

Seasons of Competition

A student-athlete shall not engage in more than four seasons of intercollegiate competition in any one sport. Any amount of competition where a student-athlete represents the institution will count as a full season.

NCAA Bylaw 14.2.1 Five-Year Rule

A student-athlete shall complete his or her seasons of participation within five calendar years from the beginning of the semester or quarter in which the student-athlete first registered for a minimum full-time program of studies in a collegiate institution, with time spent in the armed services, on official church missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government being excepted. For foreign students, service in the armed forces or on an official church mission of the student's home country is considered equivalent to such service in the United States.

NCAA Bylaw 14.2.1.1 Determining the Start of the Five-Year Period

For purposes of starting the count of time under the five-year rule, a student-athlete shall be considered registered at a collegiate institution (domestic or foreign; see Bylaw 14.02.3) when the student-athlete initially registers in a regular term (semester or quarter) of an academic year for a minimum full-time program of studies, as determined by the institution, and attends the student's first day of classes for that term (see Bylaw 14.2.2).