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Submitting Committee Eligibility

Proposal Title/Topic Recertification

Type of Proposal Bylaw Change

Proposed Effective Date of Proposal August 1, 2026

Rationale for Proposal Due to the ambiguity of what different schools consider to be the “last day” of a term, this provides an easier benchmark for all member institutions. Additionally, the recertification process cannot begin until grades are posted, making this a user-friendly definition.

Please specify the NJCAA Handbook section(s) affected Article V, Section 3.B.2.b

Current NJCAA Handbook Language b. Recertification: If the regular season schedule of a sport extends beyond the last day of a term and continues beyond the 20th day following the end of the term, a second eligibility roster for that sport must be submitted prior to participation in the first contest outside of the 20 calendar days after the term.

Proposed NJCAA Handbook Language b. Recertification: If the regular season of a sport extends beyond the last day of the term, defined as the date grades are due at the respective member institution, and continues beyond the 20th calendar day following the last day of the term, a second eligibility roster must be submitted prior to participation in the first contest after the 20-calendar day window is complete.

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SUBMITTED BY: Eligibility Committee

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RECOMMENDATION

- b. **Recertification:** If the regular season of a sport extends beyond the last day of the term, **defined as the date grades are due at the respective member institution**, and continues beyond the 20th **calendar** day following the last day of the term, a second eligibility roster must be submitted prior to participation in the first contest **after the 20-calendar day window is complete**.

APPROVED

NJCAA Eligibility Committee, January 9, 2026

EFFECTIVE DATE

August 1, 2026