

## ***Registering with the Clearinghouse***

Prospective student-athletes may register with the clearinghouse via the Internet at the beginning of their junior year in high school. As part of the amateurism certification process, each prospect will be asked to answer several questions regarding his or her sports participation history. Early registration with the clearinghouse and the completion of the athletics participation questions will allow institutions to have preliminary information regarding a prospect's amateurism status, which will promote consistency in the recruiting process. Final certifications of amateur status will occur at the end of the prospective student-athlete's senior year of high school or approximately two to three months prior to initial full-time enrollment at an NCAA Division I or II institution.

## ***Certification of NCAA Divisions I and II Amateurism Rules***

Amateurism certification will not cover all areas of NCAA Bylaw 12. Institutions will be responsible for determining the amateur status of prospective student-athletes for the areas of the amateurism bylaws not covered by the amateurism certification process. In addition, institutions will be responsible for certifying compliance for all amateurism bylaws during the time period between the student-athlete's request for final amateurism certification and his or her initial enrollment at an NCAA institution. Selected amateurism rules to be certified by amateurism certification include:

- *Contracts with a professional team (Division I)*
- *Salary for participating in athletics (Division I)*
- *Prize money above actual and necessary expenses (Division I)*
- *Play with professionals (Division I)*
- *Tryouts, practice or competition with a professional team (Division I)*
- *Benefits from an agent or prospective agent (Divisions I and II)*
- *Agreement to be represented by an agent (Divisions I and II)*
- *Organized-competition rule (Divisions I and II)*