



# COVID-19 UPDATES

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**1.22.2024**

## **NCAA EC Initial-Eligibility FAQ—Beyond COVID (Member view only)**

Clarification for student-athletes who delayed enrollment was added to question 7. [Click here](#) to review this important document.

**5.8.2023**

## **NCAA EC Initial-Eligibility FAQ—Beyond COVID**

Understanding what COVID-19 relief is expiring and when, as well as the students impacted, is critical. This document provides guidance on when COVID-era relief is expiring and what the initial-eligibility requirements are moving forward, as well as clarification on which students are impacted based on their date of initial full-time enrollment. [Click here](#) to review this important document.

**5.6.2022**

## **NCAA EC COVID-19 Response Update FAQs—Pass/Fail and Distance, E-learning or Hybrid Options.**

In response to membership feedback, the Eligibility Center has provided additional clarification regarding pass/fail and distance, e-learning or hybrid options. Please refresh your link to the FAQ via the Membership portal or the High School portal document and refer to the related questions.

**4.13.2022:**

## **NCAA EC COVID-19 Response, Academic Year 2022-23: Automatic Waiver—2023-24 Enrollment**

Given the continuing impact of COVID-19 on the educational environment, the NCAA Eligibility Center has partnered with the NCAA membership to identify the following changes to the initial-eligibility certification process for students who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution during the 2023-24 academic year. [Click here](#) to learn more about the adjusted requirements. The Eligibility Center will continue to monitor the environment and make necessary adjustments to prioritize health, safety and fairness for all prospective student-athletes.

**4.14.2021:**

## **NCAA EC COVID-19 Response, Academic Year 2021-22: Automatic Waiver—2022-23 Enrollment**

Given the continuing impact of COVID-19 on the educational environment, the NCAA Eligibility Center has partnered with the NCAA membership to identify the following changes to the initial-eligibility certification process for students who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution during the 2022-23 academic year. [Click here](#) to learn more about the adjusted requirements. The Eligibility Center will continue to monitor the environment and make necessary adjustments to prioritize health, safety and fairness for all prospective student-athletes.



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**8.17.2020:**

## **NCAA EC COVID-19 Response, Academic Year 2020-21: Automatic Waiver—2021-22 Enrollment**

Given the continuing impact of COVID-19 on the educational environment, the NCAA Eligibility Center has partnered with the NCAA membership to identify the following changes to the initial-eligibility certification process for students who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution during the 2021-22 academic year. [Click here](#) to learn more about the adjusted requirements. The Eligibility Center will continue to monitor the environment and make necessary adjustments to prioritize health, safety and fairness for all prospective student-athletes.

## **NCAA EC COVID-19 Response: Organized Competition in the 2020-21 Academic Year**

NCAA Divisions I and II have approved flexibility for college-bound student-athletes who delay initial full-time collegiate enrollment and would be impacted by [organized competition](#) occurring in the 2020-21 academic year. During the amateurism certification process, the Eligibility Center will apply such flexibility, which will be visible in the student-athlete's Eligibility Center account. For more information on how relief will be applied, [click here](#).

**7.22.2020:**

## **NCAA EC COVID-19 Response, Academic Year 2020-21—E-learning, Distance and Hybrid Options**

In an effort to provide clarity to students and parents making decisions regarding the 2020-2021 academic year, the NCAA Eligibility Center is providing additional guidance regarding distance, e-learning or hybrid options made available by schools with NCAA-approved core courses. The Eligibility Center will continue to monitor the environment and make determinations on extension of other COVID-19 relief policies as more information becomes available. [Click here](#) to learn more about these important adjustments.

**5.28.2020:**

## **NCAA EC COVID-19 Response Update FAQs—Update, Q/A1, Q/A6**

In response to membership feedback, DI and DII Administrative committees have approved an extension of the COVID-19 Automatic Waiver criteria providing the benefits Academic Redshirt (DI) and Partial Qualifier (DII) status for expected Spring/Summer 2020 graduates presenting at least 10 core course units and a 2.0 GPA prior to start of their semester. Please refresh your link to the FAQ via the [Membership Portal](#) or the [High School Portal](#).

**5.8.2020:**

## **NCAA EC COVID-19 Response Update FAQs—Membership update, Q/A15**

In response to membership inquiries, we have clarified Q/A15 of the EC COVID-19 Response FAQ, regarding application of the COVID-19 Automatic Waiver to students with expected graduation dates in Spring/Summer 2020 (based on start of year nine) who choose to delay their enrollment. Please refresh your link to the FAQ via the [Membership Portal](#). No additional information was provided for the general public or student-athletes.



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**5.1.2020:**

## **NCAA EC COVID-19 Response Update FAQs—Membership update, Q1b**

A small additional piece of information for Membership related to the COVID-19 Autowaiver has been added to the Member version of the EC COVID-19 FAQ. Please refresh your link to the FAQ via the [Membership Portal](#). No additional information was provided for the general public or student-athletes.

**4.24.2020:**

## **NCAA EC COVID-19 Response Update FAQs—Membership update, Q1a**

A small additional piece of information for Membership related to the COVID-19 Autowaiver has been added to the Member version of the EC COVID-19 FAQ. Please refresh your link to the FAQ via the [Membership Portal](#). No additional information was provided for the general public or student-athletes.

**4.17.2020:**

## **NCAA EC COVID-19 Response Update FAQs**

Given the unprecedented events during Spring/Summer 2020 due to COVID-19, the NCAA Eligibility Center has partnered with the NCAA membership to identify adjustments to the initial-eligibility certification process. These changes may not capture all unique scenarios; however, NCAA Customer Service is available to assist with questions Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Eastern time at 877-262-1492 (Domestic students and Canadian students outside of Quebec) and, for international students including Quebec, at [ncaa.org/contactinternational](http://ncaa.org/contactinternational). [Click here](#) to learn more about these important adjustments.

**4.10.2020:**

## **NCAA EC COVID-19 Response Update**

The NCAA Eligibility Center has received a number of inquiries regarding potential adjustments to the initial-eligibility certification process as a result of closures, cancellations and changes due to COVID-19. We are working closely with our member institutions and making progress toward national solutions to the issues raised for both Divisions I and II. We look forward to communicating the details of these adjustments in the coming weeks upon complete review through our governance processes. For information on COVID-19, please visit [ncaa.org/COVID-19](http://ncaa.org/COVID-19) and continue to monitor for more information from the Eligibility Center at [on.ncaa.com/EC\\_COVID](http://on.ncaa.com/EC_COVID).

**4.3.2020:**

## **Distance/E-Learning Programs**

In response to questions regarding schools that have moved to distance or e-learning environments, the Eligibility Center will not require a separate review of distance or e-learning programs utilized by schools with NCAA-approved core courses that have moved to distance or e-learning environments for Spring/Summer 2020 terms due to school closures related to the COVID-19 situation. Students are encouraged to complete their NCAA-approved core courses through the channels of instruction provided or recommended by their school, district or state department of education.



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We understand these unparalleled circumstances are creating challenges to all involved in college, high school, club and youth athletics. As such, we are committed to providing timely information and will communicate with you once new information becomes available. For information on COVID-19, please visit [ncaa.org/COVID-19](https://ncaa.org/COVID-19) and continue to monitor for more information from the Eligibility Center at [on.ncaa.com/EC\\_COVID](https://on.ncaa.com/EC_COVID).

**3.19.2020:**

## **NCAA EC COVID-19 Response**

In response to closings, cancellations and changes related to COVID-19, the Eligibility Center is closely monitoring the impact on students and their ability to meet NCAA initial-eligibility requirements. The EC will be posting more information here in the coming days to assist our membership, prospective student-athletes and the high school community. For information on COVID-19, please visit [ncaa.org/COVID-19](https://ncaa.org/COVID-19) and continue to monitor for more information.