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DIII AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION UPDATE

For DIII Governance



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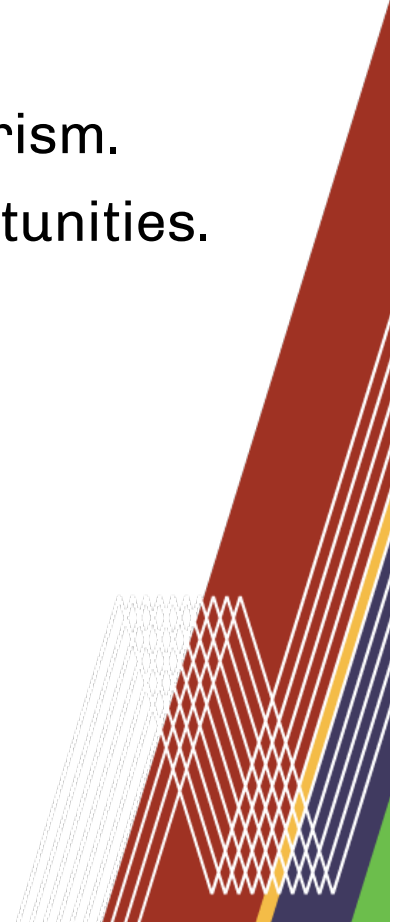


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AGENDA

- » Review and Definitions.
- » Division III: By the Numbers.
- » Where We Are:
 - Certification Process.
 - Requesting Final Amateurism.
- » Ongoing Educational Opportunities.
- » Questions.



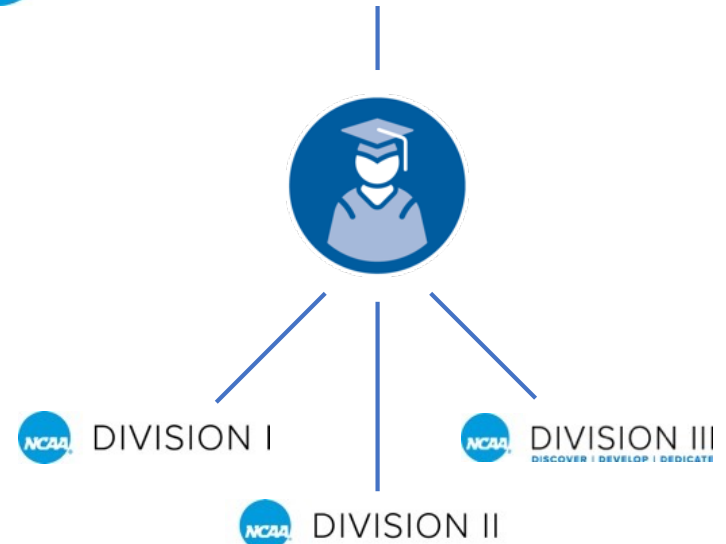
WHAT IS THE ELIGIBILITY CENTER?

Unit within the NCAA responsible for evaluating and certifying college-bound student-athletes for collegiate competition at Division I, II and III institutions.

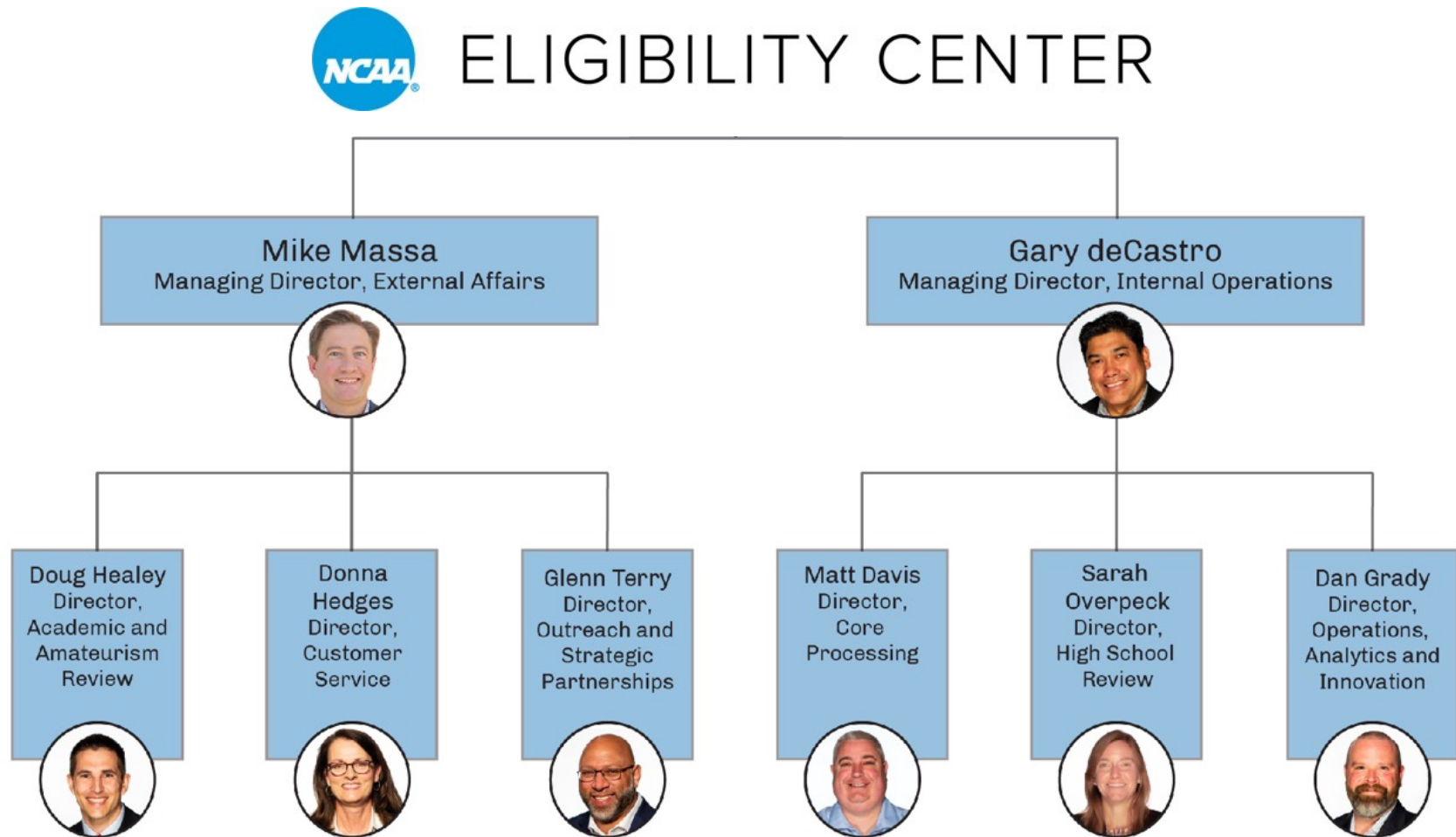
We focus on:

- » Academic preparedness.
- » Sports participation.
- » Customer service and education.

- » Front porch of the NCAA.



ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE





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ELIGIBILITY CENTER:	BY THE NUMBERS
High School Athletes	8,000,000
Registrations Each Year	200,000
Certifications Each Year	100,000
High School Accounts	30,000
International Certifications	8,000
Member Schools (DI, DII, DIII)	1,100
Countries	200
Full-Time Employees	50



DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS

Let's define a few frequently used terms...

» **PSA:** Prospective student-athlete.

- Recruit.
- College-bound student.
- Includes transfer student-athletes from two- or four-year institutions, international colleges/universities or NCAA Divisions I or II.

» **IRL:** Institutional request list.

- NCAA DIII institution's list of recruits. Adding a student to this list notifies the Eligibility Center a Division III certification decision is needed for this PSA.

» **Certifications:**

- *Two types:* Academic and Amateurism Certification, or Amateurism-Only Certification.



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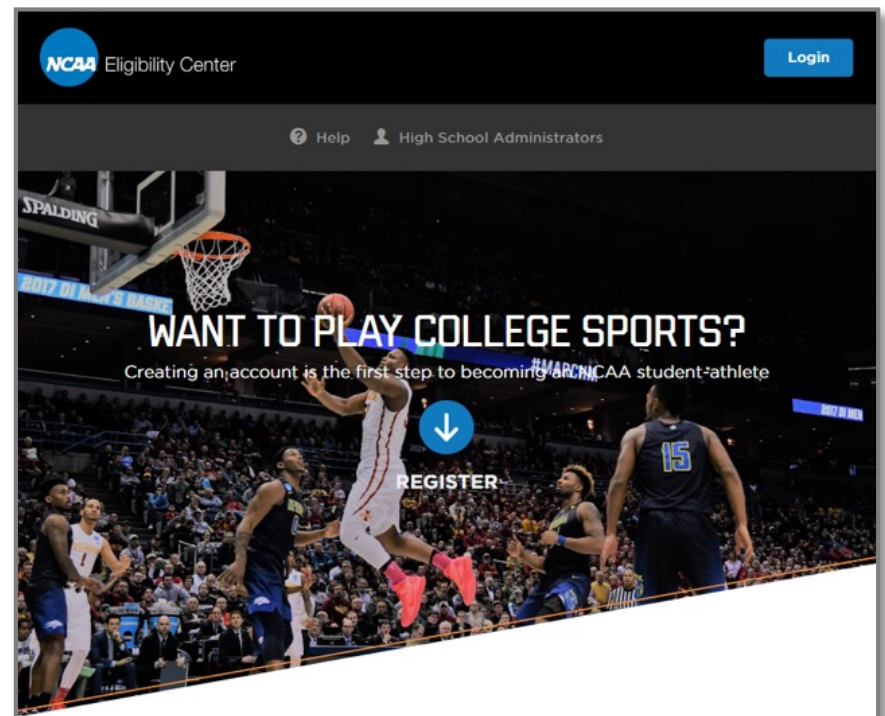
A female golfer is captured in a pre-swing stance on a golf course. She is wearing a white cap, a blue short-sleeved shirt with a white long-sleeved undershirt, a white pleated skirt, and white socks with stripes. She is holding a golf club and is about to hit a white golf ball. The background is a lush green golf course with trees in the distance. The text "DIVISION III: BY THE NUMBERS" is overlaid in large, bold, black letters.

DIVISION III: BY THE NUMBERS

Where We Are Now

DIVISION III: BY THE NUMBERS

- » Division III member schools with an EC account:
 - 193*.
 - 45% of total NCAA DIII schools.
- » Prospective student-athletes with an Amateurism-Only Certification account:
 - 3,503*.
- » Prospective student-athletes on an active Division III IRL:
 - 25*.



*Data accurate as of 3/2/2022.



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A photograph of a college soccer game. In the foreground, a player in an orange jersey is about to kick a white soccer ball. Another player in a purple jersey is in the background, and a player in a white jersey is on the right. A goal with a blue net is visible in the background. The text "COLLEGE CUP" is partially visible on the goal.

AMATEURISM-ONLY CERTIFICATION PROCESS

Where We Are Now

A decorative graphic in the bottom right corner consisting of several overlapping, parallel lines in white, red, and blue, forming a stylized 'V' or zigzag shape.



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CERTIFICATION PROCESS

- 1 DIII member accesses Eligibility Center account via MyApps to access Membership Portal on ncaa.org.
- 2 PSA registers with Amateurism-Only Certification account on eligibilitycenter.org.
- 3 DIII school adds PSA to IRL via Membership Portal.
- 4 PSA requests a final amateurism certification.
- 5 Eligibility Center processes amateurism certification review.
- 6 PSA and DIII member notified of decision.



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REQUESTING FINAL AMATEURISM

4 PSA requests a final amateurism certification.

For student-athletes enrolling at a Division III school in the fall semester:

» Recruits must log in to their account at eligibilitycenter.org and request final amateurism certification **on or after April 1** of that year.

For student-athletes enrolling at a Division III school in the winter/spring semester:

» Recruits must log in to their account at eligibilitycenter.org and request final amateurism certification **on or after October 1** of that year.



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REQUESTING FINAL AMATEURISM RESOURCE

- » Critical step in the process!
- » Triggers certification activity (must be on DIII IRL).
- » Takes less than five minutes.
- » [One-page PDF](#) available.



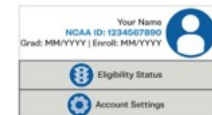
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HOW TO REQUEST FINAL AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION

You will be able to request your final amateurism several months prior to the date you intend to enroll for the first time in an NCAA Division I or II school.

- » **Enrolling in the fall semester?** You may log in and request your final amateurism certification on or after April 1 of that year.
- » **Enrolling in the winter/spring semester?** You may log in and request your final amateurism certification on or after October 1 of that year.

Remember: Your **enrollment period** should reflect your **first full-time enrollment** at an NCAA Division I or II school and can be **updated** at any time. To update this field in your account, select Account Settings from the menu (as shown at right) and continue to the Basic Information screen, where high school graduation and college enrollment dates are editable on the second page.

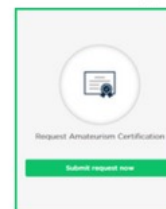


Only Certification Accounts Can Request Final Amateurism Certification

If you currently have a Profile Page account and wish to pursue a Division I or II path, **transition** your Profile Page to a Certification account from your Dashboard.

Steps to Request Final Amateurism Certification

1. Log in to view your NCAA Eligibility Center dashboard at eligibilitycenter.org.
 - a. **Logged in on your laptop or tablet?** Select Dashboard from the menu on the left-hand side of the screen.
 - b. **Logged in on your phone?** Scroll to the bottom and click Return to Dashboard.
2. Check your progress on your Dashboard. The first circle (Account Creation) must be complete prior to requesting your amateurism certification.
3. Ensure you have completed all assigned amateurism-related tasks in your task list.
 - » You may have tasks open in the second circle (Send Test Scores and Transcripts) and still request your amateurism certification.
4. In the third box on your Dashboard, select the green "Submit request now" button, as shown at right. Ensure you have completed all assigned amateurism-related tasks in your task list.
5. Select the button for the sport you want to request amateurism.
6. You may request your final amateurism certification even if you are not being recruited by an NCAA Division I or II school. However, we may wait to begin your certification until after an NCAA Division I or II school adds you to their **institutional request list**. Please provide the school(s) recruiting you with your NCAA ID.



Tip: If you changed your **enrollment period** after requesting final certification, you will need to return to your Dashboard and re-request final amateurism for each sport in the third box. If you have not requested final amateurism in the past, follow the timeline above.

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CERTIFICATION PROCESS

- 4 PSA requests a final amateurism certification.
- 5 Eligibility Center processes amateurism certification review.
 - » More information may be requested via tasking
- 6 PSA and DIII member notified of decision.



CERTIFICATION DECISION

Amateurism Status

» What account statuses can members expect to see?

- Pending Review.
- Final Certified.
- Final Certified with Conditions.
 - > Includes loss of season(s) of competition and an academic year of residence.
- Final Not Certified.
 - > Requires student-athlete reinstatement through RSRO.
- Not Applicable.



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AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION FAQ RESOURCE

- » International Student Definition.
- » Eligibility Center Registration.
- » Amateurism Certification Process.
- » [PDF available.](#)



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NCAA DIVISION III INTERNATIONAL AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION FAQ RESOURCE

In January 2022, the NCAA Division III membership adopted Proposal No. [2022-2](#), which requires international student-athletes who initially enroll at a Division III member school on or after August 1, 2023, to have their amateurism status certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center.

The questions and answers below have been developed to assist Division III members in working with the Eligibility Center to implement this new requirement. This resource is based on available information and will be updated, as necessary, moving forward.

International Student Definition

1. *How does Division III define an international student?*
Division III [Bylaw 12.1.1.1](#) defines an international student as any student who attended a secondary or post-secondary school outside the U.S., participated in athletics outside the U.S. or whose permanent residence is outside the U.S.
2. *Does this definition include prospective student-athletes (PSAs) who attended a U.S.-based high school outside the U.S. (e.g., U.S. Department of Defense school)?*
Yes.
3. *Does this definition include participation in athletics outside the U.S. that occurs before age 13?*
No. Based on this [official interpretation](#) (dated Jan. 6, 2023), the individual must have been age 13 or older when the athletics participation occurred outside the U.S.
4. *Does this definition include a PSA who solely attended high school in the U.S., but has a permanent residence outside the U.S.?*
Yes.
5. *Does this definition include a PSA who solely attended high school in the U.S. and then attended a non-NCAA international collegiate school before initial Division III enrollment?*
Yes.
6. *Are there any exceptions to this definition for individual or team participation outside the U.S.?*
Yes. A PSA who is on a U.S. team that travels internationally (e.g., Canada) for an amateur tournament is not considered international. (See 2022 NCAA Convention [Q&A Guide](#) and this [educational column](#) [dated Jan. 25, 2022].) However, there are no exceptions for individual participation outside the U.S.



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A photograph of two fencers in white gear and yellow masks competing on a blue and white striped floor. In the background is a large wooden trophy with the NCAA logo. The scene is framed by orange and blue geometric shapes.

ONGOING DIVISION III EDUCATION

Upcoming Opportunities



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DIVISION III SUPPORT: BUILDING THE FUTURE!



» Division III Spring Webinar, March 22.

- [Registration in March newsletter.](#)



» Regional Rules Session, May 17.

- [Registration opening mid-March!](#)



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REGISTER FOR DIII WEBINAR, MARCH 22



**3:30-4:30 p.m.
Eastern Time**



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DIVISION III SUPPORT: BUILDING THE FUTURE!

Division III: Eligibility Center Amateurism-Only Requirements

Preparing for the 2023-24 International Recruits



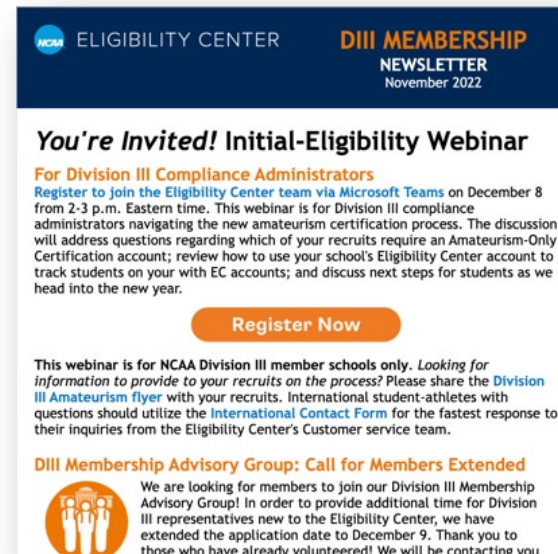
» 2023 NCAA Convention Division III Educational Session.

- 130+ in attendance.
 - > Largest percentage:
Compliance administrators.
- Panel discussion.
- Excellent survey results.
- [Recording available.](#)

MEMBERSHIP RESOURCES



» [December Division III Eligibility Center webinar.](#)

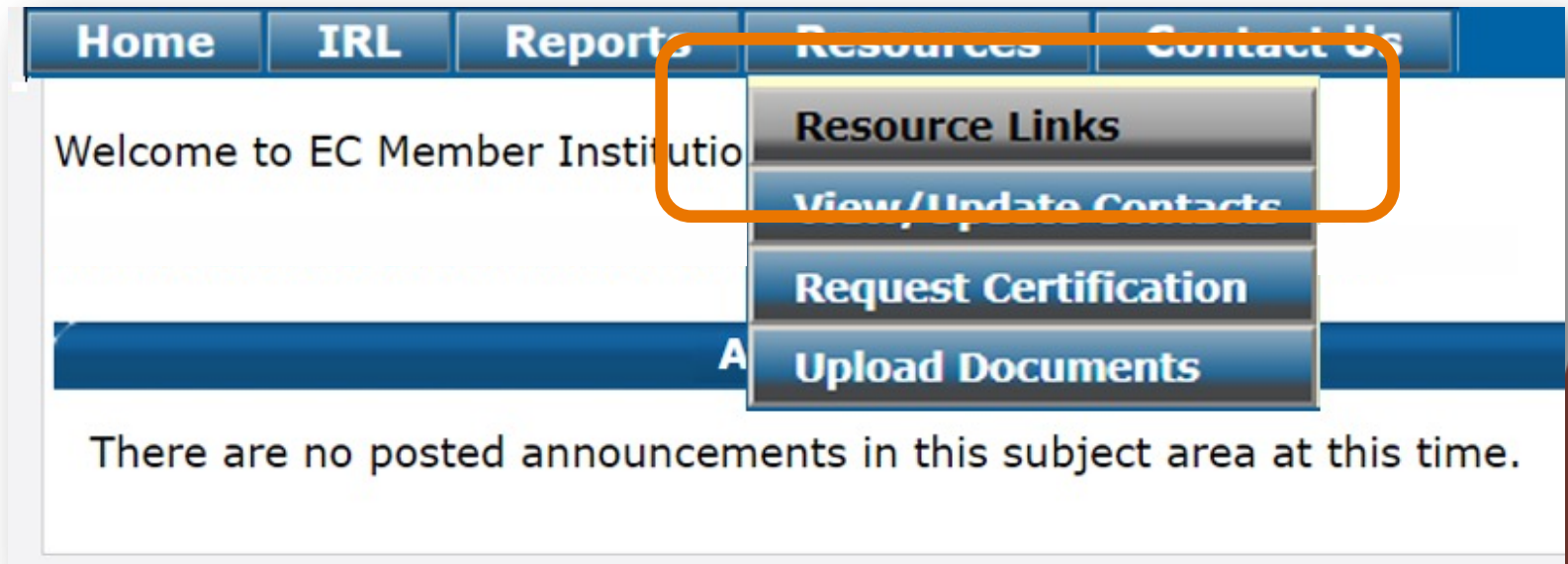


• [Division III newsletter.](#)



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USING THE MEMBERSHIP PORTAL



**How to Use the
Membership Portal**



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QUESTIONS

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