

March 6, 2026 – Eligibility Committee Meeting @ 1pm EST

1. Call to Order:

Rob Chaney, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM EST on March 6, 2026.

2. Roll Call:

Present: Chair: Rob Chaney, Division I Reps: Deron Clark (2023); Division II Reps: Brian Anweiler (2024); Division III Reps: Kristen Schuth (2024), Mike Belfiore (2025); PAC Rep: Dr. Tom Huebner Aspiring Leaders: Dane Vos, Bryan Nobile; Senior Men's Director: Dean Myrick; Senior Women's Director: Mary Young

Absent: Vice Chair: Troy Larson (2024), Division I Rep: Jeff Willis (2024), Division DI Rep: Christina Hundley (2024)

NJCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance: Wanda Bodey

Other NJCAA Staff Members in Attendance: Carly Pitts, Bobby Alexander, Tyler Broderick, Jeff White

3. Approval of Agenda: Rob Chaney approves starting the agenda breakdown at 1:02 PM EST

4. NJCAA National Office Updates

Wanda drops the new data that came out for March in the chat. Wanda also brings up the departure of Sam Lowder.

5. Tiered Sanctions Committee Update

Nothing new for tiered sanctions at this time.

6. Discussion Items

- a. Article V, Section 2.B (Entrance Eligibility)

Dean makes a motion to accept the proposal, Second by Deron

Dean makes the point that this mirrors the NCAA and a lot of NJCAA student-athletes transfer on to that level. This would add in consistency with the same game same rules that have been pushed.

Mike asks if the word recommended could be interpreted as not required. Rob Emphasizes that the wording was saying recommended options are the possible ways to attain proof of high school graduation which is required. Mike follows up by saying that there should be an OR, or something showing that everything below is an option. Kristen and Brian believe that there

should be wording identifying that the list is multiple ways to meet the requirement, but the OR may not be the best wording.

Rob breaks down the next piece regarding state recognized equivalency exam test results and diploma.

Brian asks if approval should be needed for the P-Tech programs. Wanda said it was added to verify the programs that student athletes were in the program and they complete the high school requirements prior to participating.

Rob goes into the proof of graduation for international students. The bylaw provides the option for a high number of evaluation agencies to be used for proof of graduation. Deron Clark says that this is most likely the best way to set the requirement.

Rob follows up with the homeschool proof of graduation area of proof of graduation. Rob investigated the NCAA requirements, and they have that requires verification. Rob asks the committee if documentation like that is already provided by the student athlete as Rob mentions it is in Florida. Kristen adds that New York is in the same situation. Brian adds that his school has additional requirements beyond those of the NJCAA.

Motion Passes Unanimously 6-0-0

Rob goes into the current bylaw for foreign transcripts and talks about striking 3 and 3.a and moving b, and moving c and d to a more appropriate area.

Kristen makes a motion to accept, Second by Deron

Motion passes unanimously 6-0-0

Rob asks what the recommendation for the effective date of this motion would be. Kristen adds that you are going to have to grandfather in the current freshman because no matter how far you push it off you will still be in the same boat.

b. Article V, Section 5.A.6 (Prep Schools/Post Grad/Academy)

Rob brings up the proposed language that was mentioned in the last meeting.

Mike explains the proposed language for Prep School participation. The idea is that why does it matter when the year of prep school participation occurs.

Rob brings up his conversation with Michelle who researched the topic. The NCAA does not mention prep schools but rather has delayed enrollment rules. Dean adds that this goes into the same idea as earlier with trying to be consistent with the NCAA and there could be unintentional consequences when a student athlete transfers. Mary agrees with Dean.

Rob asks Mike and Kristen if this happens more at the level of Division III. Kristen thinks that this is something that needs to be further discussed and the eligibility committee should be aligned with sports governance. Dean brings up that sports governance passed a proposal regarding scheduling prep schools.

Motion to move the proposal by Mike, second by Kristen

Kristen adds that this may not be something that needs to be done right now with sports governance sending some of those proposals through regarding prep schools.

Mike adds that he is willing to wait for the long game. Dean thinks that this should be tabled until the other proposals are passed. Kristen points out the hesitation from the group shows that this is something that should be waited on.

Mike withdraws his motion and Kristen withdraws her second.

c. Article VII, Section 1.B (Multi-Sport Participants)

Rob asks for a motion on the proposed wording. Rob reiterates that this rule is designed to clarify the counter rules for sports that are outside of the NJCAA. Rob brings up the example of beach volleyball and court volleyball and that there are a lot of institutions that may not understand the counter rule. Brian asks why the rule does not just say Letter of Intent. Wanda explains that a student-athlete receiving aid for a sport that is outside of the NJCAA which would require a Letter of Intent with the NJCAA, but that LOI can reflect no scholarship.

Jeff White asks if the NJCAA should consider roster limits and not scholarship limits.

Dean motions to approve the proposal, Second by Brian

Motion passed unanimously 6-0-0

a. Article V, Section 3.C.1

Rob explains the proposal of removing bowling from the transfer bylaw to allow for consistency.

Mike motions to approve the proposal, Second by Dean

Motion passed unanimously 6-0-0

2. Good of the Order

3. Next Meeting: Thursday, April 16, 10 AM EST

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Rob Chaney at 3:11 pm EST.

Following the meeting on Monday March 9, 2026 Rob Chaney sent an email to the group to seek approval on a recommendation for Article V, Section 2.B pending the entrance eligibility proposal passing.

If the Entrance Eligibility proposal passes, Wanda and Rob recommended the following change to Article V, Section 3.B.8.d (Page 21, under the audit section): Letter "d" simply becomes "Proof of High School Graduation" and refer users back to the bylaw (Article V, Section 2.B) - the remaining language is repetitive. Have it ready now rather than dealing with "Eligibility can only bring items forward for a vote in October/April..." after the fact.