

Director of Athletics Permission

NCAA certification legislation requires a certified league involving currently enrolled Division I student-athletes to obtain written permission from the institution's director of athletics (or the director's official representative) for each Division I student-athlete prior to his/her participation in the league. Many institutions have created a form letter that they utilize to supply this requirement. ECAG does not have a standard letter to provide as an example, but the letter from the institution needs to include the student-athlete's name and name and location of the league in which the athlete is permitted to participate.

Permissions slips are not required for individuals who have committed to a Division I institution, but not yet enrolled or receive athletics aid from the four-year institution. Until an individual has forfeited his/her prospect status, the athlete is not required to have permission from the Division I institution and should not be counted in the [Number from Any One College](#) requirement.

Similarly, individuals who were previously Division I student-athletes, but who have exhausted their eligibility are required to have permission from the Division I institution and should not be included in the [Number from Any One College](#) requirement.

However, once an athlete has attended a Division I institution full time, he or she has triggered the definition of a student-athlete and CANNOT return to prospect status even if they have transferred to a Division II or III institution or two-year college. Athletes in these circumstances ARE counted in the [Number from Any One College](#) requirement and will need permission from their most recent Division I institution.

Redshirt athletes ARE also required to receive permission from their institution.

League operators are not currently required to submit the letter(s) of permission collected to ECAG. However, it is advised that the league keep copies of those letters until the league begins the following year in case the NCAA would request that documentation after the conclusion of the league.

If a Division I student-athlete is permitted to participate without the required permission, current or future certification of the league may be affected.

Related Legislation

Bylaw 17.31.4-(a) Summer League.

Related Guidelines

Number from Any One College

Warning - Division I Student-Athlete Rendered Ineligible