

## COVID-19 Q&A: PROSPECTIVE EIU STUDENT-ATHLETES

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### NCAA Division I Bylaw 13 – Recruiting

#### **Recruiting Telephone Calls**

**Question No. 1: May an institution's coach video call a prospective student-athlete to conduct a tour of the institution's athletics and on-campus facilities?**

- Answer: Yes. A coach may video call a prospective student-athlete to conduct a campus tour. A video call (e.g., Zoom, Skype, FaceTime) is considered a phone call. However, telephone recruiting restrictions (e.g., first opportunity to contact) continue to apply to prospective student-athletes and coaching staff members.

#### **Contacts and Evaluations**

**Question: During the temporary COVID-19 recruiting dead period, may an EIU coach have *off-campus* face-to-face contact with a prospective student-athlete?**

- Answer: No. EIU staff must follow all applicable governmental and public health guidance and/or directives that are issued. However, it remains permissible to make phone calls and send electronic correspondence during a dead period.

#### **Campus Visits**

**Question: Is it permissible for a prospective student-athlete to take a previously scheduled official or unofficial visit during the temporary COVID-19 recruiting dead period?**

- Answer: No. EIU staff must follow all applicable governmental and public health guidance and/or directives that are issued. However, it remains permissible to make phone calls and send electronic correspondence during a dead period.

### NCAA Division I Bylaw 14 – Academic Eligibility

#### **Initial Eligibility/NCAA Eligibility Center**

**Question: Have initial-eligibility requirements changed for Division I?**

- Answer: The NCAA Eligibility Center published a COVID-19 Response FAQs. This document tells us that an automatic waiver is available to domestic high school students who completed core course requirements (7/10 & 10/10) and possessed a 2.300 core GPA entering Grade 12. The automatic waiver means those prospective student-athletes will be considered final qualifiers (eligible for practice, athletic aid, and competition during their freshman year).

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**Question: What happens if I did not meet core course requirements and possess a 2.300 core GPA entering Grade 12?**

- Answer: The COVID-19 Automatic Waiver will not apply. However, you can still be a final qualifier if you meet the DI academic requirements after Grade 12.

**Question: What happens if I do not meet DI academic requirements after Grade 12?**

- Answer: If you do not meet DI academic requirements after Grade 12, please contact your recruiting coach and express your concern. They will work with the EIU Compliance Office to determine whether you are eligible for an initial-eligibility waiver (IEW).

**Question: Do I still need to submit a final official copy of my high school transcript?**

- Answer: Yes, the submission of official academic records is important for the accuracy of initial-eligibility certification and official records should be submitted whenever possible. Given the unique circumstances, we anticipate that some flexibility will be provided. Please continue providing official academic records through one of the approved channels. If only unofficial records are available, please submit them through any available channel in the event that they are needed for future evaluation.

### **Two-Year College Transfers**

**Question: Will there be any additional flexibility provided for 2-4 transfer student-athletes who do not meet 2-4 academic transfer requirements going into the fall 2020 term due to COVID-19?**

- Answer: Flexibility will be provided on a case-by-case basis through the waiver process in RSRO.

## [NCAA Division I Bylaw 15 – Financial Aid](#)

### **National Letters of Intent & Athletic Grant-in-Aid Agreements**

**Question: When can EIU send me my national letter of intent (NLI) and/or athletic grant-in-aid (GIA)?**

- Answer: EIU can resume sending out NLIs and/or GIAs on April 15, 2020, consistent with NLI Administrative Guidelines.