

ESAA Truniversity Definition

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In order to assign ESAA baseball or football players to a particular college or university, several criteria must be met. These are laid out below with examples and counterexamples where possible.

1. Origination. Many players can be assigned a truniversity, and this is based on the first college of attendance. This effectively eliminates all junior/community college players ... except for those who are redeemed by their male progeny. It also changes the rules on transfers. So what constitutes first college of attendance?

1a. Transcript. The first college of attendance is determined by the college transcript(s). The earliest courses taken (not completed) on a college transcript determine the first college of attendance.

1b. Location. The earliest courses taken, must have been physically taken at the college listed. Online distance learning or remote learning courses do not count unless the course is at least partially taken on college property (either at the time of the course or later).

Ex. Cordarelle Patterson is barred from the Tennessee truniversity football team because his first college courses were taken on location at Hutchinson Community College in KS on location. []

1c. Age. The first college of attendance must be affiliated with a course begun at or before the 25th birthday of the player in question. A player may not have a long baseball career, then decide to attend college after they retire and be reckoned to be part of that truniversity.

Ex. Even though Brad Ausmus did not play baseball officially at Dartmouth, he did enroll there immediately out of high school and practiced with the team as often as possible. He is reckoned as a truniversity member of Dartmouth. []

Ex. Billy Beane is a truniversity member of the UCSD baseball team. []

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2. Male descendants. A player candidate is ultimately reckoned by his male lineage. A player may remain with their truniversity provided their final male progeny is also reckoned to the same truniversity.

2a. Determination. The end of the male progeny line is the male descendant through the youngest son of the youngest son of the ... etc.

Ex. Jake Gibbs was a standout baseball and football player at Ole Miss. He even returned to his alma mater to coach the baseball team for several years following a successful professional career. Jake had 3 sons. The elder 2 sons attended and played baseball for Ole Miss. The youngest, Frank, married an Ole Miss girl, and had two daughters. Jake's final reckoning is based on Frank since Frank represents the final male progeny line. Unfortunately Frank is very difficult to pin down on the www. Consequently, Jake is not reckoned to be a truniversity member of Ole Miss, but rather arch rival Mississippi State. []

Ex. Michael Irvin was a standout receiver for the University of Miami. He has multiple sons. His youngest is a sit at home do nothing. Unfortunately Michael Irvin cannot be reckoned to be a truniversity member of Miami. []

3. truniversity school definition. Some smaller schools can also be reckoned to be part of a larger one. If a college was began as an outreach of a larger school, then any player reckoned to be a member of the smaller college can also be reckoned to be a truniversity member of the larger college.

Ex. Justin Verlander is reckoned to be a truniversity member of ODU. But since ODU was founded as the Norfolk division of the College of William and Mary, Verlander is also a truniversity member of William and Mary. []

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4. Affiliated High Schools. Some colleges and universities provide high school education on campus or did historically. Students having gone to high schools with a direct link to a university are reckoned to have started at that university.

Ex. Steve Kiner was a good linebacker for the University of Tennessee. He had cleared all truniversity definitions based on first college of attendance and male descendants. Unfortunately, Kiner had also attended Hillsborough High School in Tampa. This high school served as the original teaching site for the University of Tampa. Thus, Kiner's truniversity is, instead, the University of Tampa. []

Schools like Creighton Prep, SLU Prep are easy to deal with. Unfortunately, not all of the public school cases are that simple. Linking of public schools to universities can ONLY be by geographic location at the time of attendance. Public schools exist only in their geographic capacities. If a school is replaced by another school at a separate location (not adjoining property), then those schools are considered separate entities. This rule is due to the fact that often successive public schools serve different populations of students via different means of geographic consolidation.

Ex. Jefferson City's Grammar School was originally located on the Carson-Newman campus and remained there for some time. Around 1950, the new Jefferson City Elementary School and Jefferson High School were built on a campus a little over 1 km from the closest edge of the C-N campus. Both schools replaced other schools in Jefferson City including the Grammar School. From 1950 forward, students attending either of these schools can not claim C-N as their truniversity. Of course those students who did attend the Grammar School on the Carson-Newman campus, can, in fact, claim a truniversity of Carson-Newman provided that no male descendants have another truniversity. []

This concludes, for the time being, the truniversity definition.