

# **BIG 12 CONFERENCE**

**2012-13 HANDBOOK**



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## **SECTION 6**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

**6.1 Eligibility Rules.** A student-athlete must comply with appropriate minimum requirements of the NCAA and the Conference in order to be eligible for athletically-related aid, for practice, and/or for competition in any intercollegiate sport.

**6.1.1 Exception.** The Conference rules in Section 6 do not apply to a sport if the Conference neither sponsors a championship nor schedules competition.

**6.1.1.1 Letter of Intent.** The Conference shall be a participant in the National Letter of Intent Program, and the Member Institutions shall conform to the program's operating procedures.

**6.2 Qualifiers and Nonqualifiers.** A student-athlete who initially enrolls at a Conference Member Institution must meet NCAA initial eligibility requirements for qualifiers, prior to their initial enrollment, either full-time or part-time, at any collegiate institution or receive a fully-approved NCAA Initial-Eligibility Waiver to be eligible for financial aid and competition. These rules apply to all student-athletes initially enrolling at Conference Member Institutions, regardless of whether athletic or institutional financial aid is awarded.

*The following conference rule is applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full-time in a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2016.*

**6.2 Qualifiers and Nonqualifiers.** A student-athlete who initially enrolls at a Conference Member Institution must meet NCAA initial eligibility requirements for qualifiers (NCAA Bylaw 14.3.1.1) or academic redshirts (NCAA Bylaw 14.3.1.2), prior to their initial enrollment, either full-time or part-time, at any collegiate institution or receive a fully-approved NCAA Initial-Eligibility Waiver to be eligible for financial aid and competition. These rules apply to all student-athletes initially enrolling at Conference Member Institutions, regardless of whether athletic or institutional financial aid is awarded.

**6.2.1 Summer Term Prior to Initial Full-Time Enrollment Exception.** Summer enrollment prior to initial full-time enrollment does not constitute enrollment for the purposes of C.R. 6.2.

**6.2.2 Partially-Approved NCAA Initial-Eligibility Waiver Exception.** A nonqualifier student-athlete who has received a partially-approved NCAA Initial-Eligibility Waiver is eligible for financial aid and practice to the extent authorized by the NCAA Initial-Eligibility waiver decision.

**6.2.3 Transfer Student-Athletes - Nonqualifiers.**

**6.2.3.1 Four-Year College Transfers.** A nonqualifier who transfers from a four-year college (regardless of prior enrollment at any other collegiate

Institution) to a Conference Member Institution, shall not be eligible for financial aid or competition unless the following requirements have been met prior to enrollment at the Conference Member Institution:

- (a) Transferred from such four-year college after attendance there for at least three semesters (excluding summer terms) as a full-time student and there satisfactorily completed at least 36 semester hours of transferable degree credit with a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.0; and
- (b) Completed satisfactorily at any collegiate institution at least 48 semester hours of transferable degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree at the certifying institution with a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.0.

**6.2.3.1.1. 2-4-4 Transfers.** A nonqualifier who transfers from a two-year college to a non- Conference four-year institution and then to a Conference Member Institution shall not be eligible for financial aid or competition unless the student-athlete:

- (a) Met the requirements of C.R. 6.2.3.3 prior to enrollment at the non-Conference four-year institution; or
- (b) Met the requirements of C.R. 6.2.3.1 prior to enrollment at the Conference Member Institution.

**6.2.3.2 International Transfers.** An international transfer student-athlete shall be immediately eligible for financial aid, practice and competition, provided the student-athlete meets all NCAA four-year college transfer requirements. The student must demonstrate foreign residency and attendance at the foreign institution.

**6.2.3.3 Two-Year College Transfers.** A nonqualifier who transfers from a two-year college (regardless of prior enrollment at any other collegiate institution) to a Conference Member Institution, shall not be eligible for financial aid or competition unless all NCAA transfer requirements have been met prior to enrollment at the Conference Member Institution. A 4-2-4 college transfer student must also have completed satisfactorily at any collegiate institution at least 48 semester hours of transferable degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree at the certifying institution

*The following conference rule is applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full-time in a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2012.*

**6.2.3.3 Two-Year College Transfers.** A nonqualifier who transfers from a two-year college (regardless of prior enrollment at any other collegiate institution) to a Conference Member Institution, shall not be eligible for financial aid or competition unless they have met the NCAA transfer requirements per NCAA Bylaw 14.5.4.2.1 or 14.5.4.2.2 prior to enrollment at the Conference Member Institution. A 4-2-4 college transfer student must also have completed satisfactorily at any collegiate institution at least 48 semester hours of transferable degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree at the certifying institution.

**6.3 Intraconference Transfers.** The eligibility of a student-athlete who transfers directly or indirectly from one Conference Member Institution to another shall be determined by NCAA regulations and the following Conference requirements. In the event NCAA regulations require the student-athlete to complete one full academic year in residence before being eligible to compete in a sport, the student-athlete shall also forfeit one season of competition in that sport. The waiver of a NCAA transfer regulation for a student-athlete does not negate the need for a waiver of this section.

**6.3.1 4-2-4 Transfers.** A 4-2-4 transfer student-athlete who is in compliance with NCAA Bylaw 14.5.6 must complete one full academic year in residence before being eligible to compete in a sport and forfeit one season of competition unless, in sports other than football or basketball, the director of athletics of the Conference Member Institution of initial enrollment consents in writing to the student-athlete's enrollment at the second Conference Member Institution. Any consent given relating to the indirect intraconference transfer may be unconditional or conditioned on the student-athlete completing one full academic year in residence at the second conference Member Institution before competing.

**6.3.1.1 Hearing Opportunity.** If under C.R. 6.3.1, the director of athletics denies consent for a 4-2-4 transfer, the institution shall inform the student-athlete in writing that a hearing shall be provided upon request. If a hearing is requested, the hearing procedures established by the institution in conformity with NCAA legislation relating to the one-time transfer exception shall be applicable.

**6.3.2 Certification Form.** Prior to a student-athlete's transfer, the head coach, student-athlete and director of compliance shall sign the Conference C.R. 6.3.2 intraconference transfer form. The form shall remain on file at such institution.

**6.4 Hardship Waivers.** Member Institutions shall submit to the Commissioner or designee for approval all petitions for hardship waivers prior to July 15 following the academic year in which the injury or illness occurred (with the exception of the two-year transfer