

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Department of Intercollegiate Athletics
Medical Hardship Application Procedure



STUDENT ATHLETE NAME _____

DATE _____

STUDENT NUMBER _____

SPORT _____

Per NCAA Bylaw 14.2.4, a student athlete may be granted an additional year of competition by the Conference for reasons of "hardship." Hardship is defined as an incapacitating injury that has occurred under all of the following conditions:

- (a) The incapacitating injury or illness occurs in one of four seasons of intercollegiate competition at any two or four-year institution.
- (b) The injury or illness occurs prior to the completion of the first half of the playing season that concludes with the NCAA Championship in that sport and results in incapacity to compete for the remainder of that playing season; and
- (c) The injury or illness occurs when the student athlete has not participated in more than two contests or dates of competition (whichever is applicable to that sport) or 20 percent (whichever number is greater) of the institution's scheduled contests or dates of competition in his or her sport. Only scheduled competition (excluding scrimmages and exhibition contests) against outside participants during the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship or, if so designated, during the official NCAA championship playing season in that sport (e.g., spring baseball, fall soccer), shall be countable under this limitation in calculating both the number of contests and dates or competition in which the student athlete has participated and the number of completed contests or dates of competition during that season in the sport.

Procedure For Application

Step 1.

Head Coach initiates process by submitting the request in writing to the Associate Athletics Director/Internal Affairs. This must be done no later than the final date of competition of the season in which the Hardship has occurred.

Signature - Head Coach

Step 2.

The Head Athletic Trainer approves the medical hardship request and attaches all supporting documentation in support of the hardship application, including the letter from the attending Team Physician.

Signature - Head Athletic Trainer

Step 3.

Associate AD/Internal completes the MAC Medical Hardship application and forwards to the Conference office for approval.

Step 4.

Upon receipt of the conference approval, Associate AD notifies Assistant AD/Compliance, Coordinator of Athletic Certification, Head Coach, Head Athletic Trainer and SID via copies of the approval letter. Squad List and Certification worksheets are updated.

The Associate Athletics Director/Internal has verified that all of the steps above have been completed and the documentation has been placed on file.

Signature - Associate Athletics Director

CC: Director of Compliance
Coordinator of Athletic Certification
Head Coach
Head Athletic Trainer
SID