



# REVIEW OF BIG 12 CONFERENCE RULES





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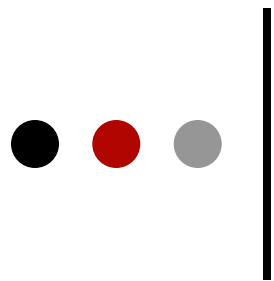


# Introduction



# Big 12 Conference Council of Faculty Athletics Representatives

- The FAR Council strongly encourages all institutions to provide rules education on Conference eligibility requirements to ensure that all individuals who are involved in eligibility matters fully understand these requirements.



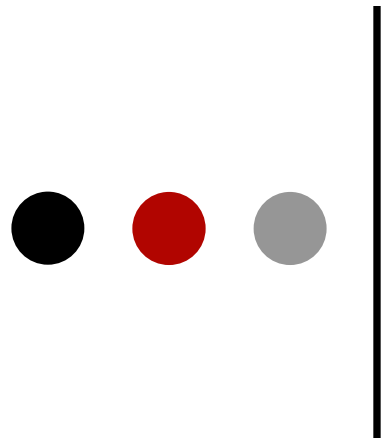
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- The FAR Council has placed significant importance on the application of C.R. 6.2 and the inherent risks associated with allowing a nonqualifier to trigger enrollment prior to receiving an NCAA initial-eligibility decision.
- The FAR Council has underscored that the institution runs the risk of jeopardizing a student-athlete's eligibility under C.R. 6.2 if it knowingly permits a nonqualifier to enroll.



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- Further, the FAR Council advises that an institution should always proceed with caution and it should not assume that a waiver will be granted by the FAR Council.
- The FAR Council does not look favorably on Conference waiver requests related to an enrollment decision predicated upon receiving a favorable NCAA initial-eligibility decision. Such requests will not be granted absent compelling extenuating circumstances. The Council further indicated that the institution bears the responsibility of explaining the rules and the inherent risks related to the waiver process.



General Eligibility



# ● ● ● | **C.R. 6.1 – Eligibility Rules**

- **C.R. 6.1:** “A student-athlete must comply with appropriate minimum requirements of the NCAA and the Conference in order to be eligible for athletically-related aid, for practice, and/or competition in any intercollegiate sport.”
- Big 12 Conference eligibility rules are intended to apply to all student-athletes initially enrolling at Big 12 institutions, regardless of whether athletically-related or institutional financial aid is awarded.



## C.R. 6.1.1 – Exception

- **C.R. 6.1.1:** “The Conference rules in Section 6 do not apply to a sport if the Conference neither sponsors a championship nor schedules competition.”
- The Big 12 Conference sponsors a championship or schedules competition in the following sports:
  - Baseball
  - M & W Basketball
  - Football
  - M & W Golf
  - W Gymnastics
  - W Soccer
  - Softball
  - M & W Swimming & Diving
  - M & W Tennis
  - M & W Track & Field/ Cross Country
  - Wrestling
  - W Volleyball

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Initial Eligibility



## C.R. 6.2 – Qualifiers and Nonqualifiers

- **C.R. 6.2:** “A student-athlete who initially enrolls at a Conference Member Institution must meet NCAA initial eligibility requirements for qualifiers, prior to their initial enrollment, either full-time or part-time, at any collegiate institution to be eligible for financial aid and competition.
  - ☞ NOTE: Big 12 rules adhere to NCAA regulations which do not permit nonqualifiers to practice during their first academic year in residence at the institution; however they are permitted to practice thereafter.
- These rules apply to all student-athletes initially enrolling at Conference Member Institutions, regardless of whether athletic or institutional aid is awarded.”
  - ☞ NOTE: Either full-time OR part-time



# C.R. 6.2 and Initial Eligibility Certification

- SA did not register with the Eligibility Center prior to initial collegiate enrollment.
- SA registers with the Eligibility Center at some point after his or her initial collegiate enrollment and is certified as a qualifier.
- **SA is eligible for financial aid and competition per C.R. 6.2.**
- The SA must generally be certified as a qualifier based on his or her academic credentials (core course, GPA and test score) in place prior to enrollment (part-time or full-time) at any collegiate institution (two-year or four-year) to be eligible for financial aid and competition. Final certification by the Eligibility Center could occur after such enrollment.
- However to the extent possible, institutions are strongly encouraged to obtain certification status by the Eligibility Center prior to enrollment.



## C.R. 6.2 and Initial Eligibility Certification

- SA has been in residence at a member institution for at least one academic year and did not register with the Eligibility Center prior to initial collegiate enrollment.
- Institution determines that SA met all initial eligibility requirements of a qualifier prior to initial collegiate enrollment
- **SA eligible for financial aid and competition per C.R. 6.2.**



## C.R. 6.2 and NCAA Initial-Eligibility Waivers

- Student-athlete is certified as a **nonqualifier**
- Institution submits an initial-eligibility waiver to the NCAA
- If initial-eligibility waiver is **granted** (Qualifier)
  - **Eligible for financial aid, practice and competition**



# C.R. 6.2 and NCAA Initial-Eligibility Waivers

- If initial-eligibility waiver is **partially-approved** (Nonqualifier + athletics aid and/or practice during first year)
  - **Never eligible for financial aid and competition, unless a waiver is granted by the Big 12 FARs.**
- If initial-eligibility waiver is **denied** (Nonqualifier)
  - **Never eligible for financial aid and competition, unless a waiver is granted by the Big 12 FARs.**
  - Not eligible for practice under NCAA rules during first academic year in residence



# CASE STUDY – C.R. 6.2

## Chris – Swimming & Diving

|  |   |               |
|--|---|---------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Graduated from high school.</li><li>• Certified by the Eligibility Center as a nonqualifier.</li></ul>   |   |               |
|  | <b>Fall</b>                             | <b>Spring</b> |
| <b>2006-07</b>   | 12 hours (FT)<br>University of Nebraska |               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nebraska submitted an NCAA initial-eligibility waiver (IEW).</li><li>• The IEW is partially-approved to allow <u>financial aid only</u> in his first year at Nebraska.</li></ul> |   |               |

- Will Chris ever be eligible to compete and receive athletics aid at a Big 12 institution?
  - **NO – per C.R. 6.2, unless a waiver is approved by the Big 12 FARs.**



# CASE STUDY – C.R. 6.2

## Kelly – Equestrian

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|--|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Graduated from high school.</li><li>• Certified by the Eligibility Center as a nonqualifier.</li></ul> |  |   |
|  | <b>Fall</b>  | <b>Spring</b>   |
| <b>2006-07</b>   | 12 hours (FT)<br>Oklahoma State University<br>(Did not participate)  | 12 hours (FT)<br>Oklahoma State University<br>(Did not participate) |
| <b>2007-08</b>   | 15 hours (FT)<br>Oklahoma State University<br>(Walks-on to the team) |   |

- Is Kelly eligible to practice, compete and receive athletics aid during the 2007-08 academic year?
  - **YES – per C.R. 6.1.1, the Conference rules in Section 6 (qualifier status) do not apply to Kelly since she participates in a sport that the Big 12 Conference does not sponsor a championship or schedule competition.**

# ● ● ● | C.R. 6.2 and Receipt of Summer Financial Aid Prior to Initial Enrollment

- Prospects may receive aid prior to initial, full-time collegiate enrollment under the provision set forth in **Bylaw 15.2.8.1.4**, even if the PSA is later determined to be ineligible for such financial aid under Big 12 C.R. 6.2
- The Conference does not require final certification by the Eligibility Center prior to the start of an institution's summer term for SAs who are receiving such aid
  - 👉 Note: This exception is for the summer term only

# ● ● ● | C.R. 6.2 and Receipt of Summer Financial Aid Prior to Initial Enrollment

- ☞ Note: This is an exception to C.R. 6.2 ONLY and does not constitute an exception for any other Conference rule (e.g., nonqualifier transfer requirements, intraconference transfer requirements)
- Per NCAA Bylaw 14.5.2-(h) (Conditions Affecting Transfer Status), a student that receives institutional financial aid while attending the summer term (e.g., Bylaw 15.2.8.1.4) triggers transfer status
  - Exception: If a student is denied admission to the institution for full-time enrollment shall be permitted to enroll at another institution without being considered a transfer student



# CASE STUDY – Summer Aid

## Dan – Outdoor Track

- Graduated from high school.
- Certification status at the Eligibility Center is pending.
- Enrolls in the summer II term and receives athletics aid to attend summer school at Texas A&M.
- Prior to the fall 2006 term, he was certified as a nonqualifier by the Eligibility Center.
- So as to not trigger C.R. 6.2, he does not enroll at Texas A&M for the fall and decides to enroll at a two-year college, Navarro College.

|                | Summer                                    | Fall                                      | Spring                                    |
|----------------|---|---|---|
| <b>2006-07</b> | 6 hours (2.0 GPA)<br>Texas A&M University | 15 hours (FT, 2.0 GPA)<br>Navarro College | 12 hours (FT, 2.5 GPA)<br>Navarro College |
| <b>2007-08</b> | 6 hours (2.2 GPA)<br>Navarro College      | 15 hours (FT, 2.2 GPA)<br>Navarro College | University of Texas                       |

- Has 48 hours of transferable degree credit with a cumulative GPA of 2.23.
- Graduated from Navarro College with an AA degree.
- The AD at Texas A&M does not give him consent to enroll at Texas.

- Is Dan eligible for competition at Texas in the spring 2008 term?
  - **NO – per C.R. 6.3.1, he is considered an intraconference transfer and must complete one full academic year in residence before being eligible to compete and must forfeit one season of competition.**



Transfer Eligibility  
Nonqualifier 4-yr Transfer

# C.R. 6.2.1.1 – Nonqualifier 4-yr Transfer

- o C.R. 6.2.1.1: “A nonqualifier who transfers from a four-year collegiate institution (regardless of prior enrollment at other collegiate institution) to a Conference Member Institution shall not be eligible for financial aid or competition unless the following requirements have been met prior to enrollment at the Conference Member Institution:
  - a. Transferred from such four-year institution after attendance there for at least **three** semesters (excluding summer terms) as a full-time student and satisfactorily completed at least **36** semester hours of transferable degree credit with a minimum cumulative GPA of **2.0**; and
  - b. Completed satisfactorily at any collegiate institution at least **48** semesters hours of transferable degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree at the certifying institution with a minimum cumulative GPA of **2.0**.”

(☞ **NOTE: more restrictive than NCAA 14.5.5.1.1**)



# CASE STUDY – C.R. 6.2.1.1

## Tom – Track & Field

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Graduated from high school.</li><li>• Certified by the Eligibility Center as a nonqualifier.</li></ul> |   |   |  |
|  | <b>Fall</b>                                       | <b>Spring</b>                                     | <b>Summer</b>                                |
| <b>2005-06</b>   | Not enrolled                                      | Not enrolled                                      | 6 hours (2.5 GPA)<br>University of Minnesota |
| <b>2006-07</b>   | 15 hours (FT, 2.6 GPA)<br>University of Minnesota | 18 hours (FT, 2.0 GPA)<br>University of Minnesota | 9 hours (2.0 GPA)<br>University of Minnesota |
| <b>2007-08</b>   | Baylor University                                 |   |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Has 48 hours of transferable degree credit with a cumulative GPA of 2.25.</li></ul>                    |   |   |  |

- Is Tom eligible for financial aid and competition at Baylor?
  - **NO – per C.R. 6.2.1.1, he did not attend Minnesota for at least three full-time semesters (excluding summer terms).**



# CASE STUDY – C.R. 6.2.1.1

## Patty - Volleyball

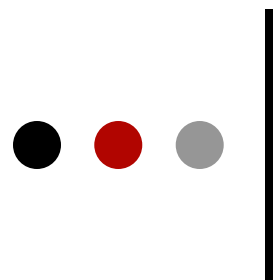
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Graduated from high school.</li><li>• Certified by the Eligibility Center as a nonqualifier.</li></ul>  |  |  |
|   | <b>Fall</b>                                    | <b>Spring</b>                                  |
| <b>2005-06</b>  | 12 hours (FT, 3.0 GPA)<br>Blinn Junior College | 16 hours (FT, 2.6 GPA)<br>Blinn Junior College |
| <b>2006-07</b>  | 12 hours (FT, 2.0 GPA)<br>University of Miami  | 12 hours (FT, 2.4 GPA)<br>University of Miami  |
| <b>2007-08</b>  | Iowa State University                          |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Has 28 hours of transferable degree credit from Blinn and 24 hours of transferable degree credit from from Miami (52 hours total) with a cumulative GPA of 2.5.</li></ul> |  |  |

- Is Patty eligible for financial aid and competition at Iowa State?
  - **NO – per C.R. 6.2.1.1, she did not attend Miami for at least three full-time semesters and she did not transfer at least 36 semester hours from Miami.**



Transfer Eligibility

Nonqualifier International  
Transfer



## **C.R. 6.2.1.1.1 – International Transfer**

- **C.R. 6.2.1.1.1:** “An international transfer student-athlete shall be immediately eligible for financial aid, practice and competition, provided the student-athlete meets all NCAA four-year college transfer requirements. The student must demonstrate foreign residency and attendance at the foreign institution.”



Transfer Eligibility  
Nonqualifier 2-yr Transfer



## C.R. 6.2.1.2 – Nonqualifier 2-yr Transfer

- o C.R. 6.2.1.2: “A nonqualifier who transfers from a two-year college (regardless of prior enrollment at any other collegiate institution) to a Conference Member Institution, shall not be eligible for financial aid or competition unless the following requirements have been met prior to enrollment at the Conference Member Institution:
  - a. Graduated with an **AA degree or equivalent degree in an academic or technical**, rather than a vocational, curriculum.
  - b. Completed satisfactorily at any collegiate institution at least **48** semester hours of transferable degree credit accepted toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution with a minimum cumulative GPA of **2.0.**”



# CASE STUDY – C.R. 6.2.1.2

## Mario – Golf

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Graduated from high school.</li><li>• Certified by the Eligibility Center as a nonqualifier.</li></ul>   |  |  |
|  | <b>Fall</b>                                    | <b>Spring</b>                                  |
| <b>2005-06</b>   | 15 hours (FT) (2.5 GPA)<br>Mesa Junior College | 12 hours (FT) (2.6 GPA)<br>Mesa Junior College |
| <b>2006-07</b>   | 15 hours (FT) (2.4 GPA)<br>Mesa Junior College | Kansas State University                        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Has 42 hours of transferable degree credit from Mesa with a 2.5 cumulative GPA.</li><li>• Did not receive an AA or equivalent degree in an academic or technical curriculum from Mesa.</li></ul> |  |  |

- Is Mario eligible for financial aid and competition at Kansas State?
  - **NO – per C.R. 6.2.1.2, he did not earn an AA degree at the junior college and he did not satisfactorily complete 48 semester hours of transferable degree credit with a 2.0 GPA prior to transferring to Kansas State.**



# CASE STUDY – C.R. 6.2.1.2

## Betty – Softball

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Graduated from high school.</li><li>• Certified by the Eligibility Center as a nonqualifier.</li></ul> |   |  |   |
|  | <b>Fall</b>                                       | <b>Spring</b>                                    | <b>Summer</b>                               |
| <b>2005-06</b>   | 12 hours (FT, 2.4 GPA)<br>University of Michigan  | 15 hours (FT, 2.8 GPA)<br>Navarro Junior College | 6 hours (2.5 GPA)<br>Navarro Junior College |
| <b>2006-07</b>   | 15 hours (FT) (2.6 GPA)<br>Navarro Junior College | University of Texas                              |   |

- What requirements does Betty need to fulfill before she can transfer and be immediately eligible at Texas?
  - Must graduate with an AA or equivalent degree in an academic or technical, rather than vocational, curriculum.
  - Must successfully complete a minimum of 48 semester hours with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 of transferable degree credit accepted toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution.



Transfer Eligibility  
Intraconference Transfer



# C.R. 6.3 – Intraconference Transfers

**(Transferring from one Big 12 Institution to another)**

- **C.R. 6.3:** “The eligibility of a student-athlete who transfers **directly or indirectly** from one Conference Member Institution to another shall be determined by NCAA regulations and the following Conference requirements.
- In the event NCAA regulations require the student-athlete to complete one full academic year in residence before being eligible to compete in a sport, the student-athlete shall also forfeit one season of competition in that sport.
- The waiver of an NCAA transfer regulation for a student-athlete does not negate the need for a waiver of this section.”



## C.R. 6.3 and Waiver of an NCAA Transfer Regulation

- When applying C.R. 6.3, “NCAA transfer status” is the student-athlete’s status before receiving any NCAA transfer waivers. Therefore, if a student-athlete is immediately eligible upon transferring ONLY because he or she received an NCAA waiver (e.g., Administrative Review Subcommittee), then he/she must forfeit a season of competition per C.R. 6.3.
  - ☞ NOTE: This does not apply for NCAA transfer exceptions as defined in Bylaw 14.5.



# CASE STUDY – C.R. 6.3

## Andrew – Football

|         | Fall                            | Spring            |
|---------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 2005-06 | Baylor University<br>(Competed) | Baylor University |
| 2006-07 | Baylor University<br>(Competed) | Baylor University |
| 2007-08 | Oklahoma State University       |                   |

- Is Andrew eligible to compete during the 2007-08 academic year?
  - **NO – Andrew is required to serve an academic year in residence upon transferring to Oklahoma State during the 2007-08 academic year. (Ref: NCAA Bylaw 14.5.1 and C.R. 6.3)**
- How many seasons of eligibility will Andrew have remaining after the 2007-08 academic year?
  - **ONE (1) – per C.R. 6.3, Andrew must forfeit one season of competition.**



# CASE STUDY – C.R. 6.3

## Natalie – Tennis

|                | Fall                                 | Spring                               |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>2005-06</b> | University of Missouri<br>(Competed) | University of Missouri<br>(Competed) |
| <b>2006-07</b> | University of Missouri<br>(Competed) | University of Missouri<br>(Competed) |
| <b>2007-08</b> | Texas Tech University                |                                      |

• Missouri granted the One-Time Transfer Exception per NCAA Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10.

- Is Natalie eligible to compete during the 2007-08 academic year?
  - **YES – per C.R. 6.3, Natalie is immediately eligible to compete upon transferring to Texas Tech since Missouri granted her the one-time transfer exception.**
- Because Natalie is transferring to one Big 12 school to another, is she required to forfeit one season of competition per C.R. 6.3?
  - **NO – Because Natalie is immediately eligible under NCAA transfer regulations (one-time transfer exception), per C.R. 6.3 she is not required to forfeit a season of competition.**



## **C.R. 6.3.1 – 4-2-4 Transfers**

- **C.R. 6.3.1:** “A 4-2-4 transfer student-athlete, who is in compliance with NCAA Bylaw 14.5.6, must complete one full academic year in residence before being eligible to compete in a sport and must forfeit one season of competition unless, in sports other than football or basketball, the director of athletics of the Conference Member Institution of initial enrollment consents in writing to the student-athlete’s enrollment at the second Big 12 Conference institution.
- Any consent given relating to the indirect transfer may be unconditional or conditioned on the student-athlete completing one full academic year in residence at the second Conference Member Institution.”



# CASE STUDY – C.R. 6.3.1

## Collin – Basketball

|                | Fall                                   | Spring                                 |
|----------------|--|--|
| <b>2005-06</b> | University of Kansas<br>(Competed)     | University of Kansas<br>(Competed)     |
| <b>2006-07</b> | Butler Community College<br>(Competed) | Butler Community College<br>(Competed) |
| <b>2007-08</b> | Texas A&M University                   |  |

• Per NCAA 4-2-4 transfer rules, he is immediately eligible upon transferring.  
• The athletics director at Kansas provided written permission for Collin to be immediately eligible at Texas A&M.

- Is Collin required to complete an academic year in residence at Texas A&M?
  - **YES – per C.R. 6.3.1, he must complete an academic year in residence since he participates in the sport of basketball, regardless if he meets NCAA 4-2-4 transfer rules.**
- How many seasons of eligibility will Collin have remaining after the 2007-08 academic year?
  - **ONE (1) – per C.R. 6.3.1, he must also forfeit one season of competition.**



# CASE STUDY – C.R. 6.3.1

## Robin – Golf

|                | Fall                                       | Spring                                     |
|----------------|--|--|
| <b>2005-06</b> | Iowa State University<br>(Competed)        | Iowa State University<br>(Competed)        |
| <b>2006-07</b> | Iowa Lakes Community College<br>(Competed) | Iowa Lakes Community College<br>(Competed) |
| <b>2007-08</b> | University of Nebraska                     |  |

• Per NCAA 4-2-4 transfer rules, she is immediately eligible upon transferring.  
• The athletics director at Iowa State provided written permission for Robin to be immediately eligible at Nebraska.

- Is Robin required to complete an academic year in residence at Nebraska?
  - **NO – per C.R. 6.3.1, she is not required to complete an academic year in residence since she participates in a sport other than basketball and football and because the athletics director at Iowa State consented in writing to the student-athlete's enrollment at Nebraska.**
- Is Robin required to forfeit one season of eligibility?
  - **NO – per C.R. 6.3.1, she is not required to forfeit a season of eligibility since the athletics director at Iowa State consented in writing to the student-athlete's enrollment at Nebraska.**



## **Conference Rule 6.3.1.1 – Hearing Opportunity**

- **C.R. 6.3.1.1:** “If, under C.R. 6.3.1, the director of athletics denies consent for a 4-2-4 transfer, the institution shall inform the student-athlete in writing that a hearing shall be provided upon request. If a hearing is requested, the hearing procedures established by the institution in conformity with NCAA legislation relating to the one-time transfer exception shall be applicable.”



## Conference Rule 6.3.2 – Certification Form

- **C.R. 6.3.2:** “Prior to a student-athlete’s transfer from one Big 12 institution to another, the head coach, student-athlete and director of compliance shall sign a Conference prescribed C.R. 6.3.2 intraconference transfer form. The form shall remain on file at such institution.”



Questions?