AC208: Student Athlete Eligibility Status

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Reference:  
Links to Other Policy: Progression Policy

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BACKGROUND

Definitions:
“Eligibility” refers to requirements needed for a student to play varsity sports.

“Student-athlete” refers to a St. Lawrence College student that is on a roster for a varsity team.

“Varsity” and “Athletics” terms are used synonymously to describe a sport, governed by the OCAA. There are three categories of sports. 1) Tournament based sports, which for St. Lawrence College are cross-country, golf, badminton; 2) League based sports which St. Lawrence College participates in men’s and women’s rugby, outdoor soccer and basketball; 3) Extramural club sports which include cricket, men’s and women’s hockey.

“Full-time” is defined by the OCAA as “determined by the institution’s Registrar in each semester in which they participate in OCAA/CCAA competition.”

“Transferred student-athletes” are those that have transferred from another post-secondary institution to St. Lawrence College.

Purpose:
St. Lawrence College has adopted this policy to ensure students, staff and faculty clearly understand the academic expectations required of student-athletes. It also outlines a new three-tiered status that allows for early identification of those that require support. This policy also reduces the likelihood of the athletics department rostering a student-athlete that should be more focused on their academic success.
**Scope:**
This policy is in alignment with eligibility requirements established by the National & Provincial governing bodies for collegiate varsity sport (Canadian Collegiate Athletics Association & Ontario Colleges Athletics Association)

**POLICY STATEMENTS**
Student-athletes at St. Lawrence College are grouped into three different categories based on their academic success*.

1. **Eligible**
   a. A full-time student athlete whose most recent term GPA and overall GPA is 2.00** or above, and who is currently meeting the academic objectives of their program.
   b. All first-year student athletes and transferred student-athletes are declared eligible.

2. **Conditional**
   a. A full-time student whose most recent GPA and overall GPA is between 1.7 and 1.99 from the previous semester.
   b. A full-time student-athlete who is enrolled in a program that is subject to attendance policies of external institutions or regulatory bodies that may supersede St. Lawrence College policy, that has repeated or unauthorized absence.
      i. Minimum required attendance standards for these programs are communicated in course outlines and clearly explained to students by their faculty.
   c. Conditional student-athletes are eligible to participate in Varsity Athletics once they:
      i. Have met with their Student Success Facilitator (SSF) to address their academic status and/or,
      ii. Receive their academic success plan (if applicable) and/or,
      iii. The athletics department has received confirmation the student is approved from relevant academic support (i.e. SSF) and faculty staff to participate in varsity sport.
   d. Should a student-athlete’s GPA fall below 1.7 in the semester in which their sport is not actively competing, that student-athlete is deemed conditional status.

3. **Ineligible**
   a. A full-time student whose most recent GPA and overall GPA is below 1.7.
b. Any student who is on academic probation by their program is ineligible to participate in Varsity

C. Ineligible student-athletes CANNOT participate in Varsity (practice, travel, play)
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*Student-athletes with a College approved academic accommodation, may be subject to other academic requirements that are established and agreed upon by multiple stakeholders including (but not exclusive to) the student-athlete, academic program, wellness team, athletics and OCAA.

**Unless there is a higher continued GPA requirement by a program identified in Appendix A of the Progression policy.

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Student Success, Athletics and Student Engagement

**NEXT POLICY REVISION DATE**

September 2028