Amateurism Certification Process

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Objectives

• Understand process for certifying pre-enrollment amateur status.
• Create visibility to type of and manner in which information is gathered.
• Facilitate collaboration between member institutions and the amateurism certification process (ACP) staff during the recruiting process.

Agenda

• Certification trends.
• "Ready to Process" and prioritization.
• Working through the certification process.
  o Common factual scenarios.
  o Types of information gathered to provide certification.
  o Individuals that provide information during certification process.
Certification Trends

- Approximately 100,000 prospective student-athletes (PSAs) are placed on active Division I and/or II Institutional Request Lists (IRLs) each recruiting cycle.
- ACP staff manually review the amateur status of 13,000 PSAs.
- Less than one percent of PSAs placed on IRLs each recruiting cycle receive an amateurism certification condition.
  - Amateurism condition(s) – 20% of total.
  - Delayed enrollment condition(s) – 80% of total.

“Ready to Process” and Prioritization

- ACP has added a “Ready to Process” status for each PSA it reviews.
- Reasons for adding a “Ready to Process” status:
  - Transparency.
  - Prioritization.
  - Earlier identification of potential conditions.

“Ready to Process” and Prioritization, Con’t.

- An amateurism certification will be “Ready to Process” when it meets the following:
  - Completed registration with the Eligibility Center.
  - Active IRL for the correct recruiting cycle.
  - No incomplete amateurism tasks.
  - Official high school graduation date determined (sports other than men’s ice hockey and skiing).
  - Final amateurism has been requested.
    - Staff will provide a preliminary status if certification is otherwise “Ready to Process” before final amateurism has been requested.
“Ready to Process” and Prioritization, Con’t.

• Certifications will be prioritized based on “Ready to Process” status and date of IRL activation.
  o Certifications that are “Ready to Process” will be reviewed before those that are not ready.
  o “Ready to Process” certifications will be reviewed in the order in which such were initially placed on an active IRL for the correct recruiting cycle.

“Ready to Process” and Prioritization, Con’t.

• How do member institutions gather information during the recruiting process?

• How do member institutions provide such information to the ACP staff?

How ACP Gathers Information

• Prospective student-athletes.
  o Eligibility Center registration.
  o Amateurism task function through Eligibility Center website.
  o Email.
  o Phone/in-person interviews (limited).

• Research.
  o Free and subscription-based websites.
  o Sport-specific websites (Eurobasket; Worldfootball.net).
How ACP Gathers Information

- Member institutions.
  - International Student-Athlete Form.
  - Information gained through recruiting process.

- Third-party participants.
  - National governing bodies.
  - Teams and clubs.
  - Tournament organizers.
  - Coaches associations.
  - Anonymous or confidential source (limited).

Registration – Team Example
Contract and Competition with Professionals

- Brett Baller is a basketball prospective student-athlete from Brisbane, Australia.
- Brett’s expected date of high school graduation as determined by the Eligibility Center academic certification staff is June 2013.
- During the 2012-13 season and while in high school, Brett signed a written agreement with the Brisbane Capitals for the 2012-13 and 2013-14 seasons.

Contract and Competition with Professionals, Con’t.

- Brett competed in games for the Brisbane Capitals during both the 2012-13 and 2013-14 seasons.
- Brett enrolled as a full-time student at Brisbane University in September 2013.
- Brett will enroll full-time at a Division I institution for the fall 2014 academic term.

What Do We Need?

- What information does ACP already have?
- What is needed to determine Brett’s amateur status?
What Do We Need?

• Copy of agreement signed with the Brisbane Capitals.
• Whether compensation was paid to Brett (including actual and necessary expenses).
• Whether compensation was paid to Brett’s teammates.
• Start/end dates of each season.

What Do We Need?

• Declaration of team (amateur or professional).
• Involvement of third party with marketing Brett’s athletics skills or reputation.
• Total number of games Brett played during the 2012-13 and 2013-14 seasons.

Who Might ACP Contact?

• Where can ACP get the information required to complete Brett’s amateurism certification?
Who Might ACP Contact?

- Prospective student-athlete.
- [www.eurobasket.com](http://www.eurobasket.com).
- Brisbane Capitals.
- Basketball Australia.
- Agent (if applicable).
- IRL/NLI institution.

Registration – Training Expense Example

Registration Example:

- Regina Rower is a women’s rowing prospective student-athlete from London, England.
- Regina is an Olympic-level rower.
- While in high school, Regina received an opportunity to enhance her general training by receiving a grant from the Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS).
Training Expenses

- Regina used the grant from TASS to cover expenses associated with her general training for the English National Women’s Rowing Team, as well as practice and competition with London Rowing Club (a local amateur rowing team).
- Regina’s expected date of high school graduation is June 2014 and she plans to enroll full-time at a Division I institution for the fall 2014 academic term.

What Do We Need?

- What information does ACP already have?
- What is needed to determine Regina’s amateur status?

What Do We Need?

- Value of the grant from TASS.
- Background information about TASS.
  - Organization/entity that administers TASS.
  - Selection criteria.
- How TASS grant was used by Regina.
  - Total allocated to practice and competition.
  - Total allocated to general training.
What Do We Need?

- Total value of actual and necessary expenses tied to Regina’s participation with London Rowing Club.
- Total value of expenses tied to Regina’s general training with the English National Women’s Rowing Team.

Who Might ACP Contact?

- Where can ACP get the information required to complete Regina’s amateurism certification?
- Prospective student-athlete.
- TASS.
- English Women’s Rowing National Team.
- London Rowing Club.
- IRL/NLI institution.
Prize Money

- Elizabeth Harrier is a track and field prospective student-athlete from Australia whose expected date of high school graduation is December 2013.
- During both the 2013 and 2014 calendar years, Elizabeth competed in various track and field events, and received prize money in these events.
- Elizabeth plans to enroll full-time at an NCAA Division I institution for the fall 2014 academic term.
What Do We Need?

• What information does ACP already have?
• What is needed to determine Elizabeth’s amateur status?

What Do We Need?

• Total prize money received.
  o 2013 calendar year.
  o 2014 calendar year.
• Elizabeth’s actual and necessary expenses tied to practice and competition.
  o 2013 calendar year.
  o 2014 calendar year.

What Do We Need?

• Calculation of Actual and Necessary Expenses – Individual Sports – Bylaw 12.02.3.
Who Might ACP Contact?

- Where can ACP get the information required to complete Elizabeth’s amateurism certification?
- Prospective student-athlete.
- Sponsor(s) of the event(s).
- IRL/NLI institution.

Registration – Delayed Enrollment Example

[Image of Registration Form]

- List all Names, Positions
- School, Date of Birth, Gender
- List of Clubs Played for, Counts
- High School, College, Total
- Club, Number of Years Played, Grade
- College, Number of Years Played, Grade
- Current School, Number of Years Played, Grade
Delayed Enrollment

- Isaac Hoopster is a basketball prospective student-athlete from Brownsburg, Indiana.
- Isaac will graduate high school in June 2014.
  - Isaac repeated both ninth and tenth grades.
- However, Isaac’s expected date of high school graduation for Division I is June 2012.

Delayed Enrollment

- During the 2013-2014, Isaac plays basketball at a church in Brownsburg every Saturday during the winter.

What Do We Need?

- What information does ACP already have?
- What is needed to determine Isaac’s amateur status?
What Do We Need to Know?

• Details regarding basketball played at the church.
  o Elements of Bylaw 14.02.11 – Organized Competition.

• Temporary Review Process.
  o Number of times Isaac participated.
  o Type of individuals participating (e.g., age, skill level).
  o Characteristics surrounding “level” of competition.

Who Might ACP Contact?

• Where can ACP get the information required to complete Isaac’s amateurism certification?

• Prospective student-athlete.
• Sports coordinator at church.
• IRL/NLI institution.
Key Reminders – Timely and Accurate Certifications

- Place prospective student-athletes on active IRLs at earliest opportunity.
- Final amateurism request.
  - Fall enrollees – on or after April 1.
  - Winter/Spring enrollees – on or after October 1.
- View PSA “Ready to Process” status in MI Portal.
- Share information with ACP staff.

Conclusion

- Questions?
- Feedback?
- Eligibility Center phone number.
  - (877) 544-2950.
  - Have six-digit organization number and PIN available.