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and photos; and any copied or original content, including video or photos taken by cell phones, video cameras, or other devices at live athletic events in the student-athlete's NIL promotional activities, without prior, express written consent from the institution/district and/or third-party media rights holder.

3. Prohibit student-athletes from engaging in NIL activities during official team activities (games, practices, etc.).
4. Provide educational programming to help current student-athletes with NIL rules compliance; reporting of NIL activities; and vetting of professional service providers.

G. Institutions may not:

1. Provide direct institutional involvement in the development, operation, promotion, or facilitation of current or prospective student-athlete NIL promotional arrangements, agreements or activities.
2. Permit any individual employed by, retained by, or serving in a volunteer capacity from arranging for, or serving as, a professional service provider for a current or prospective student-athlete; and institutions and institutional employees should only be permitted to assist in the vetting of professional service providers.

1.2 ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY *(Adopted & effective 7/16/15)*

In order to be eligible to compete while representing a CCCAA member institution, student-athletes must maintain their athletic eligibility at all times. Students will be deemed athletically ineligible upon completion of their 2nd season of sport specific competition. They may also be deemed athletically ineligible for providing incomplete or false information during the eligibility process, receiving impermissible benefits, committing violations of amateurism policies and any other provision of the CCCAA Constitution and Bylaws not covered under Bylaw 1.3. In addition there may be California State and/or institutional specific policies that may render a student-athlete athletically ineligible.

1.3 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY *(Adopted 4/2/15 effective 7/1/15)*

1.3.1 In order to be eligible for intercollegiate competition, a student-athlete must be continuously and actively enrolled and attending class in a minimum of 12 units at his/her California community college during the season of sport. Students dropping below 12 units are not eligible for competition until they are once again actively enrolled and attending class in at least 12 units. *(Revised 3/30/17 effective 7/1/17)*

- A. If the season of sport spans two (2) semesters or quarters, a student-athlete who did not reestablish eligibility or who dropped below 12 units at the end of the first semester or quarter cannot become eligible until the second semester or quarter has begun (first day of instruction) and the student is actively

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enrolled in at least 12 units. *(Revised 3/30/17 effective 7/1/17)*

- B. Of the 12 units, at least 9 shall be attempted in courses counting toward remediation, career technical education/certificate courses, associate degree requirements, transfer/general education, and/or lower division theoretical major preparation courses as defined by the college catalog and/or articulation agreements and be consistent with the student-athlete's educational plan. *(Adopted 4/4/08 effective 7/1/08)*
- C. Mini-course (less than semester/quarter in length) units shall be counted if the student is enrolled and attending classes or has completed the mini-course during the semester or quarter of the season of sport. Mini-course units in which the student expects to enroll and attend shall not be counted for purposes of athletic eligibility.
- D. Units from a course repeated to raise a grade of "D" or better may be used to satisfy Bylaw 1.3.1.
- E. A student must be registered, enrolled, and attending class no later than four (4) weeks after the first day of class instruction in order to represent that California community college in athletic competition during that season.
- F. For eligibility purposes (with the exception of the transfer rule), multi-college district students may count units from any of the colleges within that district.

1.3.2 In order to be eligible for competition at a California community college, the college administrative representative shall certify that the student-athlete has an abbreviated and/or comprehensive individual educational plan on file, by the following dates: *(Adopted 3/31/11 effective 7/1/11) (Revised 3/31/16 effective 7/1/16)*

- A. October 15 (of the given year) for those student-athletes whose first competition, in any sport, occurs during the fall academic term.
- B. March 1 (of the given year) for those student-athletes whose first competition, in any sport, occurs during the spring academic term.

1.3.3 In order to remain eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition a student-athlete has to successfully complete at least 6 units (semester or quarter) during the preceding academic term in which the student is enrolled as a full-time student at the certifying institution and must present a cumulative 2.0 GPA. The GPA calculation begins with and includes the units taken during the first semester/quarter of competition. Institutional verification for eligibility for continuing competition will be completed within one week of the posting of grades for the academic term by the institution. See Bylaw 1.3.1 for enrollment requirements during the season of competition. *(Adopted 4/4/14 effective 7/1/15) (Revised 6/19/14 effective 7/1/15) (Revised 4/2/15 effective 7/1/15) (Revised 3/30/17 effective 7/1/17)*

- A. If a student-athlete fails to meet the 6 units and/or 2.0 cumulative GPA requirement after the fall term, the student-athlete may use intersession courses from any accredited institution which are accepted by the certifying

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institution to make up the deficiency. *(Adopted 3/30/17 effective 7/1/17)*

- B. Student-athletes will not be eligible for the next term of competition until the intersession grades have been posted and their eligibility has been certified. *(Adopted 3/30/17 effective 7/1/17)*

1.4 ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATION

1.4.1 Conferences shall require each college to certify athletic eligibility as follows:

- A. Submitting a Form 1—Student Eligibility Report, for each student-athlete listed on the Form 3, to the conference commissioner’s office postmarked or emailed, prior to the first game, meet, or match. *(Adopted & effective 11/2/12) (Adopted 6/12/15 effective 7/1/15)*
- B. Submitting a Form 3—Team Eligibility, electronically via the CCCAA website for each team, prior to the first game, meet, or match. Addendums to Form 3 may be submitted electronically at a later date, but the student-athletes listed on the addendums are not eligible until the Form 3 has been updated. *(Adopted & effective 11/2/12) (Adopted 6/12/15 effective 7/1/15)*

1.4.2 Colleges are required to verify weekly that all student-athletes participating in CCCAA-sanctioned sports are in compliance with Bylaw 1.3.1. *(Adopted 4/3/09 effective 7/1/09)*

- A. Weekly verification shall occur for all sports between Monday at 6:00 am and Tuesday at 12:00 pm of each week during the season of sport.
- B. For those student-athletes not meeting the tenets of Bylaw 1.3.1, as discovered on the weekly verification day, the institution must determine if they participated in a contest(s)/date(s), while under the required unit standards.
- C. Student-athletes who did not participate in a contest(s)/date(s), are ineligible to participate further until they once again meet the unit standards.
- D. For the student-athlete(s) who did participate in a contest(s)/date(s) while under the required unit limits, the following penalty shall be assessed: The student-athlete(s) will be declared ineligible for at least as many contest(s)/date(s) as he/she participated in while under the required unit standards. At minimum, the student-athlete(s) will be declared ineligible until the day of the following weekly verification check (i.e., for a seven [7]-day period).
- E. Participation by a student-athlete who fell below the unit standards after the weekly check date, but prior to the following weekly check date, will incur no team penalty (i.e., no team forfeiture will be assessed).
- F. Errors in reporting eligibility status may be corrected prior to the next weekly check date and any student-athletes affected will be immediately eligible.

1.4.3 Within ten (10) working days after the end of the competitive season, colleges
