DIII AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION UPDATE
For DIII Governance

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AGENDA

» Review and Definitions.
» Division III: By the Numbers.
» Where We Are:
  o Certification Process.
  o 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.
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## ELIGIBILITY CENTER:

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DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS

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

» **PSA:** Prospective student-athlete.
  
  o Recruit.
  
  o College-bound student.
  
  o Includes transfer student-athletes from two- or four-year institutions, international colleges/universities or NCAA Divisions I or II.

» **IRL:** Institutional request list.

  o 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:**

  o *Two types:* Academic and Amateurism Certification, or Amateurism-Only Certification.
DIVISION III:
BY THE NUMBERS
Where We Are Now
DIVISION III: BY THE NUMBERS

» Division III member schools with an EC account:
  o 193*.
  o 45% of total NCAA DIII schools.

» Prospective student-athletes with an Amateurism-Only Certification account:
  o 3,503*.

» Prospective student-athletes on an active Division III IRL:
  o 25*.

*Data accurate as of 3/2/2022.
AMATEURISM-ONLY CERTIFICATION PROCESS
Where We Are Now
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.
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.
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.
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.
AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION FAQ RESOURCE

» International Student Definition.

» Eligibility Center Registration.

» Amateurism Certification Process.

» PDF available.

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.
ONGOING DIVISION III EDUCATION
Upcoming Opportunities
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!
REGISTER FOR DIII WEBINAR, MARCH 22

3:30-4:30 p.m. Eastern Time
DIVISION III SUPPORT: BUILDING THE FUTURE!

» 2023 NCAA Convention Division III Educational Session.
  o 130+ in attendance.
    > Largest percentage: Compliance administrators.
  o Panel discussion.
  o Excellent survey results.
  o Recording available.
MEMBERSHIP RESOURCES

» **December Division III Eligibility Center webinar.**

• **Division III newsletter.**
RESOURCES, INFORMATION AND SUPPORTS

» Select Resource Links from the Resources tab.
USING THE MEMBERSHIP PORTAL

How to Use the Membership Portal
QUESTIONS
Click the Q&A Button to Ask Your Questions
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