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General Information
Why was the Amateurism Clearinghouse created?

- The amateurism clearinghouse was created in response to the NCAA membership’s concerns about amateurism issues related to both international and domestic prospective and transfer student-athletes.
- The amateurism clearinghouse will determine the amateurism eligibility of all freshman and transfer prospective student-athletes for initial participation at an NCAA Division I or II institution.
Who will be certified?

- All prospective student-athletes, both domestic and foreign, who will attend a Division I or II institution for the first time on or after August 1, 2007. This includes two-year college transfers and four-year transfers from institutions that are not members of NCAA Division I or II.

- In Division III, certification of an individual’s amateurism status is completed by each institution, not the clearinghouse.
Registration Information

- Prospects will register online using the same website that is used for the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse – [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)
- Online registration is required. No hard copies of the registration form will be available.
- Prospects will be required to complete a questionnaire about their athletics participation, prize money earned, expense money received and any contact they may have had with agents and/or professional teams.
- No additional fee. Fee for certification remains the same.
  - $50 – Domestic
  - $75 – International
- Registration forms will be handled in the order in which they are received!
When should prospect’s register?

- The amateurism clearinghouse is scheduled to open on November 20, 2006 for Fall 2007 enrollees.
What happens if a prospect does not register with or receive final certification from the amateurism clearinghouse?

- Recruited Student-Athlete
  - If a recruited SA reports for athletics participation before his/her amateurism status has been certified, the SA may practice, but not compete, for a maximum of two weeks. After the two-week period, the SA must have his/her amateurism status certified in order to continue practicing or to compete.

- Nonrecruited Student-Athlete
  - If a nonrecruited SA reports for athletics participation before his/her amateurism status has been certified, the SA may practice, but not compete, for a maximum of 45 days. After the 45-day period, the SA must have his/her amateurism status certified in order to continue practicing or to compete.
Amateurism Rules Certified by the Clearinghouse

- Contract with a professional team.
- Salary for participating in athletics.
- Prize money.
- Play with professionals.
- Tryouts, practices or competition with a professional team.
- Benefits from an agent or prospective agent.
- Agreement to be represented by an agent.
- Delayed initial full-time collegiate enrollment to participate in organized sports competition.
Athletics Participation Questions
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- In any sport, have you ever:
  - Authorized anyone (other than your parent or coach) to market your athletics skill or reputation?
In any sport, have you ever:

- Accepted any benefits from an agent (or other individual who has marketed any individual’s athletics skill)?
  - If the answer is YES, the following information will be requested:
    - Name of individual or company.
    - Benefits received (e.g., meals, lodging, money)
    - Explanation of situation and benefits received.
Athletics Participation Questions (continued)

- Before ever attending classes full time at any college, have you ever:
  - Competed in an event and accepted prize money?
  - Competed in an event where any part of your expenses were paid for by anyone other than your family, your team or the sponsor of the event?
  - Been paid to compete?
Athletics Participation Questions (continued)

- Agreed to compete on a professional sports team?
- Competed on any team where anyone received more than their expenses to play on the team?
- Had a professional sports team pay any of your expenses for a practice or tryout?
Athletics Participation Questions (continued)

- Have you ever attend classes full time at any two-year or four-year college?
- After graduating from high school in (month/year), did/will you enroll full time at any two-year or four-year college in (term)(year)?
Process for Certification
Certification Timeline

- Nov. 20, 2006 – Amateurism clearinghouse registration opens.
  - Online registration only.
  - Prospects who have registered prior to the opening of the amateurism clearinghouse will be advised either by e-mail or regular mail to return to the clearinghouse website and complete the amateurism portion of the registration process.

- April 7, 2007 – Prospects may request final certification from the amateurism clearinghouse.
Process for Certification

1. PSA registers and answers athletics participation questions
2. PSA’s responses are reviewed
3. No potential amateurism issues found
4. Preliminary status determined: Certified
Process for Certification (continued)

PSA registers and answers athletics participation questions

PSA’s responses are reviewed

Potential amateurism issues found

Additional information/analysis by NCAA staff is required

No dispute on facts or interpretation

Facts disputed

Interpretation disputed

Issue adjudicated by the appropriate committee

Preliminary status determined: Certified, Certified w/ conditions or Not certified

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Process for Certification (continued)

Preliminary status determined

- Certified
- Certified with conditions
- Not certified

Preliminary status available to prospect and institution via clearinghouse website

Process is repeated when prospect updates athletics participation
Process for Certification
(continued)

PSA updates athletics participation for the final time (starting April 7) and signs 10.1 (unethical conduct) statement

- If violation, penalties applied
- If seasons of competition used, determine appropriate number
- No violation and no seasons of competition used, render decision

Final certification issued

Final certification available to prospect and institution

Appeal of penalty or use of seasons through the appropriate committee (SAR or ARS)

*Only one institution will be able to file an appeal*
QUESTIONS
THE END