I level prospective-student athlete, etc.) and general comments (i.e., excellent shooter, etc.). Individual analysis must accompany each prospective-student athlete named in a conventional recruiting/scouting service.

Individual Associated with a Prospect (IAWP): In basketball, an individual associated with a prospect is any person who maintains (or directs others to maintain) contact with the prospective-student athlete, the prospective-student athlete's family members or coaches at any point during the prospective-student athlete's participation in basketball, and whose contact is directly or indirectly related to either the prospective-student athlete's athletics skills and abilities or the prospective-student athlete's recruitment by or enrollment in an NCAA institution. This definition includes, but is not limited to family members, handlers, personal trainers, and coaches. [NCAA Bylaw 13.02.19]

Individual Event: An event most often in a camp type format, involving prospective-student athletes who register by themselves and not as part of a team. Occasionally, individual events still involve team competition, but the teams are created at the event for the purpose of competition.

Interpretation (Interp): As applicable to ECAG, an explanation of meaning, guidance on the application of NCAA legislation or determination of whether a violation has occurred, as provided by the AMA staff.

League/college league: An activity that is certified to allow currently enrolled Division I student-athletes to compete outside of the regular season. Such competition is only permissible from June 15 to August 31 or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier, and only after obtaining written permission from the institution's director of athletics (or the director's official representative).

Legislative Services Database (LSDBi): The online version(s) of the NCAA Divisions I, II, and III manuals. NCAA legislation changes frequently. The most up-to-date legislation is available in LSDBi. LSDBi includes a directory of proposals, and legislation is updated continuously throughout the year as it changes. Portions of LSDBi are accessible to those outside the NCAA membership. Note that the LSDBi manual cites, and text may differ from those in the hardcopy of the bylaw manual that is issued once a year.

Minimum Level of Analysis: Information disseminated by a standard recruiting/scouting service must include individual analysis beyond demographics (e.g., height, weight, class and position), ranking (e.g., Division I level prospective-student athlete) and general comments (e.g., excellent shooter) for an institution to make an athletics or academic analysis of the prospective-student athlete. Each prospective-student athlete named in the service is required to be evaluated.

NBPA: National Basketball Players Association. The NBPA is the union for current professional basketball players in the National Basketball Association (NBA). The NBPA certifies agents who represent the players in the NBA.

NCAA Bylaws: The legislation adopted by the NCAA membership that governs, among other things, permissible recruiting activities by member institutions and coaches, as well the eligibility of prospective-student athletes and student-athletes.

NCAA-Certified Agent: Any individual who has met all of the annual requirements of the NCAA agent certification program and as a result, is permitted to solicit a student-athlete/prospective-student athlete (prospective-student athlete representation is not permitted until high school students are eligible to enter the NBA draft) to enter into an agency contract for purposes of obtaining employment with a professional sports team or organization or as a professional athlete without affecting the athlete's collegiate eligibility.

Non-NCAA-Certified Agent: A non-NCAA-certified agent is any individual who directly or indirectly: (1) represents or attempts to represent an individual for the purpose of marketing his or her athletics ability or reputation for financial gain; or (2) seeks to obtain any type of financial gain or benefit from securing a prospective-student athlete's enrollment at an educational institution or from a student-athlete's potential earnings as a professional athlete. [NCAA Bylaw 12.02.1]

Nonprospect-Aged Teams: Any team of athletes comprised of athletes who do not meet the definition of a prospective-student athlete as defined in Bylaw 13.12.1.1.1 (men's basketball) and Bylaw 13.02.13 (women's basketball).

Operating or Managing the Event: encompasses all staff people who are in a managerial or leadership role, not just someone assisting or working in an administrative role (check-in staff, concessions, janitorial staff, score keepers, etc.); those people who would be the "go to" person for all emergencies or issues at each event facility; for multi-site events, the individual "in charge" at each site (site director, gym supervisor, organizer, coordinator). Individuals involved in operating or managing the event must have a USA Basketball (USAB) Gold License and meet NCAA standards of eligibility.

Operator: Any individual who establishes, owns in whole or in part, organizes or operates an NCAA-certified event/league or NCAA approved recruiting/scouting service.

Participant(s)/Participation: All coaches, student-athletes and prospective-student athletes who take part in athletically related activities at NCAA-certified events and/or NCAA approved leagues.

Participant Employment Program: Opportunity provided to participating prospective-student athletes by an event/league operator to work (clocks, stats, etc.) to assist the athlete in earning money to apply to any fees associated with their participation provided that certain criteria are met. If offered, an employment program must be made available to all qualifying participants and must be based on financial need that is unrelated to a participant's athletics ability, reputation, or value that the individual would bring to the event/league. Compensation must be paid only for work performed and at a rate commensurate with their experience and for similar employment in that locale. Any participant employment program must be publicized in advance.

Post Event Review Form – Basketball Certification: Additional information required to be submitted after event certification is granted to remain eligible for certification the following year. The totality of this submission is the post-experience review form.

Event Operators - If an event is certified and Division I coaches were provided the opportunity to attend and observe prospective-student athletes, the activity operator is required to submit a post-event review form providing ECAG with information regarding the conduct of the event (e.g., identity of participants, staff, coaches'/event packets sold, Division I coaches in attendance, post-event financial information, etc.) NCAA-certified leagues are not required to submit a post-event review form. The post-event review form must be submitted by a deadline established by ECAG. The specific deadline will be visible on the Event Applications tab in the BBCS and will appear in the Respond by Date column of an approved event application.

Post-Season Review Form - RSS.

At the conclusion of the year, all NCAA-approved services must submit information that validates the service operated in compliance with NCAA legislation and ECAG requirements. This submission includes a list of subscribers; copies of invoices for institutions that subscribe; and proof of providing institutions with reports or updated information a minimum of four times per annual cycle. If the service operates entirely online and data updates digitally instead of publishing reports, the service must submit a data report identifying dates/times when the database expanded its number of athletes or made athlete profile edits. The service must achieve an approved post-season submission before ECAG will process the next year's application.

Preferential Treatment: NCAA legislation prohibits a student-athlete from receiving preferential treatment, benefits or services because of the individual's athletics ability or payback potential as a professional athlete, unless NCAA rules specifically state otherwise. [NCAA Bylaw 12.1.2.1.6]

Primary Facility: The main location utilized by an event/league. Facility used as event/league headquarters.

Proof of Insurance: Documentation required of an event/league operator that indicates the event/league has insurance compliant with the NCAA requirements.

Prospective Student-Athlete: Generally, a prospective-student athlete is an individual who has started classes for the ninth grade. [NCAA Bylaw 13.02]. In men's basketball, for the purposes of sports camps and clinics, a prospective-student athlete is an individual who has started classes for the seventh grade. [NCAA Bylaw 13.12.1.1.1]. In addition, and regardless of whether the individual has enrolled in classes, an individual is deemed a prospective-student athlete if an NCAA member institution provides the individual (or his/her family members or friends) any financial assistance or other benefits that the institution does not provide to prospective-student athletes generally. An individual remains a prospective-student athlete until one of the following occurs (whichever is earlier):

1. The individual officially registers and enrolls in a minimum full-time program of studies and attends classes in any term of a four-year collegiate institution's regular academic year (excluding summer).
2. The individual participates in a regular squad practice or competition at a four-year collegiate institution that occurs before the beginning of any term.
3. The individual officially registers, enrolls, and attends classes during the certifying institution's summer term prior to his or her initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution.
4. The individual reports to an institutional orientation session that is open to all incoming students within 14-calendar days prior to the opening day of classes of a regular academic year term.

Qualified Medical Personnel: As applicable to ECAG, the term "qualified medical personnel" is intentionally broad, but at a minimum means an individual trained to respond quickly to emergency situations regarding medical issues, traumatic injuries, and accident scenes, can administer CPR and utilize a defibrillator. Qualified medical personnel must be present at each facility being utilized.

Quiet Period: A quiet period is that time when it is permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts only on the member institution's campus. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts or evaluations may be made during the quiet period. [NCAA Bylaw 13.02.5.4]. Note that NCAA recruiting periods and calendars for each sport change from time to time and that it is the responsibility of the event operator and/or nonscholastic coach to stay apprised of any such changes.

Recruit or Solicit: Recruit or solicit means any attempt to influence the choice of an agent by a student-athlete or, if the student-athlete is a minor, a parent or guardian of the student-athlete. The term does not include giving advice on the selection of a particular agent in a family, coaching, or social situation unless the individual giving the advice does so because of the receipt or anticipated receipt of an economic benefit, directly or indirectly, from the agent or the agent's employer.

Recruiting Calendar: A chart/description identifying the ranges of dates designated as quiet, dead, contact and evaluation periods. [NCAA Bylaw 13.17]. Note that NCAA recruiting periods and calendars for each sport change from time to time and that it is the responsibility of the event operator and/or nonscholastic coach to stay apprised of any such changes.

Recruiting Period – Men's Basketball: In men's basketball, a recruiting period is a time when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff members to make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations. [NCAA Bylaw 13.02.5.3]

Recruiting/Scouting Service: Any individual, organization, entity, or segment of an entity that is primarily involved in providing information about prospective-student athletes. This definition includes but is not limited to any service that provides information only to paid subscribers; any service that is only available to a select group of individuals (e.g., coaches), regardless of whether there is a charge associated with the service; and any service that provides information to the public free of charge. However, this definition does not include any individual, organization or entity or segment of an entity that provides information about prospective-student athletes incidental to its primary purpose and is generally available to the public (e.g., news media).

Reduced Entry Fee Program: Opportunity provided by an event/league operator to participating prospective-student athletes to pay a reduced entry fee provided that certain criteria are met. If offered, reduced entry fees must be made available to all qualifying participants and must be based on some objective criteria that is unrelated to a participant's athletics ability or reputation. Any reduced entry fee program must be publicized in advance. (i.e., early bird registration discounts, multiple team discounts, financial need, etc.).

Representative of the Institution's Athletics Interests: An individual, independent agency, corporate entity (e.g., apparel or equipment manufacturer) or other organization who is known (or who should have been known) by a member of the institution's executive or athletics administration to do any of the activities identified below (also known as a "booster"). [Bylaw 13.02.15]

1. Participate/participated in or to be a member of an agency or organization promoting the institution's intercollegiate athletics program.
2. Make/made financial contributions to the athletics department or to an athletics booster organization of that institution.
3. Assist/assisted or to have been requested (by the athletics department staff) to assist in the recruitment of prospective-student athletes.
4. Assist/assisted in providing benefits to enrolled student-athletes or their family members.
5. Involved otherwise in promoting the institution's athletics program.

Revised Uniform Athlete Agent Act (RUAAA): The Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act (RUAAA) modernizes the Uniform Athlete Agents Act (UAAA) to more effectively protect the interests of student athletes, academic institutions, and athlete agents. While retaining many portions of the UAAA, the RUAAA expands the definition of "athlete agent", enhances agency contract requirements, requires athlete agents to notify an educational institution at which a student athlete is enrolled before contacting a student athlete, and gives student athletes a right of action against an athlete agent for violation of the act.

Scouting Service: See definition for "Recruiting/Scouting Service".

Secondary Facility(s): Additional site location utilized by an event/league other than the main/primary facility or headquarters.

SPAC (spack): SPAC is an acronym for "standard player agent contract" required by the NBPA to qualify to perform the services of a player agent. A copy of the executed SPAC shall be sent via email by the player agent to the NBPA within 48 hours of execution. The SPAC must be signed with the player; retypes contracts are not accepted by the NBPA.

Sponsor: A person, group, or company that pledges or provides any form of financial support, in-kind donation, and/or service, whether directly or indirectly, to the operation of an event, league, team, or scouting service.

Sports Agent Responsibility and Trust Act (SPARTA): A federal law prohibiting certain conduct by sports agents relating to the signing of contracts with student-athletes. SPARTA makes it unlawful for an agent to directly or indirectly recruit a student-athlete by giving any false or misleading information, making a false promise or representation, or providing anything of value to a student-athlete (or anyone associated with the student-athlete), before entering into an agency contract. A violation of this act is deemed an unfair or deceptive act or practice prescribed under section 18(a)(1)(B) of the Federal Trade Commission Act. [15 U.S.C. 7801-7807]

Standard Scouting Service: See the definition of "Recruiting/Scouting Service." Not a Video Only service.

Student-Athlete: A student whose enrollment was solicited by a member of the athletics staff or other representative of athletics interests with a view toward the student's ultimate participation in the intercollegiate athletics program. Any other student becomes a student-athlete only when the student reports for an intercollegiate squad that is under the jurisdiction of the athletics department, as specified in NCAA Constitution 3.2.4.5. A student is not deemed a student-athlete solely based on prior high school athletics participation. [Bylaw 12.02.14]

Student-Athlete Reinstatement (SAR): The staff in AMA that processes violations and waivers on behalf of student-athletes who have been involved in violations of NCAA regulations that affect

their eligibility. SAR evaluates the responsibility of an athlete to determine whether he or she can be reinstated, and under what conditions.

Subscription: Requiring an action to access information (i.e., requires payment or must register to gain access to the information). An institution subscribes to a recruiting/scouting service when a staff member registers to access information provided by the service only to paid subscribers or registers to access information available only to a select group of individuals (e.g., coaches), regardless of whether a charge is associated with accessing the information. However, an institution is not considered to have subscribed to a recruiting/scouting service if a staff member registers to access information about prospective-student athletes from a service that provides the same information to the public at no cost.

Team: As applicable to ECAG, "team" means a group of five or more players (prospective-student athletes, current or former student-athletes) forming one side in a competitive game at an NCAA-certified event and/or NCAA-certified league.

Team Event: An event involving pre-existing nonscholastic teams of prospective-student athletes (i.e., travel teams, club teams, etc.).

Tribal Exception: An exception to the Adjoining State Rule that allows the Native American tribe to be viewed in its entirety as analogous to a state, although its geographic location may encompass several states. Therefore, Native American prospective-student athletes are permitted to participate on their tribal team regardless of their state of residence.

Uniform Athlete Agent Act (UAAA): The Uniform Athlete Agents Act (UAAA) is a model state law governing the relationships between student-athletes, athlete agents and academic institutions that provides for uniform registration, certification, and background checks on sports agents. Although there are variances among individual states, the UAAA generally requires athlete agency contracts to contain specific information, including language notifying a student-athlete that entering into an agency agreement could render them ineligible to compete in collegiate athletics. Under the UAAA, agents and student athletes are required to give notice of the contract to the athletic director of an affected educational institution. The UAAA also prohibits agents from providing anything of value or using materially false or misleading information to coerce a student to enter an agency contract. Finally, the UAAA provides for criminal, civil and administrative penalties with enforcement at the state level.

Unsolicited Information: Information regarding prospective-student athletes is given to, sent to, or received by NCAA coaches without being paid for or requested.

Video Only Service: A recruiting/scouting service that only provides video of prospective-student athletes and does not provide information about or analysis of prospective-student athletes. Information to identify the prospective-student athlete is permissible but is limited to the prospective-student athlete's name, high school, position, jersey number and year of graduation.