



USA Rugby Collegiate Player Eligibility

4.2. Player Eligibility

In order to participate in a Qualifying Match, and in the National Collegiate Club Championship, the player must meet all of the following eligibility criteria at the time of competition:

- a) Be within five (5) years of the moment the player first enrolled in a university, college or junior college, regardless of when the player started playing rugby or had the ability to start playing collegiate rugby. Any college courses that are taken during high school do not start the eligibility clock.
- b) The player must be enrolled full-time and in good standing, as defined by the university or college registrar and an undergraduate student seeking his/her first bachelor's degree. Exceptions:
 1. A player in his/her final term may carry less than a full-time academic load and still maintain eligibility. This is only permitted if the player is a graduating senior and a letter from the Registrar confirming such status is obtained. This exception may only be used once.
 2. A player may maintain eligibility after completing and or receiving an undergraduate degree if that player is enrolled full time in post-graduate studies (graduate school or pursuance of an additional Bachelor's Degree) provided the player is attending the same institution they received their first undergraduate degree from and the player still falls within his/her 5 years of collegiate eligibility.
 3. A player competing for an institution utilizing the quarter system is eligible through the National Championship of that year if he/she completed the requirements to graduate during the winter quarter. That player must be a graduating senior and this exception requires a letter from the registrar confirming such status. This exception may only be used once in a player's career and once used that player loses all future collegiate eligibility.
- c) The player must play on the team representing the school in which he/she is enrolled.
- d) The player must not have played in a Qualifying Match for any other club during the Fifteens Competitive Season.
- e) Players must meet and remain in compliance with all applicable amateur standards.