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2023 WACRAO
Annual Conference
Athletic Compliance: 101

Panel of Presenters:

- ▶ Kelly Higgins, UW-Madison, Division I
 - ▶ Lori Turner, UW-Parkside, Division II
- ▶ Heather Chermak, UW-Whitewater, Division III

Information we plan to cover in this session...

- ▶ NCAA Division I, II, III eligibility requirements
- ▶ Bridge between Registrars Office & Athletics
 - ▶ Additional Considerations
 - ▶ Question & Answer

What brought you in the door for this session? What is your role on your campus?

We would like to present this session to meet your needs.

Division I



Progress Toward Degree

Academic year credit-hour requirements.

- Six-hour requirement each term.
- 18-/27-hour requirement each academic year.

Progress-toward-graduation benchmarks.

- 24-/36-hour requirement.
- Percentage-of-degree requirements. (40%/60%/80%)
- Grade-point average (GPA) requirements. (90%/95%/100%)

Division I



- ▶ Four years of eligibility (competition) and athletically related financial aid within five years from full-time matriculation.
 - ▶ Additional eligibility may be granted through waivers. Additional financial aid may be granted through institutional and degree-seeking scholarship opportunities.
- ▶ Transfer Portal
 - ▶ Timing, Credit Evaluation Services, Certification of Eligibility
 - ▶ Transfer Tracers
- ▶ Summer Coursework
- ▶ Academic Performance Program
 - ▶ Academic Progress Rate - eligibility and retention
 - ▶ Graduation Success Rate - enrollment and graduation with consideration for transfers

Division II



▶ Progress Toward Degree

- ▶ 24 semester hours of degree credit must be completed each academic year to remain eligible. At least 18-semester hours must be earned between the start of fall classes and spring commencement, and up to six semester hours can be earned in the summer.
- ▶ All Division II student-athletes must earn at least nine-semester hours each full-time term to be eligible for the following term.

Division II



- ▶ Student-athletes must earn a 2.0 cumulative GPA each year.
- ▶ Division II student-athletes must complete their four seasons of competition within the first 10 semesters of full-time enrollment.



Division III

- While there are no minimum national standards for establishing or maintaining eligibility in Division III, student-athletes must be in good academic standing and make satisfactory progress toward a degree as determined by the institution.
- Division III undergraduate student-athletes must be enrolled in and complete at least 12 semester hours each semester to meet progress toward degree requirements.
- UW System Schools, who are not part of DIV I or II, are part of WIAC (Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) where eligibility rules are expanded to include:
 - ▶ Official Eligibility Certificate
 - ▶ GPA requirement
 - ▶ Multi sport athlete requirements
 - ▶ Freshman credit rule
 - ▶ Last semester exception
 - ▶ Graduate student requirements

Registrars and Athletics

- ▶ Each campus determines who is involved when it comes to compliance, certification and reporting
- ▶ Collaboration and understanding of roles and responsibilities is vital
- ▶ High pressure situations
- ▶ Records and Audits
- ▶ Eligibility Meetings
- ▶ Institutional and Conference Requirements

Miscellaneous items to consider

- ▶ Priority registration.
- ▶ Some type of student hold to restrict a student athlete from dropping courses below 12 credits (undergrad) and 9 credits (grad).
- ▶ Scholarships.
- ▶ Recognitions - Academic National Team/Individual Champion, Scholastic Honor Role, All American/Individual Scholar Award
- ▶ Initial Academic Eligibility and Amateurism.
- ▶ Transfer Tracers and Transfer Process.

Any questions?

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Thank you!

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