

# Roles of Regulatory Departments



The NCAA national office has three departments that work together to help inform, apply and enforce the rules adopted by the membership. The departments collaborate closely with one another but differ in their roles and responsibilities.

	COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENT-ATHLETES	STUDENT-ATHLETES
ELIGIBILITY CENTER	<p><b>Academic certification</b> Incoming Division I and II student-athletes must meet minimum academic requirements to be eligible to practice and compete in college sports. Waivers can be requested.</p> <p><b>Amateurism certification</b> In order to play college sports, the amateur status of an incoming student-athlete must be certified by the Eligibility Center.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Certification decisions may be appealed to the appropriate membership committee.</p>	
ACADEMIC AND MEMBERSHIP AFFAIRS (AMA)	<p><b>Rule interpretations</b> NCAA staff members review specific situations to interpret how NCAA rules apply.</p> <p><b>Waiver requests</b> NCAA staff members review requests to waive rules and eligibility requirements in certain circumstances.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Interpretation and waiver decisions may be appealed to the appropriate membership committee.</p>	<p><b>Student-athlete reinstatement</b> Some rules violations impact a student-athlete's eligibility. In these cases, the school declares the student-athlete ineligible and may seek reinstatement. NCAA staff determine whether conditions, such as withholding or repayment, are necessary for reinstatement. The staff decision may be appealed to the appropriate membership committee.</p>
ENFORCEMENT	<p><b>Development</b> Staff works with member schools and their athletics departments to identify issues and concerns affecting college sports, and encourages the reporting of potential violations as early as possible.</p> <p><b>Investigations and processing</b> Staff investigates information that involves potential violations of NCAA rules and works collaboratively with schools to prepare potential violations for presentation to the NCAA Committees on Infractions.</p>	