

Eligibility: Academic and General Requirements

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14.01 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

14.01.3 Compliance With Other NCAA and Conference Legislation. A student-athlete must comply with the applicable Bylaws and other requirements of the NCAA and the SEC in order to be eligible for athletically-related aid, for practice, and/or for competition in any intercollegiate sport.

14.01.3.1 Ethical Conduct. Any student-athlete who willfully makes any false or misleading statement or submits or causes to be submitted any false, spurious or misleading documents, or fails or refuses to give full and complete information upon any matter relating to his/her eligibility or otherwise engages in unethical conduct, shall not be eligible to compete in any intercollegiate sport in the Conference. Unethical conduct by a prospective or enrolled student-athlete includes knowing involvement in arranging for fraudulent academic credit or false transcripts. A student-athlete found to be in violation of this regulation shall be ineligible to compete in the Southeastern Conference. *[Revised 6/2/06; effective immediately; Revised 6/1/2008; effective 8/1/2008]*

14.01.3.2 Financial Aid If at any time before or after matriculation in a member institution a student-athlete or any member of his/her family receives or agrees to receive, directly or indirectly, any aid or assistance beyond or in addition to that permitted by the Bylaws of this Conference (except such aid or assistance as such student-athlete may receive from those persons on whom the student is naturally or legally dependent for support), such student-athlete shall be ineligible for competition in any intercollegiate sport within the Conference for the remainder of his/her college career.

14.01.3.3 Recruitment. If it is determined that a student-athlete has been illegally recruited by a member institution in a manner that violates NCAA Bylaw 13.01.1, the student-athlete's award shall be ruled permanently invalid, and the student-athlete shall be ineligible for competition in any intercollegiate sport at the institution guilty of the infraction for the remainder of his/her college career. Said student-athlete may then be awarded a scholarship by another Southeastern Conference institution. *[Revised 6/3/93]*

14.01.3.4 Uniform Limitations for Ineligible Student-Athletes. A student-athlete who is ineligible for competition shall be precluded from dressing out in his/her team's uniform for home contests. *[Revised 6/1/97]*

14.1 GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

~~**14.1.1 Regular Season and Postseason Competition.** Unless otherwise specified in this Manual, regular season and postseason eligibility rules for the Southeastern Conference are the same as the eligibility rules for NCAA championships.~~

14.1.2.2. Validity of Academic Credentials . Each SEC member institution bears primary responsibility for reviewing and ensuring the validity of the NCAA Eligibility Center certification of initial eligibility of each prospective student-athlete (“PSA”) who has been offered an athletics scholarship in accordance with this Bylaw 14.1.2.2.

[Revised 6/1/2007; effective immediately; Revised 6/2/06; effective immediately; Revised 6/5/99]

- (a) Before admitting any PSA, each SEC member institution must review and ensure that all academic credentials (including but not limited to transcripts and standardized test scores) (herein the “Credentials”) supplied to the NCAA Eligibility Center by each PSA are valid, accurate, and fairly reflect the academic abilities and qualifications of the PSA, whether the NCAA Eligibility Center challenges or specially reviews those Credentials or not.
- (b) Each SEC member institution shall establish and maintain its own process for the review of Credentials required by subsection (a) of this Bylaw 14.1.2.2. The guidelines and policies governing such process shall be reduced to writing, and periodically revised and updated as appropriate. A copy thereof shall be provided annually (on or about July 1) by each member institution’s President or Chancellor to the SEC Commissioner.
- (c) Even if an SEC member institution has admitted a PSA and determined in accordance with its own process that the NCAA Eligibility Center certification of eligibility is based upon valid and accurate Credentials that fairly reflect the academic abilities and qualifications of the PSA, the member institution shall provide a special written report (the “Special Report”) to the SEC Commissioner, in accordance with subsections (d) and (e) of this Bylaw 14.1.2.2, concerning such PSA if:
 - (1) Any one or more of the PSA’s college entrance examination scores or subscores have varied (higher or lower) from any other college entrance examination score in an amount equal to or greater than the security standards of ACT and/or SAT);
 - (2) The PSA transfers or withdraws from high school in his or her senior year;
 - (3) The number of core courses taken during the PSA’s senior year is disproportionate to the number of core courses completed prior to the PSA’s senior year;
 - (4) The PSA has been enrolled in sequential courses in a single academic year or term;
 - (5) Core courses have been taken out of sequence by the PSA;
 - (6) Revisions (other than to correct clerical errors) are made to the PSA’s transcript that raise the PSA’s grade in one or more core courses; or
 - (7) The PSA has completed core coursework through nontraditional means (e.g., virtual high school or a correspondence course).
- (d) Each Special Report to be submitted to the Commissioner as required by subsection (c) of this Bylaw 14.1.2.2 shall:
 - (1) Specify which of the numbered subparagraphs of subsection (c) of this Bylaw 14.1.2.2 triggered the requirement for a Special Report;
 - (2) Attach complete and correct copies of all of the PSA’s Credentials supplied to the NCAA Eligibility Center and to the SEC member institution;
 - (3) Set forth in detail the review made by the member institution to determine whether the Credentials are valid, accurate, and fairly reflect the academic abilities and qualifications of the PSA;
 - (4) Include such supporting material as is reasonably necessary and appropriate under the circumstances to establish that the PSA’s Credentials are valid, accurate, and fairly reflect the academic abilities and qualifications of the PSA;
 - (5) Be submitted at the earliest possible opportunity but no later than prior to the PSA’s initial full time enrollment in a regular academic term, or prior to a PSA’s participation in or attendance at preseason

practice at the member institution, whichever is earlier;

- (6) Include a certification by the President or Chancellor of the member institution affirming that he or she has personally reviewed and approved the Special Report and the decision made by the member institution concerning the admission of and eligibility of the PSA; and
 - (7) The current street address and telephone number of the PSA.
- (e) The supporting material required by subparagraph (4) of subsection (d) of this Bylaw 14.1.2.2 shall include the following, to the extent applicable:
- (1) If, but only if, the requirement for a Special Report is triggered in whole or in part by numbered subparagraph (1) of subsection (c) of this Bylaw 14.1.2.2, the Special Report shall include verification of college entrance examination scores from the testing authority (i.e., College Board or the ACT, Inc.);
 - (2) If, but only if, the requirement for a Special Report is triggered in whole or in part by numbered subparagraph (2) of subsection (c) of this Bylaw 14.1.2.2, the Special Report shall include a full and complete explanation of the circumstances and cause for the withdrawal or transfer, and verification that the transfer was not for the purpose of avoiding inadequate grades in core course(s) or for the purpose of securing adequate grades in core course(s) without actually meeting the academic requirements of such course(s); and
 - (3) If, but only if, the requirement for a Special Report is triggered in whole or in part by any of numbered subparagraphs (3) – (7) of subsection (c) of this Bylaw 14.1.2.2, the Special Report shall include verification that the PSA in fact properly completed and satisfied the academic requirements of all core courses and that the PSA's grades in those courses are valid, accurate, and fairly reflect the academic abilities and qualifications of the PSA.

The member institution may also include in the Special Report such additional information and materials as may be of assistance to the Commissioner in making the determination required under subsection (h) of this Bylaw 14.1.2.2.

- (f) The Special Report shall specifically call to the attention of the Commissioner and provide full and complete information concerning any known disabilities identified by the PSA that might bear on the validity of the Credentials of the PSA, or on the PSA's academic abilities and qualifications. Prospective student-athletes with disabilities are subject to and must comply with the standards and procedures set forth in this Bylaw 14.1.2.2; provided, however, that (i) in satisfying such standards, such students may take advantage of any applicable NCAA or SEC Bylaws that have the purpose or effect of providing reasonable accommodation to disabled individuals, and (ii) the Commissioner may waive or modify the standards in this Bylaw 14.1.2.2, in his sole discretion, if and as necessary or appropriate to comply with applicable laws or regulations. *[Revised 6/1/08; effective 8/1/2008]*
- (g) Prior to the Commissioner determining pursuant to subsection (h) of this Bylaw 14.1.2.2 that a PSA is not eligible for intercollegiate athletic competition at an SEC member institution, the Conference shall provide the PSA with a copy of the Special Report by overnight courier service (to the address of the PSA specified in the Report), along with a copy of this Bylaw 14.1.2.2. The PSA may then submit any and all reasonable materials to the Commissioner that the PSA wants the Commissioner to consider, provided that the PSA's submission must be received by the Conference office within fifteen (15) calendar days after the Special Report is deposited with the overnight courier service for delivery to the PSA. If the PSA submits materials to the Commissioner, the PSA shall simultaneously provide a copy of the entire submission to the SEC member institution at which the PSA proposes to participate in intercollegiate athletics. In such event, the SEC institution may, at its option, provide a supplemental submission of its own to Commissioner addressing any matter in the PSA's submission; provided that such supplemental submission must be furnished to the Commissioner, with a copy to the PSA at the address specified in the Report (or such other address as may be specified in the PSA's submission), within thirty (30) calendar days after the Special Report is deposited with the overnight courier service for delivery to the PSA.
- (h) As expeditiously as is reasonably feasible after receiving the Special Report and any submissions pursuant to subsection (g) of this Bylaw 14.1.2.2., the Commissioner shall issue a determination of the PSA's eligibility to compete in intercollegiate athletic competition, based on the following criteria:
- (1) The burden of demonstrating to the reasonable satisfaction of the Commissioner that the PSA's Credentials

are valid, accurate, and fairly reflect the academic abilities and qualifications of the PSA shall be on the SEC member institution. If the SEC member institution fails to meet that burden, the Commissioner shall determine that the PSA is ineligible.

- (2) The Commissioner shall not conduct an independent review, but shall base his or her determination on the Special Report and on any submission the PSA may choose to make pursuant to subsection (g) of this Bylaw 14.1.2.2.
- (3) The Special Report must adequately address and resolve all material factual issues concerning the validity and accuracy of the Credentials, or concerning whether those Credentials fairly reflect the academic abilities and qualifications of the PSA.
- (4) The Commissioner shall take into account and comply with any applicable legal requirements concerning the rights of persons with disabilities in making his or her determination.

The Commissioner's determination shall be final and not subject to appeal or review.

- (i) A PSA for whom a Special Report is required to be submitted pursuant to subsection (c) of this Bylaw 14.1.2.2 shall not be eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletic competition at an SEC member institution unless and until the Commissioner has determined that the PSA is eligible as contemplated by subsection (h).

14.1.3 Student-Athlete Statement.

14.1.3.1 Content and Purpose. A student-athlete who is to receive financial aid must, as a condition of eligibility, sign a statement certifying that he/she has received no extra benefit whatsoever, from any unauthorized source, beyond the grant permitted by applicable NCAA and Southeastern Conference Bylaws and regulations. All student-athletes must pledge that they will not accept any such extra benefit in the future. A student-athlete who is not receiving any financial aid must sign a statement to that effect at the beginning of each season as a condition of eligibility.

14.1.6.2.6 Correspondence, Extension and Transfer Credit A total of not more than six semester or nine quarter hours of correspondence, extension course and transfer credit in any given twelve-month period may be used to fulfill the minimum satisfactory-progress requirements. (See NCAA Bylaw 14.4.3.4.3) *[Revised 5/30/91]*

14.1.15 Two-Year Eligibility. A student-athlete who, upon enrollment at the certifying institution, has less than two years of eligibility remaining, is not eligible for financial aid, practice or competition at the member institution. A member institution may request a waiver from the Conference office for academic reasons or for an individual transferring from an institution discontinuing a sport. *[Revised 6/1/07; Revised 6/2/06; Revised 6/3/05; Adopted 6/3/93; Revised 6/1/91 effective for those student-athletes matriculating to the certifying institution subsequent to August 1, 1994]*

14.1.16 Postseason Competition & Continuing Eligibility. To be eligible to represent an SEC institution in postseason competition and an SEC championship event a student-athlete must pass six hours of degree credit in the academic term that concluded immediately prior to the postseason competition, regardless of whether the competition occurs at the end of the term or during the subsequent term. The requisite credit hours must be earned during the academic year. If a student-athlete is declared ineligible to represent an institution in an SEC championship pursuant to this rule, the student-athlete shall not be eligible to represent the institution in postseason competition. *[Adopted 6/2/00; Revised 6/1/02 effective January 2003]*

14.1.16.1 Acceptable Credit Hours. Credit hours earned to fulfill the six hour requirement must be degree credits acceptable towards any degree the institution offers and are not limited to the student-athlete's specific baccalaureate degree; however, it shall not be permissible to use hours earned for participation in the student-athlete's sport to fulfill the six hour requirement. *[Adopted 6/3/05 effective August 1, 2005; Applicable to credit hours earned following August 1, 2005]*

14.1.16.2 Final Semester. A student-athlete enrolled in less than six hours of studies as permitted in NCAA Bylaw 14.1.8.2.1.3 is exempt from the credit hour requirement of SEC Bylaw 14.1.16, provided the student-athlete successfully completes all hours necessary to complete degree requirements. Any student-athlete enrolled in fewer than six hours per NCAA Bylaw 14.1.8.2.1.3 who fails to successfully complete all hours necessary to finish his/her degree requirements shall not be eligible to represent the institution in postseason competition. *[Adopted 5/30/03 effective August 1, 2003]*

14.1.17 Class Attendance Policies. Southeastern Conference athletics departments shall establish class attendance policies for student-athletes. Each athletics department has discretion as to the nature and scope of the policy. Each athletics department shall provide a reasonable means for supervision and enforcement. These policies shall provide appropriate sanctions when the policy is violated. The applicable athletic sanctions shall include suspension from competition. The policy shall annually be filed with the Conference office by October 1. *[Adopted 6/1/2007 effective August 1, 2007]*

14.2 SEASONS OF COMPETITION: FIVE-YEAR RULE

14.2.4 Hardship Waiver. Upon application to the Commissioner by a member institution, a student-athlete may be granted an additional year of varsity competition in accordance with the NCAA hardship rule. An application for hardship must be endorsed by the team physician, trainer and the Director of Athletics.

14.3 FRESHMAN ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

14.3.2 Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition.

14.3.2.1 Non-Qualifiers *[Revised 6/1/95; Revised 6/1/2008; effective 8/1/2008]*

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(a) A non-qualifier (as defined by NCAA Bylaw 14.3.2.1) who initially enrolls at an SEC institution subsequent to August 1, 1993, shall not be eligible for athletically-related financial aid, or for practice or competition during his or her first year in residence. Such a student shall be eligible for nonathletics institutional financial aid that is not from an athletics source and is based on financial need only, consistent with institutional regulations. *[Revised 6/1/95; Revised 6/1/08; effective 8/1/08]*

(b) A limited number (see limits in subsection 14.3.2.1(c) below) of student-athletes who enroll at an SEC institution as freshmen or as 4-4 transfer students and who are non-qualifiers (or were non-qualifiers at the time of their original enrollment in college) may become eligible for athletically-related financial aid, practice, and competition after their freshman year, provided that (i) each such student presents an average high school GPA of at least 2.0 (as confirmed and certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center) in at least twelve core courses, and (ii) the Commissioner issues a favorable determination with respect to such student in accordance with the procedures set forth in subsection 14.3.2.1(g) below. Even though such non-qualifier may not receive athletically-related financial aid, the non-qualifier shall count in the institution's team financial aid limits. In equivalency sports, such non-qualifier shall count as one-half of a full athletic grant-in-aid the first year; in subsequent years, the actual grant-in-aid value shall count. *[Revised 6/1/96 effective June 1, 1997 for those student-athletes first entering an SEC institution on or after Fall semester/quarter, 1997; Revised 6/1/08; effective 8/1/2008]*

(c) There shall be an annual limit on the number of student-athletes who are non-qualifiers and who may become eligible after their freshman year for athletically-related financial aid, practice, and competition, whether such student-athletes are enrolled as freshmen or as 4-4 transfer students. (These limits do not apply to two-year college transfer students, see Bylaw 14.5.4.2.) The limits, which are applied on an annual basis with no carry-over of unused numbers to following years, are set forth as follows: *[Adopted 6/5/99; revised 5/30/03; Revised 6/1/08; effective 8/1/2008]*

For men's sports a total of four non-qualifiers enrolled in a particular academic year (either as first year students or 4-4 transfers) may become eligible to receive athletically-related financial aid, or for practice or competition. Of these four, no more than two are permitted to become eligible in football, and no more than one may become eligible in any other sport.

For women's sports, a total of four non-qualifiers enrolled in a particular academic year (either as first year students or 4-4 transfers) may become eligible to receive athletically-related financial aid, or for practice or competition. Of these four, no more than one may become eligible in any one sport. *[Revised 5/30/03 effective August 1, 2003]*

(d) The annual limits set forth in subsection 14.3.2.1 (c) shall not apply to any student-athlete who has been certified by the NCAA as learning disabled and who is otherwise eligible hereunder. *[Adopted 6/5/99]*

- (e) In the event that an SEC institution enrolls a student-athlete as a freshman who is a non-qualifier and who does not present an average high school GPA of at least 2.0 (as confirmed and certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center) in at least twelve core courses, or in the event that the Commissioner issues an unfavorable determination with respect to any such student in accordance with the procedures set forth in subsection 14.3.2.1(g) below, such student may never become eligible for athletically-related financial aid, or for practice or competition, at such institution. Before enrolling a student who may be affected by this Bylaw 14.3.2.1(e), the SEC institution should inform the student that SEC Bylaw 14.5 may afford the student a path to possible eligibility, in the event, for example, that the student chooses to attend a two year college. If and to the extent otherwise allowed by NCAA Bylaws, a transfer student from a two year college may be eligible for athletically-related financial aid, practice, and competition for up to four years. *[Adopted 6/1/08]*
- (f) Prospective student-athletes with disabilities are subject to and must satisfy the eligibility standards set forth in this Bylaw 14.3.2.1; provided, however, that (i) in satisfying such standards, such students may take advantage of NCAA Bylaws 14.3.1.2.1.2 and 14.3.1.2.5, and any other applicable NCAA or SEC Bylaws that have the purpose or effect of providing reasonable accommodation to disabled individuals, and (ii) the Commissioner may waive or modify the standards in this Bylaw 14.3.2.1, in his sole discretion, if and as necessary or appropriate to comply with applicable laws or regulations. *[Adopted 6/1/08; effective 8/1/2008]*
- (g) For each non-qualifier admitted pursuant to subsection 14.3.2.1(b) above other than 4-4 transfer students, at or before the time of the non-qualifier's enrollment, the member institution must submit a Special Report to the Commissioner with all of the information, data, and documentation listed in subsections (d)(2) - (d)(4) and (d)(6) - (d)(7) of Bylaw 14.1.2.2 (except that the President or Chancellor need make no certification concerning eligibility as is contemplated by the last phrase in subsection 14.1.2.2(d)(7)), as well as all of the information, data, and documentation listed in subsections 14.1.2.2(e)(2) and (3) if and to the extent applicable. The Special Report shall also include the information described in subsection 14.1.2.2(f) if applicable. The Commissioner shall review such Special Report under the standards and procedures set forth in subsection 14.1.2.2(g) and (h), and shall issue a determination whether the non-qualifier shall be allowed to become eligible for athletically-related financial aid, practice, and competition after completion of his or her freshman year in the event that the non-qualifier meets or exceeds all applicable academic performance requirements (and all other requirements) for eligibility *[Adopted 6/1/0; effective 8/1/2008]*
- (h) The June 1, 2008 amendments to Article 14 (primarily including but not limited to the amendments to this Bylaw 14.3.2.1) shall be effective immediately for all prospective and current students; provided, however, that any requirements, conditions, or standards newly imposed by such amendments shall be waived by the Commissioner if and to the extent that the application of such new requirements, conditions, or standards would adversely affect the current or future eligibility (for athletically-related aid, practice or competition) of any student enrolled at a member institution as of September 15, 2007. *[Adopted 6/1/08; effective 8/1/2008]*

14.3.7 Two-Year Eligibility. See SEC Bylaw 14.1.15.

14.4 PROGRESS TOWARD DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The general Southeastern Conference principle on which the academic progress requirements are based is that a student-athlete must pass, during each quarter or semester in which he/she is enrolled and for the entire academic year, adequate course work to assure satisfactory progress toward graduation.

14.4.3.10 Correspondence, Extension and Transfer Credit. See SEC Bylaw 14.1.6.2.6.

14.4.4 Other Interpretations. In cases not explicitly covered by these Bylaws, binding interpretations shall be made by the Commissioner, subject to review by the SEC Executive Committee.

14.5 TRANSFER REGULATIONS

14.5.4 Two-Year College Transfers.

14.5.4.2 Non-qualifiers. A non-qualifier, who initially enrolls at a two-year college and transfers to an SEC member institution, shall not be eligible for financial aid, practice or competition unless each of the following requirements have been met: *[Revised 6/3/93 – further revised 6/1/08]*

- (a) Graduated with an Associate or equivalent degree in an academic, rather than a vocational, curriculum (see NCAA Bylaw 14.5.4.5.4); *[Revised 6/3/05]*
- (b) Completed satisfactorily a minimum of 48 semester or 72 quarter hours with a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 of transferable degree credit accepted toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution;
- (c) Attended the two-year college that granted the Associate or equivalent degree as a full-time student for the last three semesters or four quarters immediately prior to graduation from the institution granting the two-year degree (excluding summer terms); *[Revised 6/1/02]*
- (d) Earned at least six credit hours of transferable English with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 in these credit hours (Effective August 1, 2008; for student-athletes first enrolling at an SEC institution on or after August 1, 2008 correspondence, extension and distance learning courses may not be used to fulfill this requirement); and *[Revised 6/5/99 effective August 1, 1999 for student-athletes first entering a SEC institution on or after Fall semester/quarter; Revised 6/1/2007]*
- (e) Earned at least three credit hours of transferable math with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 in these credit hours (Effective August 1, 2008; for student-athletes first enrolling at an SEC institution on or after August 1, 2008, correspondence, extension and distance learning courses may not be used to fulfill this requirement). *[Revised 6/1/02 effective June 1, 2003; Revised 6/1/2007]*

14.5.5 Four-Year College Transfers. See NCAA Bylaw 14.5.5.

14.5.5.1 Transferring within the Southeastern Conference. A transfer student from a Southeastern Conference institution shall not be eligible for intercollegiate competition at another Southeastern Conference institution until the student has fulfilled a residence requirement of one full academic year (two full semesters or three full quarters) at the certifying institution. Further, a transfer student-athlete admitted after the 12th class day may not utilize that semester or quarter for the purpose of establishing residency. Student-athletes meeting the terms of NCAA Bylaws 14.5.5.2.1, 14.5.5.2.2, 14.5.5.2.3, 14.5.5.2.4, 14.5.5.2.5, 14.5.5.2.6, 14.5.5.2.7, 14.5.5.2.8 and 14.5.5.2.9 may seek a waiver of the provisions of this bylaw. *[Revised 6/2/00 effective August 1, 2001; Revised 6/1/08]*

14.5.5.6 Non-qualifiers. A non-qualifier who initially enrolls at any other four-year institution and transfers to an SEC member institution, shall not be eligible for financial aid, practice or competition unless each of the following requirements have been met: *[Adopted 6/3/93; Revised 5/29/97 effective August 1, 1997; Revised 6/1/08]*

- (a) The student must be in good academic standing at an accredited institution and must have completed satisfactorily a minimum of 48 semester or 72 quarter hours with a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 of transferable degree credit accepted toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution;
- (b) The student must have attended the four-year institution for at least three semesters or four quarters (excluding summer terms) as a full time student; and
- (c) The student must have at least two seasons of competition remaining.

14.5.5.6.1 A non-qualifier who initially enrolls at any other four-year institution and transfers to an SEC member institution shall be counted in the annual limits of non-qualifiers as specified in SEC Bylaw 14.3.2.1 [Revised 8/1/97; Revised 6/1/08]

14.5.5.6.1.1 Graduated Student Exception. A student-athlete who has earned a baccalaureate degree shall be exempt from the annual limits in SEC Bylaw 14.3.2.1 (c). [Adopted 6/1/2007; effective August 1, 2007 for student-athletes first enrolling at an SEC institution on or after August 1, 2007]

14.5.6 "4-2-4" College Transfers –Non-qualifiers. A non-qualifier, regardless of sport, who initially enrolls at a non-SEC four-year institution, transfers to a junior college and then transfers to an SEC member institution, shall not be eligible for financial aid, practice or competition unless the junior college transfer requirements listed in SEC Bylaw 14.5.4 have been met. [Revised 6/3/93]

14.5.7 Two-Year Eligibility. See SEC Bylaw 14.1.15.

14.5.8 Waivers. Prospective student-athletes with disabilities are subject to and must satisfy the eligibility standards set forth in this Bylaw 14.5; provided, however, that (i) in satisfying such standards, such students may take advantage of any applicable NCAA or SEC Bylaws that have the purpose or effect of providing reasonable accommodation to disabled individuals, and (ii) the Commissioner may waive or modify the standards in this Bylaw 14.5, in his sole discretion, if and as necessary or appropriate to comply with applicable laws or regulations. [Adopted 6/1/08; effective 8/1/2008]

14.7 OUTSIDE COMPETITION, EFFECTS ON ELIGIBILITY

14.7.1 Outside Competition, Sports Other Than Basketball. A student-athlete, who participates in a sport during the academic year as a representative of another institution or as a member of an organized outside team or group, shall be ineligible in that sport during the remainder of that academic year, except that in basketball the student-athlete is ineligible permanently, as provided under NCAA regulations; in volleyball the student-athlete is ineligible for the following year when the outside competition occurs after the close of the season. (See NCAA Bylaw 14.7.1.1 for Division I Vacation-Period Exception) (NOTE: Information regarding opportunity for appeal for restoration of eligibility may be secured from the Conference office.)

14.7.3 Additional Applications of Outside Competition Regulations, Sports Other Than Basketball.

14.7.3.4 Competition Between Seasons. If an institution conducts separate fall and spring practice or playing seasons in a sport, it is not permissible for a student-athlete to participate in that sport on an outside team during the period between the two seasons without affecting his/her eligibility.

14.7.3.5 Competition as Individual/Not Representing Institution. Student-athletes may participate as individuals in events such as golf and tennis tournaments and swimming and track meets, provided such participation is approved by the Athletic Director and head coach of that sport and does not violate NCAA regulations.

14.8 ADDITIONAL WAIVERS FOR ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

14.8.2 Residence Requirement.

To be read in conjunction with NCAA Bylaw 14.8.2 (c)

(c) **Transfer from Institution on Probation.** A student-athlete granted a waiver of the one-year residence requirement by the NCAA under NCAA Bylaw 14.8.2 (c) shall be eligible for aid, practice and participation at the time of transfer, provided all other Conference and NCAA requirements are met, but only if the transfer is from a non-Conference institution.

14.10 CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY

14.10.1 Institutional Responsibility for Eligibility Certification.

14.10.1.10 Certification of Eligibility Form. Before a student-athlete may compete in any intercollegiate contest, his/her eligibility must be certified to the Commissioner on the squad list form furnished by the Conference. The appropriate institutional official shall certify the student-athlete's initial eligibility (freshman academic requirements or transfer requirements), continuing eligibility (progress toward degree), and financial aid. In addition, the form shall be signed by the Athletic Director and the Faculty Athletics Representative.

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14.10.1.11 Certification of Eligibility Deadline. Each student-athlete must be initially certified prior to his/her first contest each academic year, whether or not this contest occurs prior to the academic term designated as the regular season for that sport.

14.10.1.12 Certification of Continuing Eligibility in Additional Terms. The Commissioner shall be advised by the institution of the continuing eligibility of each student-athlete who will participate in sports during additional terms of the academic year after the initial annual certification. (NOTE: A list of those with continuing eligibility is sufficient.)

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