

## AC208: Student Athlete Eligibility Status

<b>Policy Title:</b>	Student Athlete Eligibility Status
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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)

## Letter & Numeric Grade conversion to GPA

Numeric Grade	Official Grade	Grade Point
100% - 90%	A+	4.00
89% - 85%	A	3.90
84% - 80%	A-	3.70
79% - 77%	B+	3.30
76% - 73%	B	3.00
72% - 70%	B-	2.70
69% - 67%	C+	2.30
66% - 63%	C	2.00
62% - 60%	C-	1.70
59% - 57%	D+	1.30
56% - 53%	D	1.00
52% - 50%	D-	0.70
49% - 0%	F	0.00

\*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.

## MONITORING

Student Success, Athletics and Student Engagement

## NEXT POLICY REVISION DATE

September 2028