Prospective SA Status: An individual becomes a student-athlete for the purpose of Bylaw 16 once he/she officially registers, enrolls and attends classes during the institution's summer term prior to his or her initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution (NCAA Bylaw 13.02.12).

Eligibility: Credit hours earned during the summer may not be used toward the 18-semester /27-quarter hours of academic credit requirement or the 6 semester /quarter hours of academic credit during the preceding regular academic term in which the student-athlete has been enrolled full time (NCAA Bylaw 14.4.3.1).

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Summer Financial Aid: A student-athlete who is eligible for institutional financial aid during the summer is not required to be enrolled full-time. However, the student-athlete may not receive financial aid that exceeds the cost of attendance in that summer term. A student-athlete may receive institutional financial aid based on athletics ability and educational expenses awarded up to the value of a full grant-in-aid, plus any other financial aid up to the cost of attendance. (NCAA Bylaw 15.2.8.1).

Equipment and Attire: With the adoption of RWG 16-7 it is permissible to allow student-athletes to retain all equipment and apparel they are issued throughout the year.

Practice Outside the Playing Season: All countable athletically related activities outside the playing season are prohibited one week prior to the beginning of the final examination period for the applicable academic term through the conclusion of each student-athlete's final exams. [NCAA Bylaw 17.1.6.2-(a)]

Outside Competition-May 1st Exception: In soccer, women's volleyball, field hockey and men's water polo, a student-athlete may compete outside of the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition, (NCAA Bylaw 14.6.1.3 outlines restrictions).

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