

# Eligibility Rules

Eligibility for intercollegiate squash competition shall be determined by each College Squash Association member institution in accordance with **NCAA rules**.

These rules are complex, and they are different for each NCAA Division.

**Elected Member Institutions (Varsity Teams)**: Any questions about eligibility should be referred to an institution's NCAA compliance staff member for a ruling.

What follows is a brief overview of NCAA eligibility rules:

- NCAA Division I: First year graduate students may be eligible if they have one of their 4 years of eligibility remaining and if they are within the 5-year window beginning the day they enrolled in college. Ivy League rules are more restrictive and are similar to NCAA Division III rules.
- NCAA Division III: First year graduate students are only eligible if they are enrolled for a graduate degree at the same institution they attended as an undergraduate, have a year of eligibility remaining, and fall within the 5-year window.

Individuals should check their NCAA Division Manuals and speak to their NCAA compliance staff members to clarify any eligibility questions they may have about their teams.

**Associate Member Institutions (Club and Emerging Programs)**: Non-varsity teams do not generally have access to their institution's NCAA compliance staff. Therefore, associate members do not have the ability to clear a player's eligibility for extenuating circumstances. The College Squash Association expects associate member institutions to adhere to NCAA eligibility rules; however, to ease the process, the following requirements for associate members must be adhered to:

- Player must be enrolled at the associate member institution
- Players only have four years of eligibility
- Injury waivers will not be granted
- Club and Emerging programs may not have graduate students participate in college squash competition.

**Gender**: Unless an exemption is granted by both the Men's and Women's Executive Committees, a player at Elected Member (varsity team) institutions must play for the team of their gender. Please note the following:

- If a school only has a men's team, a woman may represent the school in CSA matches.
- If a school only has a women's team, a man may not represent the school in CSA matches.

At Associate Member (club teams) institutions with both men's and women's teams, a man may not play on a women's team. A woman may play on a men's team, under the following conditions:

- At the beginning of the season, the player chooses which gender team she will represent
- Once she has played an official match (top 9 ladder position) for one gender, she must continue to play on that gender's team through the beginning of the next season.

If an institution has a men's varsity program and a women's club program, the stipulations above apply.