



Eligibility for Intercollegiate Competition: Only an amateur student-athlete is eligible for intercollegiate athletics participation in a particular sport.

Amateur Status: Student-athletes will lose their eligibility for intercollegiate competition in a particular sport if the individual:

1. Uses his or her athletics skill (directly or indirectly) for pay in any form in that sport (exception is the fee-for-lesson, see Employment link for regulations)
2. Accepts a promise of pay even if such pay is to be received following the completion of intercollegiate athletics participation
3. Signs a contract or commitment of any kind to play professional athletics, regardless of its legal enforceability or any consideration received
4. Receives directly or indirectly a salary, reimbursement of expenses or any other form of financial assistance from a professional sports organization based upon athletics skill or participation, except as permitted by NCAA rules and regulations
5. Competes on any professional team regardless of he or she receives pay or remuneration
6. Enters into an agreement with an agent.

Professional Athletics Team: A professional team is any organized team that provides any of its player's more than actual and necessary expenses for participation on the team, or declares itself as professional. Actual and necessary expenses are limited to the following:

1. Meals directly tied to competition and practice held in preparation for such competition
2. Lodging directly tied to competition and practice held in preparation for such competition
3. Apparel, equipment and supplies
4. Coaching and instruction
5. Health / medical insurance
6. Transportation (i.e., expenses to and from practice and competition)
7. Medical treatment and physical therapy
8. Facility usage
9. Entry fees
10. Other reasonable expenses incidental to participation

Prize Money Prior to Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment: Prior to full-time collegiate enrollment, you may accept prize money based on your place finish or performance in an open athletics event (i.e., an event that is not invitation only). Such prize money is not to exceed actual and necessary expenses and may be provided only by the sponsor of the open event.

Olympic / National Teams: As a prospective student-athlete or currently enrolled student-athlete you may participate on Olympic or national teams that are competing for prize money or are being compensated by the governing body to participate in a specific event, provided the student-athlete does not accept prize money or any other compensation other than actual and necessary expenses.

Professional in Another Sport: A professional athlete in one sport may represent a member institution in a different sport. However, the student-athlete cannot receive institutional financial aid in the second sport unless the student-athlete

1. Is no longer involved in professional athletics
2. Is not receiving any remuneration from a professional sports organization
3. Has no active contractual relationship with any professional athletics team