



Division I Educational Document: Matriculation Time Limit

Proposal:

To maintain a level playing field among collegiate athletics participants in the sport of women's volleyball as specified

After the high school graduation date of the student-athlete's class (as determined by the first year of high school enrollment 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. Graduation from high school or secondary school shall be based on the student-athlete's prescribed educational path in his or her country. 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; Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04 for competition occurring on or after 8/1/04)*

(a) The student-athlete shall be charged with a season of intercollegiate volleyball eligibility for each calendar year after the one-year time period (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, swimming & diving or volleyball events per Bylaw 14.2.3.5.3. *(Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04 for competition occurring on or after 8/1/04)*

(b) After the one-year time period, if the student-athlete has engaged in organized tennis, swimming & diving, or volleyball 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 volleyball. *(Revised: 4/29/04 effective 8/1/04 for competition occurring on or after 8/1/04)*

Rationale In Support of Proposal:

- The current NCAA regulation involving participation in organized athletics competition does not take effect until the prospect turns the age of 21.

Therefore a prospect has the opportunity to train and compete for an additional three to four years before entering college. This situation has proliferated with the popularity adding international talent to collegiate rosters. Restricting the time frame maintains the experience level of incoming college student-athletes to be of comparable levels.

(There were multiple agreements with the above statement.)

Rationale Opposed to Proposal:

- None reported.