

Permissible Dates - League

PERMISSIBLE DATES

A currently enrolled Division I student-athlete with remaining eligibility may participate in an NCAA-certified summer league only on certified dates between June 15 and August 31 or the institution's opening day of classes (whichever occurs earlier).

It is the league operator's responsibility to identify and document the "first day of classes" for each Division I institution in which the league has participants. Even if there are certified dates that are after the student-athlete's first day of classes, it is the operator's responsibility to prohibit the student-athlete from participating on those dates.

If a Division I student-athlete is permitted to participate in the league after that athlete's institution has started classes for the fall, the league will be rendered ineligible for certification the following year. See: [Warning - Division I Student-Athlete Rendered Ineligible](#)

CERTIFIED DATES

Certification will not be granted to dates that do not appear on their detailed playing schedule submitted with the event/league application. Additionally, the specific dates identified in your approval letter are the only dates granted certified. Therefore, if your league operates for a longer span of time than what is identified on the approval letter, Division I student-athletes may only attend on the dates certified. Division I student-athletes are prohibited from engaging in any type of organized competition prior to the first date of the league. Similarly, if there are certified dates that are after the student-athlete's first day of classes, it is the operator's responsibility to prohibit the student-athlete from participating on those dates even though the dates are certified.

At times a Division I coach may drop in on a college league where student-athletes from their team are participating just to watch them play. This is permissible if the coach is merely an observer and there are no prospective student-athletes participating. However, if prospects (high school or two-year college athletes) will be participating and you did not request **EVENT** certification as well, Division I coaches are not permitted to be in attendance at any time – not even to observe their own student-athletes that may be participating. Two-year college athletes are considered prospects as well and some league operators don't realize that. In that regard, if they are going to be present, Division I coaches would not be able to attend and watch their own student-athletes.

If prospects will be participating and you want Division I coaches to be able attend, you would have to request and be granted event certified and then they could only attend on permissible dates in July. There are significant differences in the requirements for event certification and it is a much more time-consuming process, so it is advisable to familiarize yourself with the event requirements prior to requesting certification.

NOTE: If a summer activity receives both event and league certifications, it is possible that Division I coaches may attend the league to observe prospective student-athletes only on the certified event dates in July. Again, the specific dates that Division I coaches can attend is identified in the event application approval letter to avoid any confusion.

Related Legislation

Bylaw 17.31.4-(a) Summer League

Related Guidelines

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