

## *October Coaches Meeting*

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### Sacred Heart University Compliance

#### **FIVE-YEAR CLOCK – SEASONS OF COMPETITION**

**14.2 & 14.2.1 Four in Five.** A student-athlete shall not engage in more than four seasons of intercollegiate competition in any one sport. A student-athlete shall complete his or her seasons of participation within five calendar years from the beginning of the semester or quarter in which the student-athlete first registered for a minimum full-time program of studies in a collegiate institution. Time spent in the armed services, on official church missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government being excepted. For foreign students, service in the armed forces or on an official church mission of the student's home country is considered equivalent to such service in the United States.

**14.2.4 Hardship Waiver.** A student-athlete may be granted an additional year of competition by the conference or the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for reasons of "hardship." Hardship is defined as an incapacity resulting from an injury or illness that has occurred under all of the following conditions:

(a) The incapacitating injury or illness occurs in one of the four seasons of intercollegiate competition at any two-year or four-year collegiate institution or occurs subsequent to the first day of classes of the student-athlete's senior year of high school; (*Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, 11/01/01 not to be applied prior to the 2001-02 academic year*)

(b) The injury or illness occurs prior to the completion of the first half of the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship in that sport (measured by the number of scheduled contests or dates of competition not exceeding the maximum limitations in each sport as set forth in Bylaw 17 as set prior to the first scheduled contest or date of competition of the designated official NCAA championship playing season in the applicable sport) and results in incapacity to compete for the remainder of that playing season; and (*Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 4/3/02*)

(c) The injury or illness occurs when the student-athlete has not participated in more than two contests or dates of competition (whichever is applicable to that sport) or 20 percent (whichever number is greater) of the institution's scheduled contests or dates of competition in his or her sport. Only scheduled competition (excluding scrimmages and exhibition contests) against outside participants during the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship, or, if so designated, during the official NCAA championship playing season in that sport (e.g., spring baseball, fall soccer), shall be count-able under this limitation in calculating both the number of contests or dates of competition in which the student-athlete has participated and the number of scheduled contests or dates of competition during that season in the sport. (*Revised: 1/10/92, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01*)

**Redshirt and Hardship.** Although the NCAA legislation contains no specific reference to "redshirting", it is the practice of an institution to withdraw a student-athlete from all competition (both varsity and sub-varsity) in a sport during a season. A student-athlete could be "redshirted" at any point during his or her period of eligibility. The provisions of Bylaw 14.2 stipulate that a student-athlete will be eligible for four seasons of intercollegiate competition in a sport. Any participation during a season in an intercollegiate sport, regardless of time, shall be considered as a season of competition in that sport. Practicing with an institution's intercollegiate team and being on the team's bench in uniform during games does not count as a season of competition, provided the student-athlete does not participate in any portion of the intercollegiate event.

**14.2.3.2 Tennis.** Subsequent to graduating from high school (or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility), a student-athlete shall have one year in order to be immediately eligible and retain the opportunity for four seasons of competition upon initial, full-time collegiate enrollment. The student also must meet all applicable NCAA, institutional and conference eligibility requirements. A student who does not enroll in a collegiate institution as a full-time student during that one-year time period shall be subject to the following: (*Adopted: 1/9/96 effective 8/1/97 for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/97*)

(a) The student-athlete shall be charged with a season of intercollegiate tennis eligibility for each calendar year subsequent to the one-year time period (i.e., the next opportunity to enroll after one calendar year has elapsed) and prior to full-time collegiate enrollment during which the student-athlete has participated in organized tennis events (per Bylaw 14.2.3.5.3).

(b) Subsequent to the one-year time period, if the student-athlete has engaged in organized tennis events (per Bylaw 14.2.3.5.3), upon matriculation at the certifying institution, the student-athlete must fulfill an academic year in residence before being eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate tennis competition.

**14.2.3.5 Participation after 21st Birthday.** Any participation as an individual or a team representative in organized sports competition by a student during each 12-month period after the student's 21st birthday and prior to initial full-time enrollment in a collegiate institution shall count as one year of varsity competition in that sport. Participation in organized competition during time spent in the U.S. armed services shall be accepted. (*Revised: 1/10/90, 1/16/93, 1/10/95 effective 8/1/95 for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/95, 1/9/96 effective 8/1/96 for those student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/92*)

## **Missed Topics on Certification Exam**

A qualifier who elects to attend a two-year college, and who subsequently transfers from the two-year college, is eligible for competition immediately in DI only if the student spent at least two semesters or three quarters in residence at the two-year college and presents 24 semester or 36 quarter hours of transferable degree credit with a 2.00 cumulative GPA, and satisfactorily completes an average of at least 12 semester or quarter hours of transferable degree credit for each term spent at the two-year college; or graduated from the two year college transferring 48 semester hours with a 2.00 [14.5.4.1]

An "instant messenger" between a coach and one or more prospects is considered to be a telephone call. E-mails are considered to be written correspondence. [13.4.1, 13.1.3]

When a coach accompanies a prospect on an official visit by automobile, the 48-hour period shall begin when the coach begins transporting the prospect to campus. This applies when the coach picks up the prospect at their residence or high school as well. If the coach transports the prospect by automobile from the airport, the 48-hour period would begin when the coach and prospect arrive on campus or when entertainment is first provided. [13.7.2.1.1]

## **Complimentary Admissions**

**New Official Visit Legislation.** Institutions must provide complimentary admissions to prospects on official visits in the same manner such admissions are provided during an unofficial visit. For both unofficial and official visits, a maximum of three comp admissions (issued only through a pass list) may be provided to a campus athletic event in which the institution's intercollegiate team practices or competes. Such complimentary admissions are for the exclusive use of the prospect and those persons accompanying the prospect on the visit and must be issued on an individual game basis. For an official visit, additional tickets may be reserved for purchase by official visit prospects.

**Coaches Pass List.** The pass list utilized by SHU coaches for personal guests may NOT include high school, junior college, or club coaches. Such guests should be listed on a separate pass list, entitled Coaches Pass List. Similarly, prospects should also be placed on the Coaches Pass List, not on the personal pass list.

The coaches personal pass list is for family and personal friends. Such passes may NOT be provided to prospects, a prospect's family, or a prospect's coach. Current student-athlete's friends and family also should not be put on the coach's personal pass list. Coaches of prospects get two complimentary admissions, prospects get up to three, current student-athletes get up to four; Any complimentary admissions above those is not permissible.

## **Telephone Calls**

**During Conduct of Athletics Contest.** Telephone calls to a prospect [or the prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s)] may not be made during the conduct of any of the institution's intercollegiate athletics contests in that sport until the competition has concluded and the coach has dismissed the team. (13.1.3.2.1)

**Telephone Calls to Prospects.** The time zone where the prospect is located (as opposed to the location from where the call is being placed) should be used in determining when such calls may be made.

*Example: The first call can be placed on Sept. 1. When it is 12:01 AM on September 1 on the east coast, it is 9:01 PM on August 31 on the west coast. The east coast coach should not place a recruiting call to the west coast prospect until after 12:01 AM in the prospect's time zone*