



Changes in Eligibility for the 2020-2021 Season Due to the Covid-19 Crisis

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Due to the current Covid-19 crisis, many of our teams will not be able to compete in the fall and many schools are facing remote learning.

One of the areas we must look at is how the ACHA determines eligibility. Universities are approaching academic changes in the fall. Schools continue to explore a myriad of grading options given the challenges of remote and hybrid learning scenarios.

After discussion, the staff has modified the previously released eligibility requirements to better address the various models we are seeing.

Eligibility Determination for the 2020-2021 Season

TEAMS THAT WILL COMPETE IN THE FALL

1. After they have registered with the ACHA, all teams competing in Fall 2020 must submit an eligibility form before their first game. All players get a “hall pass” for the fall semester GPA, but must be registered for the required number of credits in Fall 2020 to compete.
 - a. All players must meet minimum registered credit requirements to play based on their division.
 - b. Minimum GPA will be waived.
 - c. Players must have remaining eligibility under the existing rules.
 - d. Players must meet all other eligibility requirements under existing rules.
2. Players must meet all semester-to-semester credit requirements to be eligible for Spring 2021 semester. This means players must pass the minimum number of credits required by division in Fall 2020 semester. Minimum GPA will be waived for Spring. Players must meet all other eligibility requirements under existing rules including being enrolled in the required number of credits in the Spring 2021 semester.
3. In Fall of 2021, all eligibility requirements as outlined in the Policy Manual will be back in full effect. A 2.0 GPA or greater will be required at the beginning of Fall 2021 semester.

TEAMS THAT WILL NOT COMPETE IN THE FALL

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DETERMINING IF A YEAR OF ELIGIBILITY IS USED

For the 2020-21 season, players who play in five (5) games or more will be considered to have used a year of eligibility. M1 players who play less than five (5) years will have their eligibility clock extended by one (1) year to a six (6) year clock.

Players in M1, M2 and M3 who play in the national tournament in 2021, **WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE USED** one of their 5 allowed national tournament appearances as stated in the policy manual.