

Competition during official vacation period (Bylaw 14.1.8.2.1.1)

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- No longer enrolled at previous institution and accepted for full-time enrollment (transfer student).
- Registered full-time program of studies (continuing student).
- Eligible under all institutional, conference and NCAA regulations (all students).

Eligibility between terms (Bylaw 14.1.8.2.1.2)

- If continuing enrollment, must be registered for the required full-time load (e.g., 12 hours) at the conclusion of the term immediately before the date of competition.
- If beginning enrollment, must be accepted for enrollment as a regular, full-time student for the upcoming term.

Seasons of Participation

- Student-athlete uses a season of participation by competing or practicing after his or her first opportunity for competition (Bylaw 14.2.4.1)
- Allows limited tryouts prior to first competition.
- Applies only to participation at Division III institutions.

Exception—Seasons of Participation (Bylaw 14.2.4.1.1)

- Academic exception allows practice only in nontraditional segment if student-athlete missed traditional segment for academic reasons.
- Academic reasons include studying abroad and academic exchange programs.
- Excludes academic probation and ineligibility.

Satisfactory-Progress Requirements

- A student shall maintain satisfactory progress toward a baccalaureate or equivalent degree at the institution.
- The phrases “good academic standing” and “satisfactory progress” are to be interpreted at each institution by the academic authorities who determine the meaning of such phrases for all students (Bylaw 14.4.1)

Extension courses from certifying institution (Bylaw 14.1.8.2.5)

- Extension courses may be used in determining a student’s full-time enrollment in 12 credit hours as long as the institution considers enrollment in such courses as regular course enrollment for all students.
- Correspondence and credit-by-examination courses may not be used for this purpose.

Summer Courses at Other Institutions (Bylaw 14.4.1.3).

- Prior approval by appropriate academic officials of the certifying institution is required if courses taken during another institutions

summer term are to be used in determining the student’s academic status.

Transfer Regulations

Permission to Contact General Rule (Bylaw 13.1.1.2)

- An athletics staff member or other representative of the institution’s athletics interests shall not make contact in any manner with the student-athlete of another four-year institution, directly or indirectly, without first obtaining written permission to do so, regardless of who make the initial contact. Written permission may be granted by:
 - The first institutions athletics director (Division I or II); or
 - The student-athlete, if the student-athlete attends a Division III institution.

Permission to Contact—Self-Release (Bylaw 13.1.1.2.1)

- A student-athlete can grant own written permission to contact other Division III institutions about a potential transfer.
- Division III to Division III transfer only.
- Student-athlete does not need to inform institutional staff.
- Permission to contact remains valid for 30 days.

Determining Transfer Status

Is the student-athlete a transfer?

- Full-time enrollment and attended classes.
- Full-time in night school.
- Attendance at a branch school that conducts athletics programs and the student-athlete goes to an institution other than the parent institution.
- Reported for a regular squad practice.
- Practiced or competed while enrolled part time.

General Transfer Rule

Bylaw 14.5.1. Must complete one full academic year of residence at the certifying institution before being eligible to compete unless the student satisfies the applicable transfer requirements or receives an exceptions.

Determination of Year of Residence. (Bylaw 14.5.1.2)

- Be enrolled in and complete a minimum full-time program of studies for two full semesters or three quarters (excluding summers); or
- Be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies for two full semesters or three full quarters and earn or complete an average of 12 hours per term.

Transfer Exceptions

- 2-4 and 4-4 (Bylaws 14.5.4 and 14.5.5)
- 4-4 (Official Interpretation)
- 4-2-4 (Bylaw 14.5.4.1)
- Two-Year Non-Participation (Bylaw 14.5.5.1.3)

MacMurray College

Department of Intercollegiate Athletics

Eligibility & Transfers

NCAA, SLIAC & IBFC Infractions

Policy:

The MacMurray College Department of Athletics is committed to upholding the integrity and intent of the NCAA Division III, SLIAC, IBFC and the Institution. To promote this commitment, MacMurray College has established a Compliance Office and Program to enhance training, education, policies and procedures to insure the compliance with NCAA Division III, SLIAC, IBFC and Institutional rules and regulations.

Another task of the compliance office is to provide a prompt response when a rule or regulation violation occurs. It is the MacMurray College position that **ALL** violations will be reported regardless of the severity. When responding to a rule or regulation violation, the following are taken into account:

1. Was the violation intentional?
2. Was there a competitive advantage gained?
3. Was the student-athletes eligibility affected?
4. Is the violation isolated and non-recurring in nature?

As a general rule, unintentional secondary violations will be treated as an educational experience and viewed as a way to improve our administrative and compliance operations. However, recurring secondary violations and major violations will not be tolerated and strict disciplinary action will be taken. This policy is to serve as a strong message that MacMurray College is committed to rules compliance and the intent of the NCAA Division III, SLIAC, IBFC and the Institution.

Procedure:

1. All coaches, staff members and student-athletes have an obligation to report all violations or potential violations of NCAA Division III, SLIAC, IBFC or Institutional rules or regulations to the Compliance Office and/or Director of Athletics.
2. All pertinent information needs to be submitted to the Compliance Coordinator/Director of Athletics who will conduct an internal investigation to review the facts and relevant regulations.
3. After the investigation, the Compliance Coordinator will share findings with the Director of Athletics provided the Director of Athletics was not the first contacted.
4. If a violation did occur, the information will be written into a formal report and submitted to the NCAA Division III, SLIAC and/or IBFC offices.

Eligibility: Academic and General

Requirements

Bylaw Article 14 of NCAA Division III Manual

General Principles

14.01.1 Institutional Responsibility. An institution shall not permit a student-athlete to represent it in intercollegiate athletics competition unless the student-athlete meets all applicable eligibility requirements and the institution has certified the student-athlete's eligibility.

14.01.2 Academic Status. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time program of studies, be in good academic stand and maintain satisfactory progress toward a baccalaureate or equivalent degree. A waiver of the minimum full-time enrollment requirement may be granted for a student enrolled in the final term of the baccalaureate program. Also, a student may represent the institution while enrolled as a graduate or professional student or while enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate degree at the same institution.

14.01.2.1 Good Academic Standing. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall be in good academic standing as determined by the academic authorities who determine the meaning of such phrases for all students of the institution, subject to controlling legislation of the conference (s) or similar association of which the institution is a member.

14.01.2.2 Institutional Responsibility for Eligibility Certification. The chief executive officer is responsible for approving the procedures for certifying the eligibility of an institution's student-athletes under NCAA legislation. The chief executive officer may designate an individual on the institution's staff to administer proper certification of eligibility. Certification of eligibility must occur prior to allowing a student-athlete to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition.

14.01.3 Compliance with Other NCAA and Conference Legislation. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall be in compliance with all applicable provisions of the constitution and bylaws of the Association and all rules and regulations of the institution and the conference (s), if any, of which the institution is a member. Specific attention is called to legislation affecting eligibility in the following areas.

14.01.3.1 Amateurism. A student-athlete shall not be eligible for participation in an intercollegiate sport if the individual takes or has taken pay, or has accepted the promise of pay in any form, for participation in that sport, or if the individual has violated any of the other regulations related to amateurism set forth in Bylaw 12.

14.01.3.2 Awards, Benefits and Expenses. Receipt by a student-athlete of nonpermissible awards, extra benefits, or excessive or improper expenses not authorized by NCAA legislation violates the Association's amateurism principle and renders the student-athlete ineligible for athletics participation in the sport for which the improper award, benefit or expense was received.

14.01.3.3 Ethical Conduct. A prospective or enrolled student-athlete who is found to have engaged in unethical conduct shall be ineligible for intercollegiate competition in all sports. Unethical conduct consists of, but is not limited to:

- (a) Fraudulence in connection with entrance or placement examinations;
- (b) Engaging in any athletics competition under an assumed name or with intent otherwise to deceive;
- (c) Dishonesty in evading or violating NCAA regulations; or
- (d) Knowingly furnishing the NCAA or the individual's institution false or misleading information concerning the student's involvement in or knowledge of matters relevant to a possible violation of NCAA regulations.

14.01.3.4 Financial Aid. A student-athlete who receives financial assistance other than that authorized by the Association shall not be eligible for intercollegiate athletics competition.

14.01.3.5 Recruitment. Solicitation of a student-athlete's enrollment by the certifying institution or any representative of its athletics interests in violation of the Association's legislation shall render the student-athlete ineligible to represent that institution in intercollegiate athletics. A student-athlete is responsible during his or her recruitment for involvement in a violation of NCAA regulations, and the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement may restore the eligibility of a student involved in such violation only when circumstances clearly warrant restoration. The eligibility of a student-athlete involved in a major violation shall not be restored other than through an exception authorized by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement in a unique case on the basis of specifically stated reasons.

Requirement For Practice

Participation in organized practice sessions (Bylaw 14.1.8.1)

- Enrolled in full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree.

Practice during the first week of class (Bylaw 14.1.8.1.5)

- May practice, but not compete if enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies during the first five days of classes.
- Must be eligible under all other institutional, conference and NCAA requirements.

Exception—Practice during official vacation periods (Bylaw 14.1.8.1.1)

- Accepted for enrollment in a regular, full-time program of studies (initial enrollee).
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Requirement For Competition

Participation in competition. (Bylaw 14.1.8.2)

- Enrolled in a full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree program as defined by the institution but no less than 12 semester or quarter hours, regardless of the institution's definition of full-time.