



ELIGIBILITY RULES SUMMARY FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES

The Ivy Group Agreement is intended to provide a framework for intercollegiate athletic competition under conditions that are mutually acceptable to the eight Ivy institutions. Your eligibility is subject to the annual approval of your institution and of the Ivy League, based on the rules in the Ivy League Manual and the NCAA Manual and on the information you provide on The Council of Ivy Group Presidents "Athletic Eligibility Record."

You are responsible for completing the Ivy League "Athletic Eligibility Record" accurately each year. Not doing so may result in your forfeiting your intercollegiate athletic eligibility.

Ivy and NCAA rules are quite detailed and not identical, and Ivy eligibility is determined separately from NCAA Eligibility. This summary reviews those rules that are summarized on the "Eligibility Record." It does not attempt to explain Ivy and NCAA rules in detail. The compliance office within the athletic department is available to advise you about all eligibility matters and can provide you with current Ivy and NCAA rules and regulations.

1. TOTAL YEARS OF COMPETITION

You have eligibility for no more than four seasons of intercollegiate athletic competition in any one sport. Under Ivy rules you are expected to use your eligibility during your first four years of enrollment. NCAA rules require that eligibility be completed within five calendar years from your first matriculation at any collegiate institution. Consult the compliance office with regard to possible exceptions.

2. COMPETITION OTHER THAN SCHEDULED COLLEGE CONTESTS

Participation in any organized athletic competition when not representing your institution, at any time, including vacation, must be approved in advance by your athletic director. During the practice and competitive season while you are a member of an institutional team, you may not participate on any outside team **in that sport**.

3. AMATEURISM

Under Ivy League rules, you forfeit your amateur status and your eligibility in all varsity sports if you are professionalized in any sport sponsored by an Ivy institution at the varsity level. Consult your institutional eligibility officer about actions that occurred before you enrolled, about sports other than that in which the professionalizing act occurred, and about employment. Both Ivy and NCAA rules permit sport related employment, including specialized sports camps, within certain limits. These rules change periodically and therefore any sport related employment should be approved by the compliance office.

Any of the following acts constitute a loss of amateur standing, and therefore of Ivy eligibility in **all** varsity sports:

- (a) Participating in **any** athletic competition under an assumed name or in any other way intended to deceive your institution.
- (b) Directly or indirectly receiving money or remuneration for participating in **any** competition in any sport contrary to NCAA rules – Check with your compliance office for more information.
- (c) Practicing at any time or trying out during the academic year in **any** professional sport after you matriculate, except as allowed under NCAA rules.
- (d) Endorsing a commercial product, even without compensation, or receiving compensation for any activity based on your athletic reputation.
- (e) Entering your name in a professional draft other than as provided by NCAA rules.

4. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial support for educational expenses is permissible only from the following sources:

- * From your parents or those upon whom you are legally dependent.
- * In return for services rendered through employment at normal wages.
- * From financial aid awarded by or with the specific approval of the regular authority of your institution.
- * From Government grants, including Pell Grants and Social Security, veterans and ROTC payments.

For further information contact your institution's compliance officer.