

## **One Semester Participation 2011-12 Rule**

On September 1, 2010 a Summary of New or Amended CCAA Eligibility Rules for 2010-11 was circulated to members. Enclosed in that memo was the One Semester Participation Eligibility Rule that will be implemented in 2011-12. The following memo provides you with scenarios of interpretation of the rule so that you may inform your current student-athletes and coaches of the application of the rule as it will apply starting September 2011.

It is important to contact your Conference Eligibility representative for clarification.

### **One Semester Participation rule approved for implementation in 2011-12.**

**\* Please note this rule refers to One Semester Participation not Two Semester Participation.**

#### 8.2.3 One semester participation

A student-athlete who begins play for a CCAA team in September (participates for one semester), must pass a minimum of either: 1) 3 courses or 9 credit hours in the semester of participation; or 2) 6 courses or 18 credit hours over the full academic year in order to be eligible for participation in the subsequent academic year.

A student athlete, who starts participating for the first time in an academic year in January, must pass 3 courses or 9 credit hours in that semester of participation or 6 courses or 18 credit hours before the start of the next academic year.

#### ***SCENARIO 1 (no change from current rule's interpretation)***

- *Athlete participates in any sport for only one semester (Sept-Dec or Jan-April).*
- *Passes 9 credits in the semester of athletic participation (Sept-Dec or Jan-April)*
- *Does not attend school again for the remainder of the academic year*

#### *Interpretation:*

- *This student-athlete participated in their sport in (Sept-Dec or Jan-April), and pass the required number of credits (9) in the semester of participation.*
- *The student-athlete is eligible to participate the following September.*

#### ***SCENARIO 2 (no change from current rule's interpretation)***

- *Athlete participates in any sport for only one semester (Sept-Dec)*
- *Does not pass 9 credits in the semester of athletic participation (Sept-Dec)*
- *Does not attend school again for the remainder of the academic year*

#### *Interpretation:*

- *This student-athlete participated in their sport in (Sept-Dec), and did not pass the required number of credits (9) and did not return to school again for the remainder of the year.*
- *The student is not eligible in to participate the following September and must re-instate academic eligibility as per CCAA Eligibility rule 8.3.*

### **SCENARIO 3 (no change from current rule's interpretation)**

- Athlete participates in any sport in the Sept-Dec semester.
- Passes 6 credits in Sept-Dec. semester.
- Attends school in Jan-April semester

#### *Interpretation:*

- This student-athlete participated in their sport in (Sept-Dec), and did not pass the required number of credits (9).
- The student needs to pass 18 credits before August 31 to be eligible to participate the following September..
- The student must obtain 12 credits from Jan to August 31.
- If the Student does not achieve 18 credits total by August 31st, the student is not eligible to participate the following September and must re-instate academic eligibility as per CCAA Eligibility rule 8.3.

### **SCENARIO 4 (no change from current rule's interpretation)**

- Athlete participates in any sport in the Jan-April semester.
- Passes 6 credits in the Jan-April semester

#### *Interpretation:*

- This student participated in their sport in Jan – April, and did not pass the required number of credits (9).
- The student needs to pass 18 credits before August 31.
- The student must obtain 12 credits from May to August 31.
- If the Student does not achieve 18 credits total by August 31st, the student is not eligible the following September and must re-instate academic eligibility as per CCAA Eligibility rule 8.3.

### **SCENARIO 5 (no change from current rule's interpretation but a change the premise of what is making the student eligible. In current rule a student attending full time Jan-April obtains 9 credits and is therefore eligible to participate the following September. Whereas in the new rule if student passes 9 in the semester of participation they are eligible to participate the following September.**

- Athlete participates in any sport in the Sept-Dec semester.
- Passes 9 credits in Sept-Dec semester
- Attends school in Jan-April semester and registers in 9 + credits
- Passes all 9 credits

#### *Interpretation:*

- This student participated in their sport in Sept-Dec, and passes 9 credits.
- The student is eligible to participate the following September, regardless of their academic progress from January to April.

### **SCENARIO 6 (no change from current rule's interpretation)**

- Athlete participates in any sport in the Sept-Dec semester.
- Passes 9 credits in Sept-Dec semester
- Attends school in Jan-April and registers in less than 9 credits (part-time)
- Passes all credits in Jan-April

#### *Interpretation:*

- *This student participated in their sport in Sept-Dec and passes 9 credits.*
- *The student is eligible to participate the following September, regardless of their academic progress from January to April.*

**SCENARIO 7 (Change from current rule, with current rule a student attending full time Jan-April must obtain 9 credits before August 31st to be eligible to participate the following September, whereas in the new rule if student passes 9 credits in the semester of participation they are eligible to participate the following September. )**

Athlete participates in any sport in the Sept-Dec semester.

- *Passes 9 credits in Sept-Dec semester*
- *Attends school in Jan-April semester full-time but does not participate in any sport*

*Interpretation:*

- *This student participated in their sport in Sept-Dec and passes 9 credits.*
- *The student is eligible to participate the following September, regardless of their academic progress from January to April.*