



COMPLIANCE INSIDER



NCAA PROGRESS TOWARD DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The institution is in the process of officially certifying the eligibility of our almost 500 student-athletes. The following NCAA Progress Toward Degree standards are applied to confirm the student-athlete is eligible to continue representing Duquesne University in competition for the 2009-10 academic year.

1. 24 Credit Rule (Freshman Only)

- Must earn a minimum of 24 credit hours before the third semester; applies to freshman only.

2. 18 Credit Rule

- Must earn a minimum of 18 credits combined in the Fall and Spring semesters every year, including the first year.

3. Six Credit Rule

- Must pass a minimum of six credit hours in previous term in order to be eligible for upcoming term. This requirement must be met each term.

4. Cumulative Grade Point Average

- Prior to 3rd and 4th semesters (i.e., 2nd year): 1.80
- Prior to 5th and 6th semesters (i.e., 3rd year): 1.90
- Prior to 7th and 8th semesters (i.e., 4th year): 2.00
- Prior to 9th or 10th semester (i.e., 5th year): 2.00

Please note, in order to count up the number of terms, it is required to take into account all semesters of attendance at any and all collegiate institutions.

***These GPA requirements must be met each term (e.g., prior to the spring semester).**

5. Percent Degree Requirements

- Prior to fifth semester (i.e., 3rd year): 40% (e.g., 48 credits / 120 credits)
- Prior to seventh semester (i.e., 4th year): 60% (e.g., 72 credits / 120 credits)
- Prior to ninth semester (i.e., 5th year): 80% (e.g., 96 credits / 120 credits)

Please note in order to count up the number of terms, it is required to take into account all semesters of attendance at any and all collegiate institutions. All credits that count toward a specific degree may be used to satisfy the percentage, including all credits taken during summer, all external courses and transfer credits.

6. Declaration of a Major

- Student-athletes must choose a major that leads to a specific baccalaureate/undergraduate degree by the beginning of the third year (i.e., fifth semester) of enrollment.

STUDENT-ATHLETE INTERACTION WITH PSAs IN THE SUMMER

As student-athletes return home for summer vacation they may have contact with prospective student-athletes. Please make sure they remember the following:

- ◇ Student-athletes may **NOT** provide any material assistance (e.g., place to stay, rides, meals, etc.) to any prospect, even if the prospect has signed a National Letter of Intent to attend Duquesne. These student-athletes are all considered to be prospects by the NCAA until the first day of fall classes in 2009-10 or the first day of Fall practice for 2009, whichever comes first.
- ◇ Student-athletes may be invited by their high school coach or a program planner for a local organization to speak to a group. They may do so, talking about their experiences as a member of Duquesne Athletics. However, please be aware of the following:
 - * They may **NOT** make a recruiting "pitch" for the University or your program.
 - * They may **NOT** talk one-on-one with any student, who is in grades 9-12, other than casual conversation that does not involve recruiting.
 - * They may **NOT** comment publicly about any prospect that the University is recruiting.

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Professional Tryouts and the Draft

For student-athletes with eligibility remaining who may want to “test the waters” as it relates to the pursuit of a potential professional career in their chosen sport, involvement in activities during this process can affect their eligibility. The following information is designed to help protect their eligibility:

SEVEN POINTS TO REMEMBER:

Student-athletes will lose their eligibility IF:

1. They agree orally or in writing to be represented by an agent or any individual acting on behalf of the agent [e.g., runner].
2. They accept any benefits from an agent, a prospective agent or any individual acting on behalf of the agent [e.g., runner].



3. They participate in a tryout for a professional team that lasts longer than 48 hours, which they have not personally financed.
4. They tryout with a professional team and miss class (e.g., summer school).
5. They enter the draft AND do not take the appropriate steps to withdraw and declare their intention to resume intercollegiate participation.
6. They enter the draft AND are drafted by a professional team.
7. They sign a contract with a professional team, whether that team is based in the US or internationally.

New Legislation UPDATE—Proposal #2008-13-B (Prize Money)



Based on the recent approval of **Proposal # 2008-13-B**, pertaining to amateurism guidelines and the exception for prize money for student-athletes, **NCAA Bylaw 12.1.2.4.2** now states that in individual sports, a student-athlete may accept prize money based on his or her place finish or performance in an open athletics event (an event that is not invitation only), provided the competition occurs outside the institution’s declared playing and practice season, during the institution’s summer vacation period. Such prize money may not exceed actual and necessary expenses and may be provided only by the sponsor of the open event. The calculation of actual and necessary expenses shall not include the expenses or fees of anyone other than the student-athlete (e.g., coach’s fees or expenses, parent’s expenses).

For example, Split Time is a swimmer at College USA. Split will be competing in a few open events throughout the summer, some of which have prize money. If Split earns prize money based on her performance is she permitted to accept it?

It would be permissible for Split to accept the prize money based on this new legislation, with conditions (e.g., does not exceed personal actual and necessary expenses).

COMPLIANCE HOT SEAT

University of South Alabama’s Men’s Tennis program gets postseason ban

As reported by the NCAA:

The NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions has levied penalties against South Alabama’s men’s tennis program that include a postseason ban and scholarship reductions.

The case involves major violations, including unethical conduct by the former head coach, the university’s failure to monitor, impermissible financial aid loans, improper student-athlete certification, and an impermissible decrease in athletics scholarships.

Penalties, including those self-imposed by the university are three years of probation, scholarship reductions, a vacation of records, permanent disassociation of the former head coach, a ban on the postseason competition for the 2010 men’s tennis season, and a four-year show-cause order for the former head coach.

The university is a repeat violator, having appeared before the committee in 2001 for viola-

tions in its men’s basketball program. Because the university had a previous major-violations case within five years, it is eligible to receive harsher penalties.

The former head coach provided more than \$12,000 in impermissible financial aid to five international men’s tennis student-athletes over six years. On various occasions either before or during their enrollment, the former head coach promised four of the young men more financial aid than he was able to award. These four student-athletes believed they had a full scholarship, based on the representations made to them by the former head coach. To make up the difference, the former head coach either provided the student-athletes with cash or made payments on their student accounts at the university. As a result, the university exceeded its financial aid limits for men’s tennis from 2000-01 through 2004-05 academic years.

The former head coach also provided \$3,000 cash to one of these student-athletes to allow the young man to obtain an international visa.

The former head coach acted contrary to the principles of ethical conduct when he knowingly provided the impermissible financial aid and extra benefits to the student-athletes and then refused to furnish the NCAA enforcement staff with information relevant to the investigation. He declined the enforcement staff’s interview requests on eight occasions over six months.

It was found that the university failed to monitor the conduct and administration of the men’s tennis program. Further, the university failed to monitor certain aspects of its athletics program with regard to international student-athletes, including the administration of financial aid award notification and the failure to properly certify the amateurism of 27 student-athletes in 10 sports.

June 2009

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

June Recruiting Calendar

Football - QUIET: June 1-30
Men's Basketball - QUIET: June 1-30
Women's Basketball - QUIET: June 1-30
Cross Country/Track - CONTACT: June 1-9, 14-30 **DEAD:** June 10-13
Baseball - CONTACT: June 1-30
Women's Volleyball - CONTACT: June 1-30
Women's Lacrosse - CONTACT: June 1-30
Other Sports - CONTACT/EVALUATION: June 1-30



GOT COMPLIANCE?

Have a question about NCAA rules?
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 "Inside Athletics", click on *NCAA Compliance*.

*New Signing Dates

for the 2010-11

National Letter of Intent



Sport	Initial Signing Date	Final Signing Date
Basketball and All Other Sports Not Listed (Early Period)	November 11, 2009	November 18, 2009
Football (Midyear JC Transfer)	December 16, 2009	January 15, 2010
Soccer, Track and Field, Cross Country	February 3, 2010	August 1, 2010
Football (Regular Period)	February 3, 2010	April 1, 2010
Basketball (Regular Period)	April 14, 2010	May 19, 2010
All Other Sports Not Listed (Regular Period)	April 14, 2010	August 1, 2010

DUKES COMPLIANCE TRIVIA

Answer the following question related directly to By-laws found in the 2008-09 NCAA Division I Manual. The first DU Athletics staff member to **email the correct answer with the relevant Bylaw cited to Lindsay (busseyl@duq.edu)** in the Compliance Office wins a gift card to Barnes & Nobles. The winner will be announced in the next edition of the Weekly DU Compliance Item.

Which of the following is **NOT** a stipulation of student-athlete employment?

- Compensated only for work actually performed.
- Student-athlete was not hired based on publicity, fame or reputation of athletic ability.
- Student-athletes must submit an approval form to Compliance Office for employment.
- Employer must contact Compliance Office on a weekly basis to report on student-athlete's duties.