



International Student Athlete's On your mark, get set, go?!

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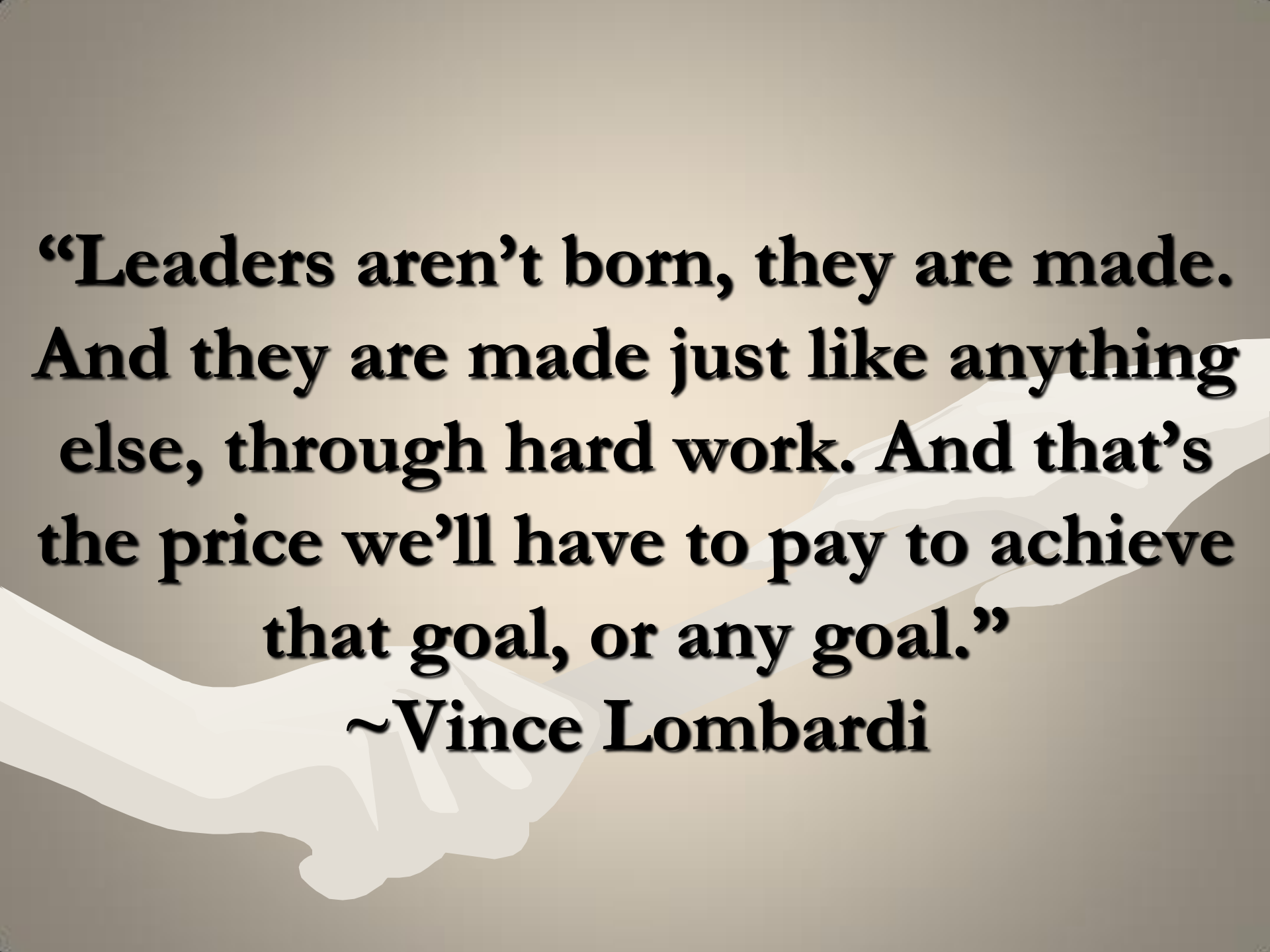
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Why we got in the “game”

- Fall ‘07 first international athlete challenge
- Coaches recruiting international athletes, who don’t know the process
- Number of coaches seeking to recruit international athletes was rising
- NCAA has become more strict with eligibility

Why we got in the “game”

- Questions from international students, coaches and departments on campus
- Rules that affect high school athletes
- No clear idea what the process was for international students
 - Admission to the university
 - Eligibility with NCAA to compete
 - Scholarships & taxes
 - Health insurance




**“Leaders aren’t born, they are made.
And they are made just like anything
else, through hard work. And that’s
the price we’ll have to pay to achieve
that goal, or any goal.”**

~Vince Lombardi

Who should get in the “game”?

- **Athletic Department**
 - Coaches, Assistant Athletic Director, Compliance Officer, Athletic Training
- **Admissions Office**
 - International Admissions, Transfer Admissions
- **Registrar’s Office**
 - Degree Analyst, Athletic Certification Designee

Who should get in the “game”?

- **Business/Bursers Office**
 - **International Student Services Office**
 - **Student Athlete**
 - **Current International Student Athletes who can help with translation**
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Who should be on the bench?

- **Community members**
- **Alumni**
- **Booster Clubs**
- **Civic Organizations**
- **Church groups**



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To: jmccullo@fh

Date: Wednesday,
Subject: Track & Fie

Below is the result of you
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a_03_City: nassau

a_05_Zip: 242

a_07_Cell Phone #: [REDACTED]

a_08_Email Address: [REDACTED]

a_08_Today's Date: 7-7-201

a_09_Parent Names: [REDACTED]

a_10_Height: 6'

a_11_Weight: 167, male, 16

a_12_High School Attended:

a_14_ACT/SAT Score: 960

a_15_GPA: 2.21

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Quiero contarles algo a mis amigos, familiares y conocidos.
 esta lesión fue un regalo de dios porque me doy cuenta que tengo que trabajar
 mucho mas la parte mental que la fisica para lograr el cambio real.

muchas gracias a todos los que están rezando por mi salud y a los que están
 preocupados.

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The “Recruiting Game” Begins

- Coach completes the Prospective International Student Athlete (ISA) Compliance & Admission Check-Sheet
- The Compliance & Admission Check Sheet is forward to the Compliance Officer & the Assistant Athletic Director
- A determination is made if recruitment should be pursued by coach

Prospective International Student Athlete (ISA)

Compliance & Admission Check-Sheet

Prospective ISA Name: _____

Recruiting Sport(s): _____ Coach: _____

Coach Phone Number: _____ Coach Email: _____

Date first contact made with ISA: _____ ISA Country: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Date of High School Graduation: _____ Anticipated FHSU Enrollment Semester: _____

ISA is Living : _____ Abroad or _____ in the US

ISA will transfer from another US education institution: _____ Yes or _____ No

If yes, please list the name of the institution:

Has the ISA completed college coursework abroad (outside the US): _____ Yes or _____ No

If yes, please list the name of the institution:

Anticipated Athletic Scholarship (approximate amount, please indicate for housing, tuition, etc.)

Anticipated Academic Scholarship (approximate amount):

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Understanding the Admission & Compliance Process

- Learning the X's & O's
 - Amateurism
 - NCAA Clearing House
 - NCAA International Standards Best Practices
- Admission Requirements for International Students

Requirements for International Student Athletes

All undergraduate international student athletes must submit the following to apply for admission to FHSU:

1. Online undergraduate international student application for admission with \$50 application fee

Undergraduate Application Deadlines

Fall Semester – June 1

Spring Semester – October 15

****For international students transferring to FHSU from another school in the US, the deadline can be extended to August 1 for the fall semester and December 15 for the spring semester.**

2. Copy of the ID page in the student athlete's passport
3. A certified financial statement showing evidence of sufficient funds or a certified financial document from a bank with the student athlete's name on the financial document so it can be matched with the application.

The estimated education expenses for international students is the amount of money required to sufficiently fund their study at FHSU. This amount must be certified by the financial statement. For the 2011-2012 academic year, the proof of evidence students need to provide is \$20,547. If the student athlete will be receiving an athletic scholarship, a letter outlining the amount and type of scholarship will also need to be sent to the Registrar's Office for the student athlete by the coach recruiting the student athlete.

4. Official transcript(s) (with English translation) of all post-secondary school work including proof of High School graduation.

Grade point average (GPA) requirement (4.0 scale)

-2.5 for freshman admission

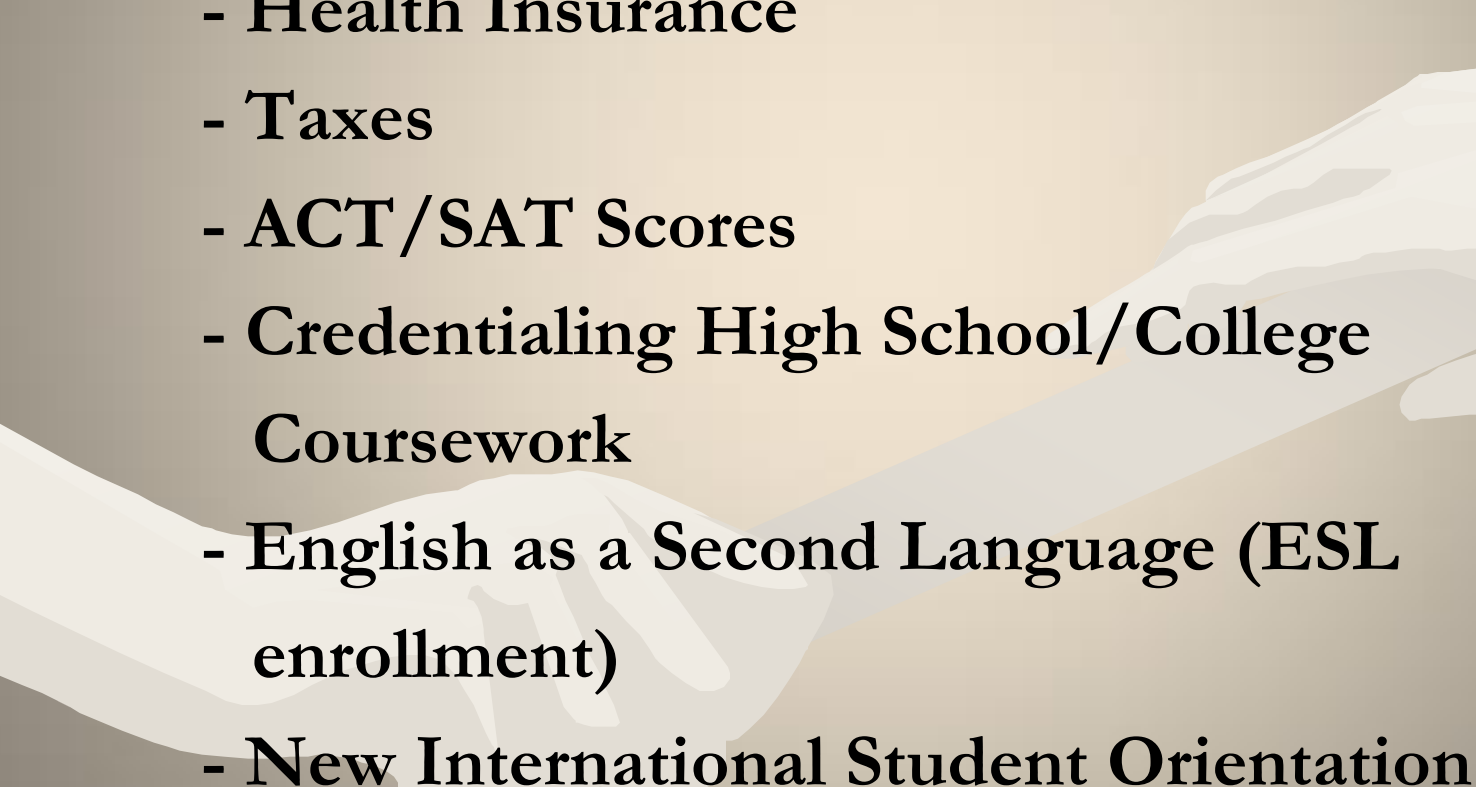
-2.0 for transfer admission with 24 credit hours or more from an American post- secondary institution

An official transcript is an academic transcript or marks sheet mailed directly from the previous school(s) attended directly to the Registrar's Office at Fort Hays State University. Documents mailed or submitted in any way by the student athlete are NOT considered official.

5. International students must meet minimum English proficiency requirements before beginning course work at FHSU. For more information in regards to specific scores on language tests or about enrollment in the ESL program on-campus, please contact either the Registrar's Office or the International Student Services Office.

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Understanding the International Admission Process

- **Special Notes on:**
 - **Health Insurance**
 - **Taxes**
 - **ACT/SAT Scores**
 - **Credentialing High School/College Coursework**
 - **English as a Second Language (ESL enrollment)**
 - **New International Student Orientation**
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- A stylized illustration of two hands shaking, rendered in white and light gray tones, positioned in the lower right quadrant of the slide. The hands are shown in profile, with fingers slightly curled, suggesting a firm grip or agreement. The background is a gradient of light gray to white, with the hands appearing to emerge from the bottom right corner.

Special Notes:

NCAA statement on issuing an I-20

In accordance with the NCAA, “under no circumstances should an international student-athlete be issued a I-20 with the expectation of financial support from the athletics office before the student has been certified as a final qualifier by the NCAA Eligibility Center or is determined to be a partial qualifier in Division II”. (NCAA International Standards 2011-2012) This is important, especially if the student athlete is in their home country. They cannot get an appointment for their visa interview until they have received their I-20. For a student athlete to arrive at FHSU on time for the start of fall classes, they need to receive their I-20 at the latest by the end of June, so they can have time to obtain the rest of their travel documents. This is reason for the application deadlines for international students.

Health Insurance

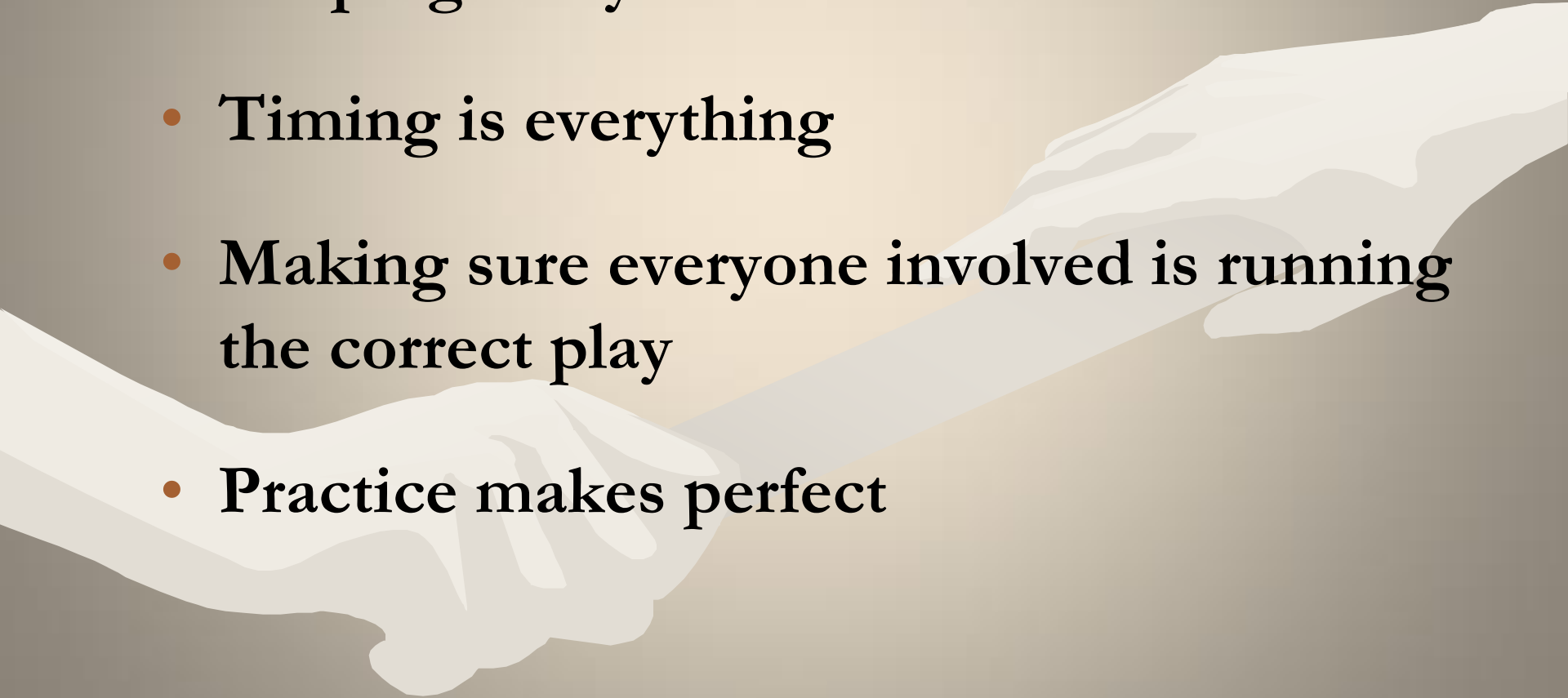
International students MUST be covered by a health insurance plan starting the first day of new international student orientation or their day of arrival in the US, if they arrive after the start of orientation. International student athletes will not be permitted to participate in any team activities without first having health insurance that covers athletic injuries. The athletic department can assist the international student athlete in purchasing an appropriate health insurance policy.

Taxes

If students are receiving a housing scholarship, they will be required to pay taxes on the scholarship amount. Coaches must notify the student athlete of this so they can be prepared to pay this amount upon enrollment. Generally, the tax amount owed on a full on-campus housing scholarship is around \$500 each semester.

Game Changers

- Keeping everyone in the Game
- Timing is everything
- Making sure everyone involved is running the correct play
- Practice makes perfect





How, when and “*do*” high school international athletes get into the “game”?

Cause for concern!

- In 2011 the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA), a governing body for high school sports proposed a rule **not** allowing F-1 to play varsity sports
- Their reason: “to preserve and promote interscholastic competitive opportunities for Arizona students and further the goals of competitive fairness and equity...relating to the displacement of Arizona students by students from foreign countries...”
- The rule became effective July 1, 2012

What has been done about this game changing rule?

- Once we became aware the Arizona International Educators (AIE) signed a letter at our 2012 state meeting asking AIA to rescind the ruling-it had no effect
- AIE asked NAFSA national for assistance, but were told there were not enough resources
- We are working with state legislators, but the process is slow.
- AIE sent a letter of censure to AIA and they added more visa statuses to the ruling
 - (only J visa holders and undocumented are allowed, no one else)

So where did the game changing rule come from?

- After more research, we now know its root is the National Federal of State High School Associations (NFHS) and its ties to the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET)
- NFHS won't allow international students to be eligible unless they are in a program under the auspices of CSIET
- After investigating it, we have discovered most states across US have such limitations

This includes ALL - Region II states!

Region II

Rules for your state

Arizona

- F-1's cannot play HS varsity sports at all
- Only J visa holders can play, no other visa status



Colorado

- F-1's cannot participate in HS sports at all



Region II

Rules for your state

Kansas

- F-1's can participate in HS sports only after 18 weeks

Montana

- F-1's cannot participate in HS sports at all

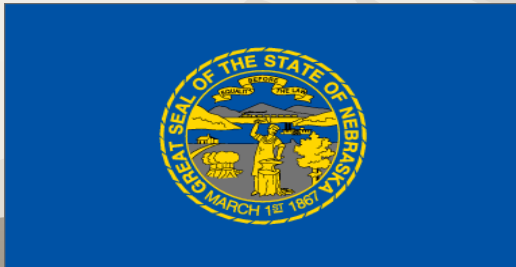


Region II

Rules for your state

Nebraska

- F-1's can participate in HS sports only if they are at the school as part of a religious or missionary program and can play only two semesters



New Mexico

- F-1's cannot play HS varsity sports



Region II

Rules by the state

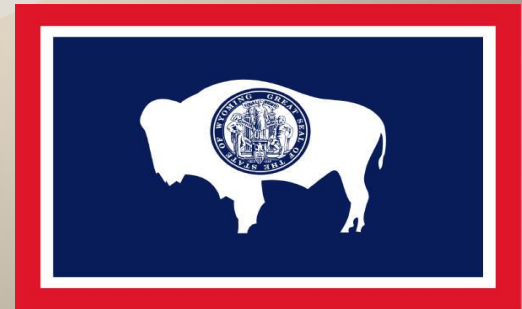
Utah

- F-1's cannot play HS varsity sports



Wyoming

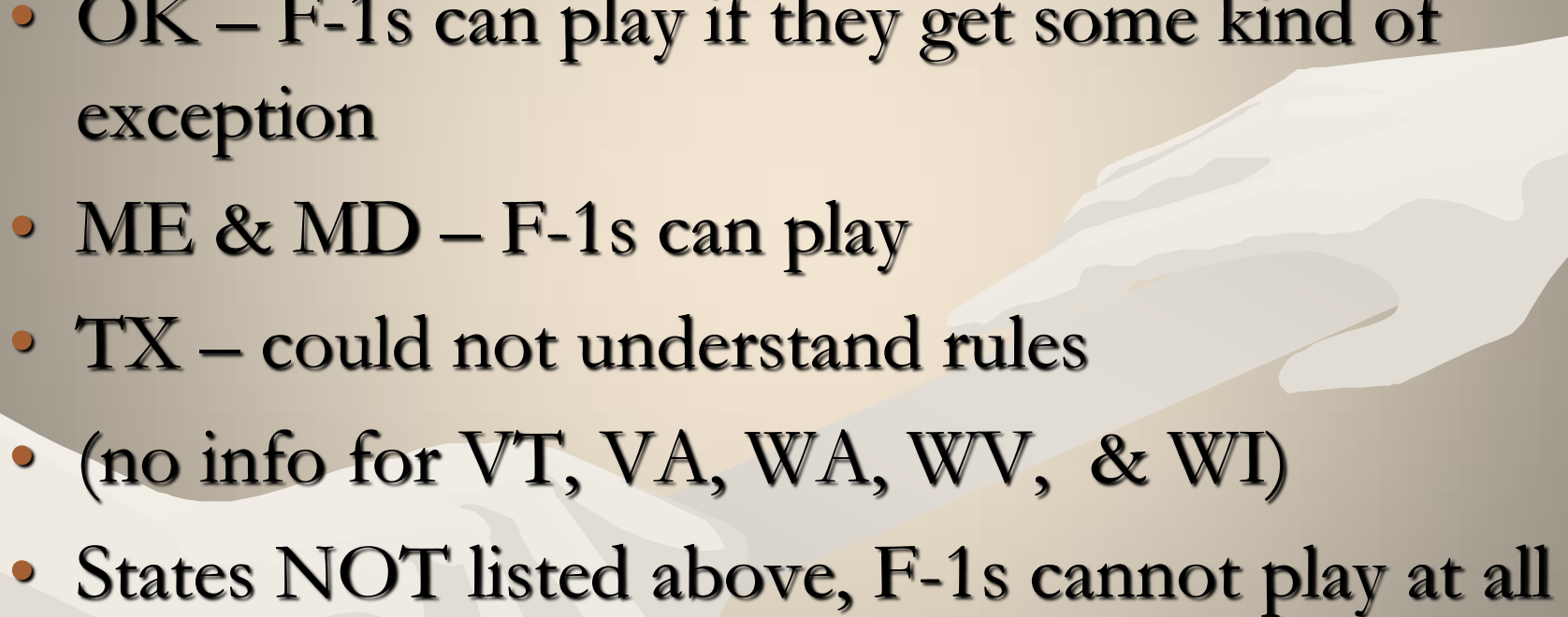
- F-1's can play HS sports for 3 semesters but not clear if the 1-year transfer rule applies



How do athletes get in the game in other states?

- AR, IA, NY, & FL – F-1s can play for 1 year after 1-year transfer rule
- CT – F-1s can play if they have no previous organized sports experience
- KY – F-1s can play after 1 calendar year
- MO – F-1s can play after 1 year wait
- NH, PA, & SD – F-1s can play for 1 year

How do athletes get in the game in other states?

- OK – F-1s can play if they get some kind of exception
 - ME & MD – F-1s can play
 - TX – could not understand rules
 - (no info for VT, VA, WA, WV, & WI)
 - States NOT listed above, F-1s cannot play at all
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Why we should call “time out” or “foul”?!

- It is purely discriminatory
- Federal regulations do not prohibit international students from participating
- It can affect college recruiting
- What if it spills over to other areas like music, spelling, science, etc.- OOPS too late – it already has!

How can we work together as a “Region II Team”

- Find out where your state stands
<http://www.nfhs.org/stateoff.aspx>
- As a region we can have a larger voice and get NAFSA national to assist
- Stay in touch
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Post Game Wrap Up

