

IRA Eligibility Rules: Delayed Enrollment For Compliance

The RULE:

IRA Rule: Article III E-2 - A prospect who participates in organized rowing events after his 20th birthday and before fulltime enrollment at the certifying institution shall be subject to the following:

- a. The student will be charged with one season of intercollegiate rowing competition for each calendar year after his 20th birthday and prior to full-time enrollment at the certifying institution during which the student-athlete has participated in organized rowing competition
 - b. Upon matriculation at the certifying institution, the student-athlete must fulfill an academic year in residence before being eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate rowing, unless the student transfers to the certifying institution with a minimum of 24 semester hours (or equivalent) of transferable degree credit. (Note: All other NCAA transfer and academic eligibility requirements apply.) (Adopted June 1, 2012/Effective June 5, 2012)
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EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULE:

Applicable exceptions from the NCAA manual (as they would apply to women's rowing except as noted per IRA interpretation relating to 12.8.3.2.1.2):

12.8.3.2.1.3 Service Exceptions.

- Participation in organized competition during time spent in the armed services, on an official religious mission or with a recognized foreign aid service of the U.S. government is exempt
- Additionally, if a student-athlete enrolls as a full-time student in a regular term of a collegiate institution at the first opportunity following completion of the service commitment, the period between completion of the service commitment and the first opportunity to enroll is exempt

12.8.3.2.1.2 Exception -- National/International Competition.

For a maximum of one year after a prospective student-athlete's **20th birthday and up until the next opportunity to enroll**, participation in the following organized national/international competition is exempt from application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.1:

- Official Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships and established regional competition (e.g., North American Championships, European Championships) or the junior level equivalents (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, junior national teams);
- Officially recognized competition from which participants may be selected to a national team that will participate in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup or World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships and established regional competition (e.g., North American Championships, European Championships) or the junior level equivalents (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, junior national teams) and final tryout competition from which participants are selected for such teams; or
- Official competition involving a national team sponsored by the appropriate national governing body of the U.S. Olympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation).

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PSA may NOT compete after his 20th birthday and prior to initial full-time enrollment.

He will sit for a year and be charged with one year for each calendar year of participation beyond the 20th birthday

EXCEPTION 1 – MILITARY SERVICE

- **PSA may compete during mandatory military service**
- **PSA may compete from the time of release from mandatory military service to the next opportunity to enroll**

EXCEPTION 2 – ELITE INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

FOR one year (from 20th birthday to 21st birthday) then up until the next opportunity to enroll a PSA may participate in the following:

- Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games and World University Championships and established regional competition (e.g., North American Championships, European Championships) or the junior level equivalents
- Officially recognized competition from which participants may be selected to a national team that will participate in the above-named events
- Official competition involving a national team sponsored by the appropriate national governing body of the U.S. Olympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation).