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A STUDENT'S GUIDE TO ELIGIBILITY

Competition Eligibility

A student-athlete has 5 calendar years to participate in 4 seasons of competition in any one sport. This 5 year clock begins when the student-athlete initially registers in a regular term of an academic year for a minimum full-time program of studies—12 credit hours— AND attends his or her first day of classes for that term or competes for the institution. Events such as military service and required mission work are excepted from the 5 year clock. Within these 5 years, a student has 4 years of seasons of eligibility. A student-athlete uses a full season of competition if he or she participates in any competition, regardless of the length of time, during the season. However, during a student-athlete's initial year of enrollment at a four-year institution, he or she may compete in preseason exhibition contests and preseason practice scrimmages without counting such competition as a season of competition if the student-athlete does not subsequently participate in regular season competition.

If a student-athlete does not compete at all during one of his or her seasons, he or she will not use a season of competition. This "redshirt" year does not extend the 5 year clock, but the student does not use one of the four seasons of eligibility available to him or her. Exceptions to the use of a season of competition (such as a medical hardship) and extensions to the 5 year clock are considered on a case-by-case basis; waivers of eligibility legislation may only be filed by an NCAA member institution, not from a student-athlete.

Agents and Amateurism

If a student-athlete has dreams of playing at the professional level, IUPUI Compliance and the IUPUI Professional Sports Counseling Panel are here to help them reach those goals. However, it's important to protect the eligibility of elite student-athletes until they are ready to move to the professional ranks. Student-athletes may jeopardize their amateur status if they have inappropriate contact with an agent or their representative ("runner"). Loss of amateur status prohibits a student-athlete from competition in intercollegiate activities.

- A student athlete may not agree, orally or in writing, to be represented by an agent for the purpose of marketing their athletic ability or reputation in a sport, even if the agreement is for future representation.
- Student-athletes (or their relatives or friends) may not accept transportation or other benefits (e.g. dinner, lodging) from anyone who wishes to represent their athletic interests.
- Student-athletes may not receive any type of pay or enter into any kind of agreement to compete in professional athletics, either orally or in writing, regardless of the legal enforceability of that agreement.
- Student-athletes cannot endorse a commercial product, service, or establishment.

Further, a student-athlete is not eligible for participation in a sport if you have ever:

- Taken pay, or the promise of pay, for competing in that sport.
- Agreed (orally or in writing) to compete in professional athletics in that sport.
- Played on any professional athletics team as defined by the NCAA in that specific sport.
- Used your athletic skill for pay in any form in that sport.

Academics

All NCAA legislation surrounding academics are designed to support student-athlete graduation rates. Each student-athlete must meet NCAA and IUPUI academic requirements in order to practice, compete, and in some cases, receive financial aid. Each semester, every student is evaluated to ensure they continue to maintain progress towards earning a degree within 5 years. Please note that transfer student-athletes face additional academic standards, including increased credit requirements.

Credit Hour Requirements for Continuing Students

Generally, a student-athlete must be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies—12 credit hours per term. To be academically eligible for the next term, student-athletes must complete a minimum of 6 credits per term, not including summers, from the previous term. In addition, students must meet benchmarks based on the number of semesters they have been enrolled full-time.

- Prior to the **second year of enrollment**, student-athletes must complete a minimum of 24 credit hours, 18 of which must be earned during the academic year (fall and spring). AP, IB, and dual enrollment credit recognized by IUPUI can count towards these limits. Please note that remedial credit can count only if taken during the freshman year.
- Prior to the **third year of enrollment**, a student-athlete must declare a major. Student-athletes must have completed 40% of degree requirements AND must have earned 18 credits during the previous academic year (fall and spring). Six of those credits must be earned during the previous regular term (typically the spring).
- For their **fourth year of enrollment**, student-athletes must have completed 60% of degree requirements AND must have earned 18 credits during the previous academic year. Six of those credits must be earned during the previous regular term (typically the spring).
- For their **fifth year of enrollment**, if applicable, student-athletes must have completed 80% of degree AND must have earned 18 credits during the previous academic year. Six of those credits must be earned during the previous regular term (typically the spring).
- In cases where student-athletes graduate prior to exhausting their eligibility, students retain their eligibility provided they are enrolled full-time in a second baccalaureate degree or a graduate program.

GPA Requirements for Continuing Students

Student-athletes must be on track to graduate with the GPA required by their major. In addition, students must remain in good standing with the institution. Most majors at IUPUI require a 2.0 GPA for graduation.

- 90% of the GPA required for graduation for their second year of enrollment;
- 95% of the GPA required for graduation for their third year of enrollment;
- 100% of the GPA required for graduation for their fourth year of enrollment;
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See you at the End of Year team meetings in April!

Topics to be covered:

- Outside competition
- Financial aid
- Employment
- Drug testing

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San Diego basketball star gets 6 months in prison

SAN DIEGO (AP) -

Former University of San Diego basketball star Brandon Johnson was sentenced to six months in prison Friday for his role in a game-fixing scheme.

San Diego's all-time scoring and assists leader admitted unsuccessfully soliciting an unidentified player during the 2010-11 season, when he was no longer at the school. He insisted he never manipulated a game in which he played, though prosecutors alleged he sought to influence the outcome of games during his senior year.

U.S. District Judge Anthony Battaglia told Johnson, 26, that his record-setting career was tarnished, according to the U-T San Diego newspaper (<http://bit.ly/13uKfoc>).

"You disparaged the integrity of a university and disparaged the integrity of basketball," Battaglia said. "You'll keep the records, but like Pete Rose, Lance Armstrong and Roger Clemens you'll have some explaining to do," the judge added.

Johnson, who pleaded guilty in November to a conspiracy charge, is the highest profile of the 10 defendants indicted in 2011 as part of a conspiracy that included a game-fixing scheme, an illegal sports gambling operation and marijuana distribution. Eight have pleaded guilty and five have been sentenced.

The government asserted that Johnson profited \$5,000 to \$10,000 for altering "approximately four games" during the 2009-10 season.

The U-T reported that the government's sentencing memorandum included excerpts of secretly taped phone conversations in which Johnson says at one point, "Wish I woulda did every game."

Johnson also discusses a February 2010 game against Loyola Marymount in which he did not shoot late in a game that the government claims was fixed and resulted in an estimated \$70,000 worth of gambling profits for fellow conspirators. San Diego was favored by 3½ points and lost 72-69.

"Coach was like, how you ain't get a shot up," Johnson is quoted in the transcription of a call. "I'm in the locker room, like, You can say what you want, but that's a G (\$1,000) right there."

Federal prosecutors wanted a judge to sentence Johnson to a year in prison, according to the U-T. Johnson's attorney, Oliver Cleary, sought probation and no time in custody, saying his client should be sentenced only for trying to recruit the player after he left school.

"Because the player did not take the bait," Cleary said, "the offense remains a cautionary tale more than a tragic consequence. As such, it ranks in the relatively low category of offenses."

Johnson, who resides in Jersey Village, Texas, was ordered to report to prison on May 31. He has been free on bond. Johnson has been playing for the Sugar Land Legends of the minor-league American Basketball League while coaching with a youth club. According to court filings by his attorney, Johnson "has lost contracts to play basketball in China, Romania, Poland, Finland, two in Germany and Venezuela" since his arrest.

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Remember...

**RISK + REWARD + BETTING ON AN NCAA SPORT
= NCAA VIOLATION**