

# Mandatory Educational Session for Prospects

In order for an event to be certified, all prospective student-athletes must attend a comprehensive educational session. The session(s) must consist of an in-person or video presentation. The distribution of printed materials to participants or coaches will not satisfy this requirement. Further, the session(s) must address NCAA initial-eligibility standards, gambling, agents and drug use.

If an event has requested NCAA certification to allow Division I coaches to attend and observe prospects participating at the event, an educational session must be scheduled so that **ALL prospective student-athletes** (high school and two-year college student-athletes) attend an in-person or video presentation including the mandatory topics (i.e., NCAA initial-eligibility standards, gambling, agents and drug use). If NCAA student-athletes will be participating in addition to prospects, the currently enrolled NCAA student-athletes are not required to attend the educational session. The use of sign-in sheets is advised.

## **Information for Coaches of Participating Teams**

Your team should be prepared to attend a session at EACH event or risk being denied participation.

The NCAA has requested that operators not rely on the NCAA-produced video and instead do an in-person session when possible, but many operators still utilize the NCAA produced educational video. The current NCAA video was created in 2011 and with the anticipation of a new approach to this requirement in the future, it has not been updated.

Even though your team has already seen the NCAA video, they are expected to attend an educational session at EACH event. Repetition is often necessary for retention. You should prepare your athletes that they will be required to attend an educational session at each event AND do what you can to diminish your athletes from disruptive while in attendance. If your team complains of seeing the same NCAA video repetitively, suggest to the event operator that they utilize an in-person speaker.

If you are aware that an event operator is not providing an educational session or is not requiring all prospective student-athletes attend an educational session, please contact the Enforcement Certification and Approvals Group at [ECAG@ncaa.org](mailto:ECAG@ncaa.org) or at 317/917-6322.

## **Information for Event Operators**

Information to assist you in planning your educational session can be found online under [ECAG Information for Prospects Education](#).

Prior to the event, you will need to determine how you will accomplish the task of presenting the educational session.

1. You can hire staff or get a volunteer who can effectively present the information. Some events reach out to NCAA schools in their area to see if someone from the athletics office is willing to give the presentation.
2. The NCAA has produced educational videos in the past that cover all of the required topics. These are available on the [ECAG Information for Prospects Education](#) and can be downloaded from there and burned to DVD. If you intend to utilize the video, you will need to make arrangements for equipment (TVs, computers, DVD players, etc.)

Operators are **not required to utilize the NCAA video**. Participants are clearly more engaged by an in-person presentation of the materials. It is the operator's responsibility to make sure that all prospective student-athletes participating in their event attend the educational session; so it may be to your benefit to not utilize the video, but showing the video will meet the educational requirements if an operator is unable to present the information in another format.

As part of the application process, operators are required to identify the date(s), time(s) and location(s) of the educational session(s) in the **Basketball Certification Online System (BBCS)** [<http://web1.ncaa.org/BBCS/exec/login>].

In addition to the schedule, the application includes a question about the operator's means of enforcing the educational session requirement. Operators will need to describe what punitive measures will be taken for participants who fail to attend the mandatory session.

**DISCOURAGE USE OF THE NCAA VIDEO.** The current NCAA video was created in 2011 and with the anticipation of a new approach to this requirement in the future, will not be updated this year. In that regard, many of the prospects participating in your event have already seen this video. This results in the prospects becoming disinterested, disruptive and it becomes difficult to get them to attend the required educational sessions. In that regard, it is advised operators not rely on the NCAA-produced video and instead do an in-person session when possible. That being said, showing the NCAA video will still meet the legislation requirements for certification.

**Related Legislation**

Bylaw 13.18-(e)

**Related Guidelines**

Mandatory Ed Session - Coach  
Definition of a Prospect