

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

This policy is the responsibility of the Registrar and was approved by Faculty Senate. This policy was revised on June 10, 2010.

POLICY OVERVIEW

This policy outlines the process involved for determining athletic eligibility and ACAC awards eligibility for undergraduate student-athletes at Briercrest.

PRINCIPLES

This policy is guided by the principles of integrity and transparency.

SCOPE

The policy applies to undergraduate students who wish to participate in Briercrest athletic teams.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. All student-athletes must be registered for and successfully complete 12 credit hours each semester.
2. Student-athletes must attain a minimum of 2.0 (cumulative) in order to be eligible to play.
3. If a student-athletes cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 s/he will be placed on academic probation. The purpose of academic probation (AP) is to warn students who have experienced academic difficulty that they need to seek help to improve their grades not to punish them.
4. If it is a student-athletes' first time on AP and they wish to participate in Clipper Athletics they may do so for one semester and ONLY if they have submitted a Student Success Contract that is approved by the Registrar. S/he will be granted one (1) semester of grace (and be allowed to continue to play and compete with their team). During this period of grace the student athlete must take initiative to talk with an academic adviser and set up an accountability program to ensure better academic success. If the student athletes cumulative GPA returns to a mark higher than 2.0 the student-athlete will be taken off AP.
5. If a student-athlete's semester GPA falls below 2.0 for a second time, whether it is a semester later or not (until your 4th year), s/he will be placed AP for the next semester and will not be allowed to compete on a Clipper team until their marks are above a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher. If it is the second consecutive semester, the student-athlete may be required to discontinue studies for 12 months.

6. Any modular that is offered after the season is over and is being used for eligibility (as a 4th class) may not be dropped. If a student-athlete chooses not to attend a modular that is being used for eligibility their account will be charged, they will receive a failing mark on their transcript, and they will forfeit any scholarship for that semester.
7. Students are permitted two (2) absences for Monday night classes, four (4) absences for all classes that meet twice a week. If a student misses more than that they will receive an automatic fail for the class thus impacting your GPA. Class attendance for a modular will be determined by the individual professor up to a maximum of four (4) class hours.
8. Student-athletes who are using distance learning courses for their eligibility must have all course work and all examinations completed by the last day of classes each semester. Student-athletes must complete the Distance Learning Course for Eligibility form. This form is available from the Athletics Department. Approval must be received from both the Athletics Director and the VP, Academic.
9. For seminary student-athletes their eligibility is 18 credit hours per academic year. These courses must be registered for no later than November 15. Courses must be successfully completed no later than August 31.
10. In the fifth year of eligibility, a credit hour reduction from 12 to 9 is possible if the student-athlete is completing a degree program and the requirements to graduate are 18 credit hours or less. Student-athletes are required to meet the ACAC eligibility of 9 credit hours for college or 6 credit hours for seminary.

PROCEDURES

Financial Matters

1. Athletic Scholarships: athletes who are offered scholarships are required to sign a Clipper Athlete Scholarship Agreement form. Funds will be applied to the students account at the end of each semester after all eligibility requirements are met. Minimum requirements are: college - 12 credit hours per semester or seminary 9 credit hours per semester, GPA of 2.0 for 1st year players, 2.3 for upperclassmen, in good standing.
2. A full ride athletic scholarship includes four (4) three (3) credit hours of in class study while residing in dorm.
3. Athletes are eligible to apply for non-athletic Briercrest Scholarships. All scholarship information is posted on the BCS website.
4. All student-athletes will be required to participate in a fundraising effort in lieu of paying an athletic fee. Details will follow at the appropriate time. Proceeds will benefit each athletic team as well as the facilities.

**Scholarships and Bursaries*

All scholarships and bursaries are posted on the finance page of our website at <https://www.briercrestcollege.ca/finances/scholarships/>

Academics

The principle of academics is to promote scholastic achievement. Student-athletes must place academics before athletics. It is the student-athlete's responsibility to strive to a level of excellence which would be respected by the athletic department, institution and community.

1. Promote education, knowledge and development in your field of study.
2. Practice academics ahead of athletics.
3. Do not expect privileges based on your athletic involvement which your classmates would not receive.
4. Maintain at the very least, the minimum G.P.A. that your institution allows for your eligibility to continue to play sport (2.0). For student-athletes receiving a scholarship, please see above.

Athletic Eligibility for Participation and Awards for Collaborative Programs

Undergraduate student-athletes enrolled in a collaborative academic program will be deemed eligible for athletic participation based on the submission of an unofficial transcript from the collaborative institution to the Registrar. Undergraduate student-athletes will be deemed eligible for ACAC awards based on the annual average as stated on the official transcript from the collaborative institution according to that institution's standing for distinction.

1. All student-athletes in collaborative programs will supply the Registrar's office with a copy of their unofficial transcript on or before the eligibility due dates for ACAC or as set by the Director of Athletics. The Registrar will sign off on eligibility based on this information.
2. All student-athletes in collaborative programs will be nominated for ACAC Awards based on the collaborative institutions standard for distinction. The Registrar will review the official transcripts and present the list of eligible nominees to the Director of Athletics.

APPENDIX A

Related Forms/Policies	ACAC Operating Code http://www.acac.ab.ca/media/Operating%20Code/Operating%20Code%20-%202013%2012.pdf page 20 (see also page 13 and following) http://www.acac.ab.ca/media/Operating%20Code/Operating%20Code%20-%202013%2012.pdf page 133
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