



Club Sports

We appreciate your participation in club sports here at Messiah University. We would like to make you aware that once you have participated in a club sports team that we, as an athletics department, sponsor you will use a year of possible eligibility in that sport. Please be mindful of this should you ever want to pursue trying out for our intercollegiate team or transferring to another institution to participate in sports. Below are the NCAA DIII Bylaws that apply to this regulation.

14.2.4.5 Intercollegiate Participation. A student-athlete is considered to have engaged in a season of intercollegiate participation when they compete in an athletics event involving any one of the conditions characterizing intercollegiate participation (per Bylaw 14.02.6 and 14.2.4.1). *(Revised: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04 for any athletics participation occurring on or after 8/1/04, 4/20/21)*

14.02.6 Intercollegiate Competition. Intercollegiate competition is considered to have occurred when a student-athlete in either a two-year or a four-year collegiate institution does any of the following: *(Revised: 1/10/95, 4/29/04)*

(a) Competes while representing the institution in any contest against outside competition, regardless of how the competition is classified (e.g., scrimmage, exhibition or joint practice session with another institution's team) or whether the student is enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies; *(Revised: 1/10/91, 4/29/04)*

(b) Competes in the uniform of the institution or, during the academic year, uses any apparel (excluding apparel no longer used by the institution) or equipment received from the institution that includes institutional identification (see Bylaw 16.11.1.9 for regulations governing the use of equipment during the summer); or *(Revised: 1/16/93, 1/11/94)*

(c) Competes and receives expenses (e.g., transportation, meals, room or entry fees) from the institution for the competition.

14.02.6.1 Exempted Events. Participation in events listed in Bylaws 16.8.1.3-(a) and (b) are exempted from the application of this legislation. *(Revised: 1/10/92)*

14.02.6.2 Club Team. Participation on either a two-year or a four-year collegiate institution's club team is exempted from the application of this legislation, provided the institution does not sponsor the sport on the varsity intercollegiate level. *(Adopted: 1/12/04, Revised: 5/14/09)*