

## Educational Column - 1 Educational Column

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Impact of Delayed Collegiate Enrollment on Division III Eligibility Status (III)

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NCAA Division III institutions should note that pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 14.2.4.3, an individual who does not enroll in a collegiate institution as a full-time student from the date of the next opportunity for collegiate enrollment after high school graduation (or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility) shall use a season of intercollegiate participation for each calendar year or sport season (following that date) in which the individual has engaged in activities that meet the criteria set forth in Bylaw 14.2.4.3.2. In addition, the student must also fulfill a single academic year in residence prior to being eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition in that sport.

The list of activities found in Bylaw 14.2.4.3.2 should be used to determine whether the student who delayed collegiate enrollment would be charged with the season(s) of participation and be required to fulfill the year in residence.

An example of how the delayed enrollment rule would apply would be as follows: Hans, a hockey player from Sweden, graduates from the Swedish equivalent of high school in spring 2007. Hans does not enroll in college and plays on an organized Swedish hockey team during the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 hockey seasons that meets the criteria defined in Bylaw 14.2.4.3.2. Hans enrolls at a Division III member institution in the fall of 2009. Based on his participation for two years in organized competition that triggers the application of Bylaw 14.2.4.3, Hans would lose two seasons of participation. In addition, Hans must fulfill one academic year in residence prior to being eligible to compete in Division III. Therefore, Hans would be eligible for two seasons of participation in Division III beginning in the fall of 2010 (assuming he fulfills the residency requirement during the 2009-10 academic year).

[References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 14.2.4.3 (participation in organized competition prior to initial collegiate enrollment), 14.2.4.3.1 (academic year in residence) and 14.2.4.3.2 (activities constituting use of season).]

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### References

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