



COLLEGE SQUASH ASSOCIATION (CSA) Eligibility Regulations

FOREWARD

Eligibility rules and regulations have been adopted by the College Squash Association (CSA) for application to member men's and women's varsity squash programs. The Division I and Division III Operating Bylaws of the NCAA and the eligibility regulations included herein constitute the basis for CSA eligibility requirements.

This document is meant to be a "road map" for compliance officers and coaches at member institutions who are charged with monitoring their student-athletes' eligibility. As a baseline, the CSA expects member schools to apply the bylaws from their respective NCAA division and conference. However, CSA Bylaws authorize the Association to adopt and amend specific CSA eligibility rules and regulations, which may be different from corresponding rules and regulations of the NCAA. Such CSA eligibility rules and regulations shall be adopted or amended only in accordance with the procedures stated under Article II, Section 2.10 of the CSA Bylaws. Instructions concerning how to apply the CSA regulations included herein are noted in each section.

In summary, the CSA Eligibility Regulations contained herein are those which are different from or in addition to corresponding NCAA rules and regulations. They are applicable to the men's and women's squash programs of all members of the CSA, as printed herein.

CSA members and their compliance officers are reminded that they cannot rely solely on the CSA eligibility rules contained in this manual to monitor and maintain the eligibility of their squash student-athletes. As always, the CSA Executive Director & League Commissioner is ready and willing to lend whatever help they can to members in need of assistance.

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Article I: ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

(Adopted 05/2019)

The eligibility of student-athletes participating on CSA member teams shall be reviewed and certified by a department of intercollegiate athletics staff member designated for that purpose by the leader of that department (e.g. Director of Athletics). Staff member(s) responsible for this certification shall be the same staff member(s) that are responsible for eligibility certification for the institution's other intercollegiate varsity student-athletes.

Institutions must certify on an annual basis that incoming student-athletes who participate in squash have been admitted as regularly enrolled, degree-seeking students in accordance with the regular, published entrance requirements of that institution. Member institutions must certify the amateur status of incoming student-athletes in accordance with NCAA rules and the regulations contained herein.

It is also expected that coaches will schedule a meeting for their team with their athletics department's NCAA compliance office prior to the beginning of the season. The purpose of the meeting will be to review and discuss pertinent NCAA and CSA rules and to remind the players of their responsibilities as eligible student-athletes. Student-athletes and coaches claiming not to know the rules will not be an acceptable defense against penalties for violations of those rules.

Article II: Waivers and Exceptions

(Adopted 05/2019)

A. Standard waivers that are permitted under NCAA regulations are herein adopted by the CSA and may be processed by the NCAA affiliated conference office (NESCAC, Ivy League, Liberty League, etc.). Notice of any such waiver that is granted must be reported to the CSA League Commissioner. No other waivers are permitted. If the conference office is not equipped or willing to rule on the waiver, the CSA League Commissioner will provide the ruling.

B. Special exceptions to any CSA eligibility regulations are permissible, provided such exception is not inconsistent with the spirit and intent of these Regulations, and provided such exception is not in violation of NCAA Regulations adopted by the CSA. Special exceptions shall be granted only by affirmative vote of two thirds of the CSA Rules & Regulations Committee.

Article III: AMATEURISM, ELIGIBILITY, ACADEMIC AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

For questions concerning amateurism as well as academic and athletic eligibility, the CSA applies Article 12 and Article 14 from the NCAA Division I and Division III manuals, including NCAA official interpretations related thereto. Any changes that may be adopted by the NCAA to these rules apply, unless specifically excluded by vote of the members of the Association.

A. Definitions

1. "Organized Squash Competition" – Squash competition shall be considered organized if *any* of the following conditions exist (*supersedes definition of "organized competition" in any NCAA bylaw; Adopted 05/2019*):

a. the event or tournament offers prize money based on place finish (example: PSA, PSA Challenger, BSPA, or similar events)

b. a league that governs the competition or the competition itself has participants who operate under a contract, which provides more than actual and necessary expenses for participation

c. a university has an official match where any of the following has occurred:

- match times and players names are published or publicized
- score is kept
- match officials are used
- admission is charged, or
- team uniforms are used

2. The following examples of squash competition are exceptions from the "organized squash competition" definition for the purposes of this document:

- Local box leagues
- Amateur club matches
- National Championship events (e.g. S.L. Green), so long as prize money based on finish is limited to actual and necessary expenses
- Any National Team event, such as World Team Championships, World University Games, European Team Championships, Africa Games, and Asian Games

B. Seasons of Participation (*Adopted 05/2019*)

1. A student-athlete shall complete their seasons of competition in the amount of time permitted according to their institution's NCAA divisional affiliation.

a. Exception for Military Service and Religious Organization Mission Work: Time spent by a student in the armed services, on official religious missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. Government is excepted from the application of the five-year rule. For a foreign student, service in the armed forces of the student's home country or on an official religious mission shall be considered equivalent to such service in the United States.

C. Delayed Enrollment (*Instructions: apply NCAA divisional bylaws first, then apply this regulation. Division I programs should apply this regulation as they would with Bylaw 12.8.3.5. Adopted 05/2019; in effect for the class matriculating on campus in Fall 2021*)

1. Any participation as an individual or a team representative in organized squash competition by a prospective student-athlete during each 12-month period after June 1 of the year of their 21st birthday and prior to full-time enrollment in a member institution shall count as one year of varsity squash competition.

In other words, during the calendar year (January-December) when a recruit turns 21 years old, the recruit may play in organized squash competition until June 1 without losing a year of eligibility. If the recruit plays in organized squash competition after June 1 of that year, but before enrolling in school, the recruit will lose a year of eligibility for varsity squash competition. The recruit will lose another year of eligibility if they play in an organized squash competition after June 1 during the year they turn 22 but before enrolling full-time at a member institution, and so on for their 23rd and 24th birthday years.

Participation in organized squash competition during time spent on an official religious mission or in the armed or foreign services for the prospective student-athlete's home country shall be excepted.

ARTICLE IV: RECRUITING

For questions concerning recruiting, the CSA applies Article 13 from the NCAA Division I and Division III manuals, including NCAA official interpretations related thereto. While each member team should adhere to the regulations prescribed by their school's NCAA divisional affiliation, all CSA members must abide by the additions or exceptions adopted by the CSA that are printed below. Any changes that may be adopted by the NCAA to these rules apply, unless specifically excluded by vote of the members of the Association.

Coaches and compliance officers are reminded that they cannot rely solely on the information presented below to maintain recruiting rules compliance.

CSA Recruiting Timeline

First Opportunity for Recruiting Activity

(Adopted 05/2019; supersedes NCAA recruiting timelines)

Recruiting Action	Date of First Opportunity	Notes
Send Recruiting Materials	9/1 at beginning of Junior Year	
Send Correspondence/Private Messages	9/1 at beginning of Junior Year	
Receive Incoming Telephone Calls	9/1 at beginning of Junior Year	Coach may not speak with a PSA who calls them before this date
Make Outgoing Telephone Calls	9/1 at beginning of Junior Year	
Share recruiting information with PSA's coach	9/1 at beginning of Junior Year	Club, high school, or personal coaches may not relay recruiting information acquired from college coaches to PSA or PSA's family.
Unofficial Visits	9/1 at beginning of Junior Year	Visits to campus before this date must be coordinated through the college admissions office, like any other prospective student. PSAs may not have interactions with coaches on campus before this date.
Official Visits	1/1 during Junior Year	Starting on this date, PSA may take 1 visit per college and a maximum of 5 visits to NCAA Division I colleges.
Off-Campus Contact	9/1 at beginning of Junior Year	Contact with PSAs at practice or competition sites may only occur after the PSA has completed his/her competition for the day and has been released from the facility.