Recruiting & Amateurism Acknowledgments

HB 2615 - Oklahoma statute: Section 822.1 of title 70

E. Each public and private high school in this state shall at the beginning of each sports season advise in writing each student who participates in any athletic program sponsored by the school of the provisions of this section and shall provide each student with information concerning the effect of receiving money or other things of value on the future eligibility of the student to participate in intercollegiate athletics. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to intramural athletic programs sponsored by the school.

NCAA Amateurism

Amateur competition is a bedrock principle of college athletics and the NCAA. Maintaining amateurism is crucial to preserving an academic environment in which acquiring a quality education is the first priority. In the collegiate model of sports, the young men and women competing on the field or court are student’s first, athletes second.

The NCAA membership has adopted amateurism rules to ensure the students’ priority remains on obtaining a quality educational experience and that all of student-athletes are competing equitably.

All incoming student-athletes must be certified as amateurs. With global recruiting becoming more common, determining the amateur status of prospective student-athletes can be challenging. All student-athletes, including international students, are required to adhere to NCAA amateurism requirements to remain eligible for intercollegiate competition.

In general, amateurism requirements do not allow:
• Contracts with professional teams
• Salary for participating in athletics
• Play with professionals
• Tryouts, practice or competition with a professional team
• Benefits from an agent or prospective agent
• Agreement to be represented by an agent
• Delayed initial full-time collegiate enrollment to participate in organized sports competition

Prize money above actual and necessary expenses

OSSSA Rule 9

OSSAA recognizes that permitting member schools to recruit students as athletes would place undue emphasis on secondary school athletic activities, and might cause competitive imbalances among member schools, misdirection of scarce educational resources, and threats to the continued amateur standing of students. Accordingly, no member school is permitted to recruit a student to select or transfer to that school, or to encourage or allow others to do so on its behalf, based on that student’s skill, reputation, or experience in athletics.

This form is required to be completed annually prior to the athlete’s first practice and/or competition and be kept on file for one year beyond the date of signature in the principal’s office or the office designated by the principal.