

Athlete Eligibility

What are the academic requirements for students entering directly from a high school, CEGEP, or CCAA school?

- a minimum 60% average or equivalent on those courses used to determine your university admission.

What are the academic requirements to remain eligible?

Canadian Interuniversity Sport student-athletes must:

- be enrolled in a minimum of 3 courses (minimum 9 credit hours or equivalent) in the term in which they are competing.
- successfully complete a minimum of 3 full courses, or 6 half courses (minimum 18 credit hours or equivalent) during the academic year.
- ALWAYS consult your athletic department prior to making any changes to your academic program or course load.

Are there any exceptions?

- exceptions are granted within certain academic programs and circumstances (please consult your Athletic Department).

How do I get charged with a year of eligibility?

- if your team does NOT have an exhibition schedule, you are charged with a year of eligibility when your name appears on the playing roster (or equivalent) of two or more regular season competitions; otherwise if your team DOES play in exhibition, you are charged a year for a single regular season competition.
- for CIS exhibition and playoff competition, CEGEP participation, as well as National Team and Professional participation, please consult your Athletic Department.
- men's hockey and football have sport-specific regulations related to non-CIS participation which can result in the loss of eligibility; please consult your Athletic Department.
- within related jurisdictions, such as the CCAA or NCAA, you are charged with eligibility in accordance with that jurisdiction's rules.

How many years of eligibility do I have?

- Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) allows you to compete for 5 years.

- athletes who have completed their eligibility to participate in another post-secondary jurisdiction, such as the CCAA or NCAA, are ineligible for CIS competition.

Thinking About Transferring?

As a current CIS student-athlete, how soon can I play after transferring to another CIS school?

- one year must pass from your last participation in that sport , subject to all other rules

Are there any exceptions?

- when either the sport you play or your academic program of study has been discontinued at your school.
- if you enroll in a graduate degree program at a school different from the one you completed your undergraduate degree the previous year, you can participate immediately in CIS competition (assuming you have eligibility remaining).

What else should I know?

- if you contact another school's coach or Athletic Department representative regarding a potential transfer, the Athletic Director of the your present school will be notified.

What if I'm contacted by another coach?

- CIS coaches and Athletic Department representatives are not permitted to contact athletes already attending a CIS school.

As a CCAA student-athlete, how soon can I play after transferring to a CIS school?

- you can participate immediately in CIS competition, unless:
 - 1) you have participated in any game(s) in that semester or term; or
 - 2) you have not achieved a minimum 60% average or equivalent on those college courses utilized to determine your university admission; or
 - 3) you have completed your CCAA eligibility.

As a NCAA or NAIA student-athlete, how soon can I play after transferring to a CIS school?

- assuming you have satisfied the other eligibility requirements, and you have not completed your NCAA or NAIA eligibility, one year must pass from your last participation in that sport.

Athletic Financial Awards

Is there a limit to what I can receive?

- tuition and compulsory fees is the maximum amount you can receive for athletic-related awards in an academic year, including athletic-related bursaries.
- the value and quantity of athletic-related awards and bursaries available varies from institution to institution.
- specific awards and bursaries may have additional conditions, such as academic success and citizenship, beyond what is stated here.
- many awards, such as academic awards or awards provided by Sport Governing Bodies or the Federal and Provincial Governments, are not included within the tuition and compulsory fees maximum; please consult your Athletic Department.

Who provides athletic-related awards?

- all athletic-related awards provided to CIS student-athletes must be administered through the providing university.
- to receive an award that is not administered by your university, the award must not be conditional on attendance at any particular university, that is, you must be free to attend the university of your choice.

When can I receive athletic-related awards?

- you are eligible to receive an award or bursary at the beginning of your first year at a university (September) if you have a minimum entering average of 80% or equivalent.

• alternatively, you are eligible to receive an award at the end of your first year at a university (spring or summer) if you satisfy CIS academic requirements with at least a 65% average or equivalent. thereafter, you are eligible to receive an award at the beginning of any year if you satisfy CIS academic requirements with at least a 65% average or equivalent in the preceding year.

Please note that Regional Associations and institutions may have additional regulations that are of a more stringent nature; please consult your Athletic Department about these rules.