

Brief Description:

This bylaw would update the definition of a season of participation. The bylaw would establish a blanket waiver for student-athletes that participate in fewer than 20% of competitions in their respective allowable sports schedule.

Effective Date:

Immediately

Current:

Article V Student-Athlete Eligibility

Section 5- Seasons of Eligibility

A.1. Participation in any fraction of any official contest during the academic year shall constitute one (1) season of participation in that sport.

Proposed:

Article V Student-Athlete Eligibility

Section 5- Seasons of Eligibility

A.1. Participation in 20% of the maximum allowable sports schedule (excluding scrimmages) will be charged a season of participation. Any participation in an NJCAA postseason shall result in a season of competition being charged.

Baseball	11 games	Golf	6 dates
Basketball	6 games	Half Marathon	1 race
Beach Volleyball (Fall)	1 game	Lacrosse	4 dates
Beach Volleyball (Spring)	3 games	Soccer	4 games
Bowling	4 dates	Softball	12 games
Competitive Cheer	1 date	Swimming	4 games
Clay Shooting	2 events	Tennis	7 dates
Cross Country (Fall)	2 dates	Track & Field	4 dates
Football	2 games	Volleyball	6 dates
Flag Football	3 games	Wrestling	4 dates

Recommendations:

- This bylaw be applicable retroactively only for the 2023-2024 sports season to ensure that all current NJCAA sophomore student-athletes have equal opportunity under the new bylaw.
- The NJCAA will provide a checklist similar to the Non-Participation list in the NJCAA administration eligibility website to track participants with less than 20% of the season played. A printed version of percentage of games played in the regular season will be computed on the Presto Sports website for all athletes.
 - Rationale: This policy would align with the NCAA qualifications for being charged with a full season of participation based on the percentage of the regular season games played.