

NCAA Requires Amateurism Certification

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In November, the NCAA began requiring prospective student-athletes to complete a questionnaire regarding their amateurism status. This additional layer was incorporated into the certification process in response to the concerns expressed by administrators at NCAA member schools. All prospective student-athletes who plan to attend an NCAA Division I or II school must complete the questionnaire and be certified as an amateur prior to participation in NCAA Division I or II intercollegiate athletics. Some of the types of questions that prospective student-athletes must answer include:

- In any sport, have you ever authorized anyone (other than your parent, legal guardian 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)?
- Before ever attending classes full time at any college, in the sport(s) of _____ have you ever competed in an event and accepted prize money?
- Was the prize money you received more than the amount you spent to participate in the event?
- Before ever attending classes full time at any college, in the sport(s) of _____ have you ever 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?
- Before ever attending classes full time at any college, in the sport(s) of _____ have you ever been paid to compete?

Prospective student-athletes can begin completing the questionnaire at the beginning of their junior year in high school when they register with the Clearinghouse (or the Eligibility Center). Answers to the questions will determine one's amateurism eligibility status. The questionnaire can be updated until the prospective student-athlete submits his or her final authorization signature. (Source: www1.ncaa.org/membership/ach/sample_amateurism_questions)



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