MINIMUM QUALIFYING STANDARDS POLICY

CAA Football and its member institutions reaffirm their commitment to maintain the vital role of intercollegiate athletics as an ongoing and integral part of the educational program and the student-athlete as a major part of the student body. Toward this end, each and every CAA Football intercollegiate athletic program shall be maintained in a manner that is consistent with policies and procedures of the NCAA, CAA Football as well as their institution’s standards of admission, academic standing and academic progress. Specifically, the following is hereby resolved regarding minimum qualifying standards:

1. A RECRUITED student-athlete who does not achieve the NCAA academic minimum qualifying standards (non-qualifier) for athletic competition upon initial full-time enrollment at a CAA Football member institution shall not be permitted to compete in athletics at a CAA Football institution.

2. A NON-RECRUITED student-athlete who does not achieve the NCAA academic minimum qualifying standards (non-qualifier) for athletic competition upon initial full-time enrollment at a CAA Football member institution shall be permitted to compete in athletics at a CAA Football institution, provided the student-athlete has served two years in residency at the institution.

3. A committee, appointed by the BOD Executive Committee and comprised of three CAA Football Faculty Athletic Representatives, can upon request by a member institution review unique situations and make rare exceptions to the CAA Football non-qualifier policy for students initially enrolled full-time at a member institution with the belief that they had clearly reached NCAA minimum qualifying standards, and subsequent to their initial enrollment, are determined by NCAA Eligibility Center to be non-qualifiers.

4. In order for a non-qualifier out of high school to be eligible to transfer to a CAA Football institution from a two-year junior college, he or she must first graduate with an associate’s degree and meet all NCAA and member institution’s minimal eligibility regulations. If these standards are met, the student-athlete shall then be eligible for financial aid, practice and athletic competition at a CAA Football member institution.

5. In order for a non-qualifier out of high school to be eligible to transfer to a CAA Football institution from a non-CAA Football four-year institution(s), he or she must have completed a year of residency at the non-CAA Football institution(s) and meet all NCAA and member institution’s minimal eligibility regulations. If these standards are met, the student-athlete shall then be eligible for financial aid, practice and athletic competition at a CAA Football member institution.
6. In order for a non-qualifier out of high school to be eligible to transfer to a CAA Football institution, a student athlete initially enrolled at a non-CAA Football four-year institution who later transferred to a two-year institution can become eligible for enrollment at a member institution provided he or she meets all NCAA and member institution’s minimal eligibility regulations. If these standards are met, the student-athlete shall be then eligible for financial aid, practice and athletic competition at a CAA Football member institution.

7. It is also hereby understood that the NCAA Division I Initial-Eligibility Waivers Committee is empowered to declare student-athletes eligible for competition, practice and/or financial aid who otherwise by definition do not meet NCAA minimum academic qualifying standards. In such cases, these students shall be permitted to enroll at CAA Football member institutions.

8. A student that achieves the NCAA academic minimum qualifying standards after they have graduated from high school but prior to initial full-time enrollment (i.e., attends a prep school, attends a community college part time, retakes a standardized test to achieve a better score) would be permitted to initially enroll at a CAA Football member institution and participate in athletics.

9. The CAA Minimum Qualifying Standards policy does NOT apply to a non-qualifier that meets the requirements for an “Academic Redshirt” per NCAA Bylaw 14.3.1.2.