A student-athlete shall be granted eligibility to represent a member college in an NWAC-sanctioned athletic contest provided they meet the provisions outlined below.

- The student-athlete shall be a high school graduate, or the class year of which they were a member shall have graduated.
- The student-athlete shall be enrolled in an NWAC member college within twenty (20) calendar school days from the beginning of the quarter to participate during that quarter. This provision shall apply for all terms - fall, winter, spring, and summer. Should the term involve a split session, this provision shall apply from the first day of class of the first session.
- The student-athlete shall not have participated in any one sport for more than two (2) seasons at any post-secondary educational institution. After a student-athlete completes two (2) seasons of participation at a NWAC member institution and transfers and competes in another intercollegiate program, he or she may not compete further at any NWAC institution.
- The student-athlete shall be officially enrolled in a minimum of twelve (12) quarter credit hours or the equivalent of classes as defined in the curriculum of the member college during the sport season in which they participate. Such enrollment shall be required for non-conference and post-season participation.
- For any student-athlete who has never participated in collegiate athletics and used college eligibility in a sport, there will be no credit requirement from the previous quarter/semester. Any student-athlete at any member institution or transferring into any member institution who has played a year in a sport, will be required to have passed twelve (12) or more credits the previous term prior to being eligible their second season of participation in that sport or their first season of a different sport.

Note: The twelve (12) credit previous term rule would not apply to any student-athlete who participated outside of the NWAC in one sport but transfers to an NWAC institution to participate in another sport where Article III, section F. 1 would apply.

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To qualify for eligibility to participate in a second (2nd) season of any sport, a student-athlete must:
- Have earned a minimum of thirty-six (36) quarter credit hours or the equivalent, beginning with and including the first quarter (the quarter of the sport season’s official start date) of the first season of participation. (NOTE: Credits from a course repeated to raise a grade of D or higher do not count toward the 36 credit requirement)
- Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 during any quarter of participation. The 2.00 GPA must be for all college credits attempted and earned beginning with the first academic quarter of enrollment in the first year of participation.