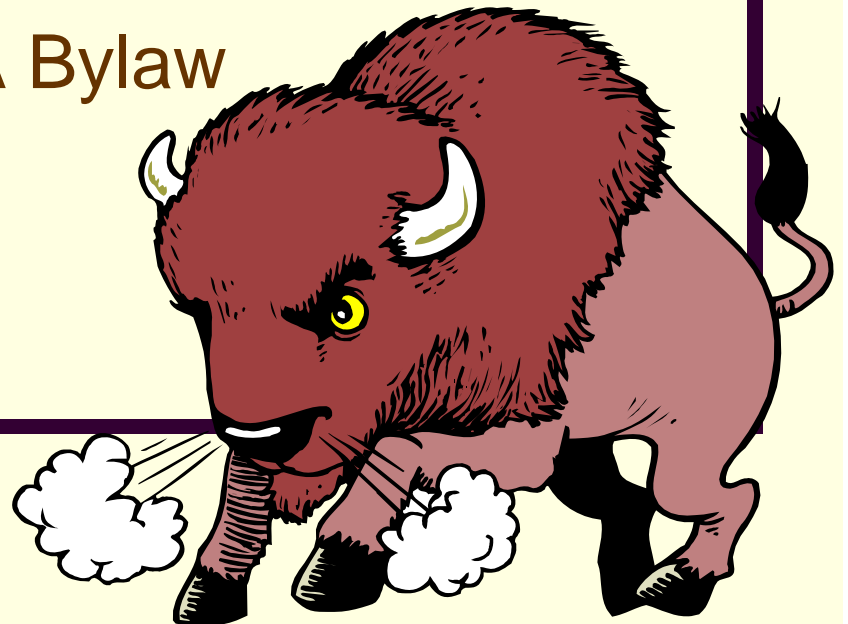


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# Ralphie's "Hot Topic"

Review of an NCAA Bylaw  
August 2008



# AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION

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- The NCAA has released a blanket waiver to all of its Division I schools regarding Amateurism Certification.
- The waiver allows first-time NCAA student-athletes to practice while they are waiting for their **amateurism certification** only.
- This blanket waiver is valid for the 2008-09 academic year ONLY.

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- This waiver applies to BOTH recruited and non-recruited student-athletes.
- Two criteria need to be met for a student-athlete for this waiver:
  - The student-athlete must be otherwise eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics (e.g. certified a “qualifier.”)
  - The student-athlete must be on our Institutional Request List (IRL)

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- If a student-athlete meets the previous two criteria, then he/she is not subject to the usual 14 or 45-day limits on incoming student-athletes
  - Once again, this only is the case if the student-athlete's Amateurism Certification is the final piece remaining of his/her certification.

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- The incoming student-athlete **must** request their final amateurism certification be performed by the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- Also, this waiver does **NOT** allow the student-athlete to compete. It only allows him/her to practice.

## **Here is the NCAA Bylaws we are citing**

- **12.1.1.1.3.1 Temporary certification—  
recruited student-athlete**
- **12.1.1.1.3.2 Temporary certification—  
nonrecruited student-athlete**