1. Clearance to Join an NCAA II Team — Freshmen who wish to participate in any of Tech’s NCAA II athletic programs must meet eligibility requirements at the high school level. Approval to compete is granted by the NCAA II Eligibility Center, through an application process the student must complete, usually with the help of his/her high school coach or guidance counselor.

2. NCAA Director of Compliance — Coach Amy Anderson is Tech’s appointed NCAA II Director of Compliance. She is responsible for monitoring and ensuring Tech’s student-athletes comply with NCAA II eligibility rules. Coach Anderson’s office is located in Tucker Coliseum. Email: aanderson41@atu.edu or phone: 479-498-6071.

3. Academic Athletic Eligibility to Practice or Play — Student-athletes approved through the NCAA II Eligibility Center are qualified to be recruited or walk-on a team. Academic advisors should be knowledgeable about basic compliance regulations, so they may assist their advisees in maintaining athletic eligibility. The basic regulations include the following:
   a. Student-athlete must always be seeking either a bachelor or master’s degree or classified as undeclared (UNDE). (See #8)
   b. Student-athlete must always be enrolled as a full-time student each fall/spring semester (12 or more hours undergraduate/9 or more hours graduate level). (See #4 for additional details)
   c. Student-athlete must pass at least 24 credit hours in an academic year (fall + spring semesters “passed” hours). (See #’s 5 and 6)
   d. Student-athlete must maintain a specified grade point. (See #7)

4. Full-Time Status — The undergraduate student-athlete must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours (full-time) each regular semester (fall and spring). Dropping to less than 12 hours during a fall or spring semester will cause the student to become immediately ineligible to practice and/or play. Also, if the student-athlete is receiving an athletic scholarship, dropping below full-time will result in her/him having to repay a pro-rated portion of the athletic scholarship. (Full-time for graduate students is 9 or more hours).

5. Passed Hours Required to Be Eligible in a Future Semester — The student-athlete must complete (pass) an average of twelve (12) hours in each of the previous semesters (fall and spring) to pass 24 hours in order to maintain eligibility for the future academic year. (Example: Student-athlete enrolled in twelve (12) hours for fall 2014, but drops to nine (9) hours at some point during the semester. While the student is enrolled in less than 12 hours, s/he is ineligible to practice or participate in any athletic event. Additionally, if the student receives an athletic scholarship, a prorated portion of the scholarship will be revoked. The student must then pass fifteen (15) hours in spring 2015 to become eligible to participate in the 2015-16 year. If the student-athlete should also complete less than 12 hours in spring, s/he may be allowed to complete the additional required hours in summer 2015. (See #6 for restrictions regarding taking courses in summer to meet eligibility rules.)

6. 75% Completion Rule — The 75% Rule states that at least 75% (18 hours) of the 24 hours necessary to retain athletic eligibility must be completed during the fall and spring semesters. If at least 75% of the required 24 hours are completed during fall + spring, the additional hours may be completed during the summer terms. No more than six (6) hours completed in summer may count toward eligibility.

7. Required Grade Point for Student-Athletes —
   - 0 through 24 hours: 1.80 GPA
   - 25 through 48 hours: 1.90 GPA
   - More than 48 hours: 2.00 GPA

8. Must Declare an Intention to Complete a Bachelor or Master’s Degree — A student-athlete must always be declared as pursuing either a bachelor or master’s degree. Student-athletes may never declare a major that will lead to completion of an associate degree at any time during a fall or spring semester. In some instances, a student-athlete may be awarded an associate degree, when requirements for the associate degree are completed during a summer term. See #9.

9. Declaring a Major and Hours Applicable to Major — Prior to completion of the student-athlete’s fourth (4th) full-time semester, s/he may declare a major or be classified as undeclared (UNDE). At the end of the fourth full-time semester, the student-athlete must declare a major, regardless of the number of credit hours earned. After a major is declared, at least 12 credit hours (9 hrs. for graduate students) of the student-athlete’s course schedule for the current semester must be applicable to his/her declared major. Student-athletes cannot be declared as any “pre” major designation that will not result in a bachelor or master’s degree being earned (i.e. pre-law, pre-dental, pre-med, etc.), or any associate degree program major. (See #8)
10. **Earning a Minor** — The hours required to earn a minor may only be counted toward athletic eligibility, if the minor is required by the student-athlete’s declared major or the minor hours will fulfill general electives required by the major.

11. **Remedial Courses** — Remedial courses (MATH0903, ENGL0303, ENGL0404, READ0103) may be used for athletic eligibility only if passed during the fall, spring, or summer terms of the student-athlete’s first year of enrollment. (MATH 0903 grades of AN, BN, or CN may not be used for athletic eligibility. MATH 0903 grades of AQ, BQ, CQ or D may be used for athletic eligibility if completed within the first year.)

12. **Schedule Changes, Adding, Dropping Courses** — The student-athlete must have the signature of the NCAA Director of Compliance or the Athletic Director, in addition to the signature of his/her academic advisor, to change his/her class schedule or withdraw from the University.

13. **Repeating Courses with a Failing Grade** — Tech policy states that any undergraduate course at any level may be repeated, and only the highest grade earned will be computed in the GPA. A course with a grade of “F” may be repeated and the subsequent passing grade will be counted toward athletic eligibility. Repeating a course with a grade of “F” to earn a higher grade is always the fastest way to improve GPA. Remedial courses may be repeated, but will only be counted for athletic eligibility purposes, if taken within the first year. See #11.

14. **Repeating Courses with a Passing Grade** — When repeating a course in which a passing grade of “D” or better was previously earned, the highest grade will be used for the GPA computation, but the hours earned will not be used to meet eligibility in the current semester. The hours earned for the first-attempt have already been counted for eligibility purposes in a previous semester.

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