STUDENT-ATHLETE ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY POLICY

2026-27

PHILOSOPHY

The Cavaliers Athletics Program believes that academic success is the primary responsibility of every student-athlete. Participation in intercollegiate athletics should enhance educational experience and support personal growth, academic achievement, persistence, and graduation.

The purpose of this policy is to provide a clear and supportive framework that promotes academic success while ensuring compliance with Champlain College Saint-Lambert, RSEQ, and CCAA eligibility requirements.

1 | CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

1.1 COURSE LOAD EXPECTATIONS

- Student-athletes are expected to be enrolled in a minimum of five (5) courses per semester.
- Students taking fewer than five courses may remain eligible in specific circumstances, provided they maintain full-time student status as recognized by the College.
- Students with Fin de DEC, and other specific statuses, can also be considered full-time students for the purpose of athletic eligibility.

1.2 ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS

In addition to maintaining full-time status, student-athletes are expected to demonstrate satisfactory academic progress through the successful completion of their courses.

To remain eligible to participate in Cavaliers Athletics, student-athletes are expected to successfully complete a minimum of four (4) courses per semester.

Students who do not meet this expectation may be subject to an academic eligibility review and additional academic support measures.

1.3 ACADEMIC PROGRESS AND COURSE DROPS

Student-athletes are expected to demonstrate consistent academic engagement and satisfactory progress throughout each semester.

The **Course Withdrawal Deadline** typically occurs during the first three to four weeks of the semester. Students who withdraw from a course before this deadline will have the course removed from their academic record as though they had never registered for it.

The **Course Drop Deadline** generally occurs later in the semester, usually around weeks 10 to 11 following mid-term assessments. Courses dropped after the withdrawal deadline remain on a student's transcript and are identified with the notation "AE" (Abandon sans mention d'échec).

At Champlain College Saint-Lambert, a student-athlete who drops 50% or more of their course load during a semester (AEs) will be considered to be experiencing significant academic difficulty. While the student-athlete may still maintain full-time student status, the following restrictions will apply:

- The student-athlete may remain a member of their team.
- The student-athlete may continue attending practices and team meetings.
- The student-athlete will not be permitted to compete in games, competitions, tournaments, or championships.
- The student-athlete will not be permitted to travel with the team.
- Competition and travel privileges may be reinstated once the student-athlete demonstrates satisfactory academic progress through the College's academic review process.

2 | RSEQ ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In addition to meeting Champlain College standards, all student-athletes must satisfy the academic eligibility requirements established by the RSEQ.

2.1 FULL-TIME STATUS REQUIREMENT

To participate in RSEQ competition, a student-athlete must:

- Be registered as a full-time student according to Ministry of Education standards.
- Maintain full-time status throughout the semester. Please note that AEs do not affect your full-time status.
- Be registered as a regular full-time student or have recognized Fin de DEC status.

Students who lose full-time status after at any point during the season will become immediately ineligible for RSEQ competition.

2.2 ANNUAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

For student-athletes participating during both the Fall and Winter semesters, RSEQ requires successful completion of:

- A minimum of eight (8) courses, or
- A minimum of fourteen (14) units

during the academic year.

A maximum of two successfully completed summer courses may be included in the calculation. These classes cannot be physical education classes.

2.3 WINTER SEMESTER ELIGIBILITY

To maintain eligibility for Winter competition, student-athletes must successfully complete during the Fall semester:

- Three (3) courses, or
- Five (5) units.

FIRST-YEAR STUDENT-ATHLETE EXCEPTION

Student-athletes in their first year of collegiate studies remain eligible for Winter competition if they successfully complete during the Fall semester:

- Three (3) courses, or
- Four (4) units.

This exception applies only during a student-athlete's first year of collegiate studies.

2.4 STUDENTS REGISTERED FOR ONE SEMESTER ONLY

A student-athlete registered for only one semester during an academic year must successfully complete:

- Four (4) courses, or
- Seven (7) units.

2.5 COURSE WITHDRAWALS, COURSE DROPS & INCOMPLETE GRADES

Student-athletes should be aware that:

- Courses identified as "Abandon sans mention d'échec" – AEs- are considered by the RSEQ as courses attempted but not successfully completed for eligibility purposes.
- Temporary incomplete grades (IT) are considered unsuccessful until a final grade has been recorded.
- Course drops (AEs) and incomplete grades may affect future eligibility calculations.
- Students who receive Permanent Incompletes will have their files looked at individually if required

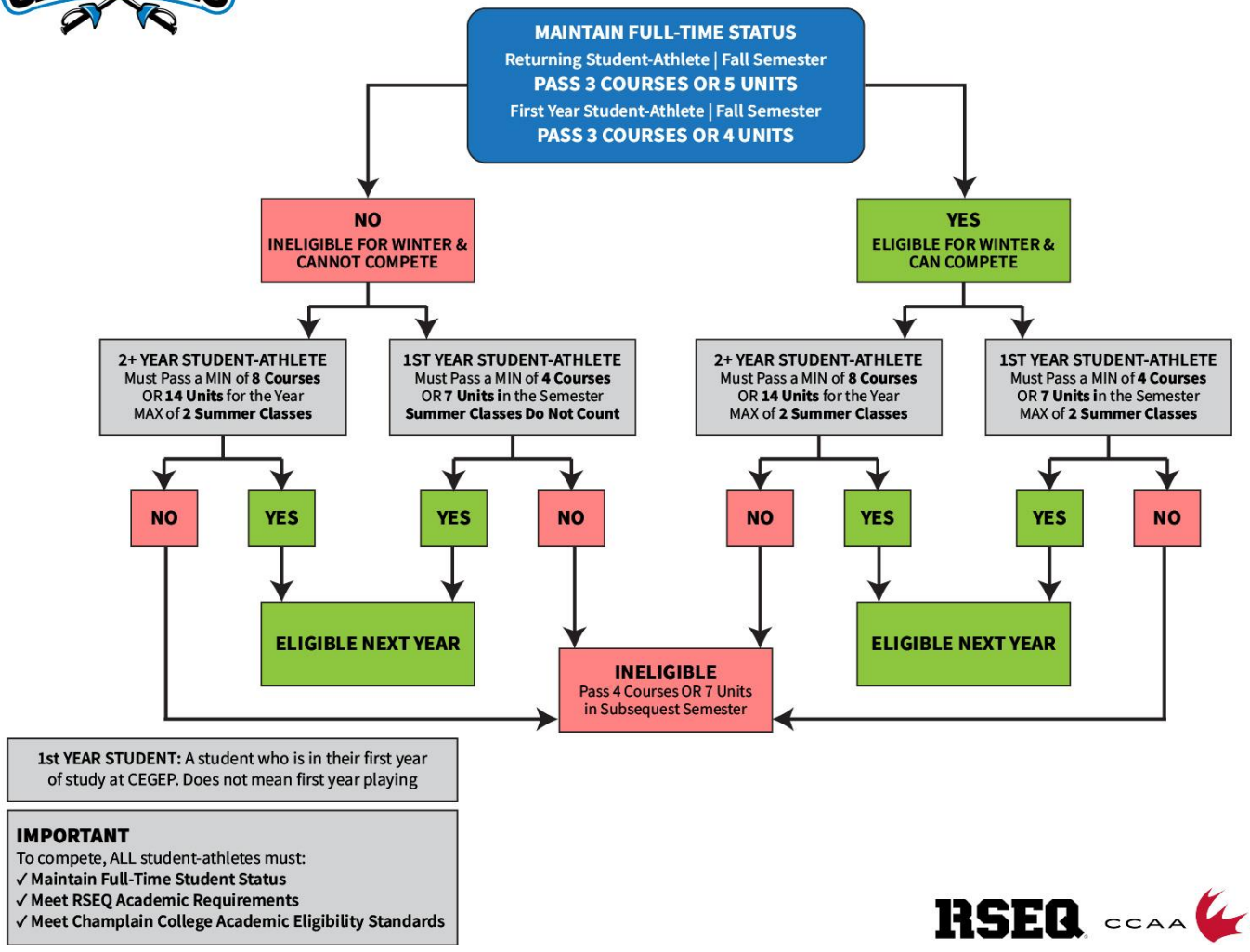
2.6 RESTORING RSEQ ELIGIBILITY

A student-athlete who becomes academically ineligible under RSEQ regulations may regain their eligibility by successfully completing, within one (1) semester:

- Four (4) courses, or
- Seven (7) units

When attempting to regain eligibility, the student must pass the 4 courses or 7 units within the same semester, Summer courses will not be considered for the purposes of restoring eligibility.

Cavaliers' Academic Eligibilty Flowchart



3 | ACADEMIC ALERT PROCESS

The purpose of the Academic Alert Process is to identify concerns early and provide support before academic difficulties become significant.

The process is intended to be supportive, educational, and developmental.

LEVEL 1: ACADEMIC ALERT

A student-athlete may be placed on Academic Alert when:

- A faculty member reports academic concerns.
- Attendance issues develop.
- Assignments are repeatedly missed.

- Academic performance indicates risk of course failure.

POSSIBLE INTERVENTIONS

- Academic advising appointment.
- Student Success consultation.
- Academic success planning.
- Tutoring referrals.
- Faculty progress reports.
- Coach and Athletics staff check-ins.

Athletic participation is not affected at this stage.

LEVEL 2: ACADEMIC PROBATION

A student-athlete may be placed on Academic Probation when:

- Academic concerns continue despite intervention.
- Multiple courses are being failed.
- Significant attendance concerns exist.
- Course withdrawals place eligibility at risk.
- Academic progress remains unsatisfactory.

POSSIBLE INTERVENTIONS

- Mandatory meetings with Athletics and Student Services staff.
- Study hall requirements.
- Academic coaching.
- Weekly progress monitoring.
- Academic success contract.

Participation conditions may be implemented while an improvement plan is in place.

4 | COMPETITION RESTRICTION

A student-athlete may/will be restricted from competition when:

- They no longer maintain full-time status according to RSEQ rules.
- They drop (AE) 50% or more of their course load.
- They do not participate in required academic interventions.
- They fail to meet Champlain College or RSEQ eligibility requirements.

DURING A COMPETITION RESTRICTION:

PERMITTED

- Team membership
- Team meetings
- Practices
- Academic support services

RESTRICTED

- Intercollegiate competition
- Team travel
- Championship participation
- Official competition rosters

5 | REINSTATEMENT PROCESS

Competition and travel privileges may be reinstated when a student-athlete demonstrates satisfactory academic improvement.

Reinstatement may require:

- Improved academic standing.
- Positive instructor feedback.
- Consistent class attendance.
- Completion of required support measures.
- Demonstrated commitment to an academic success plan.

Final reinstatement decisions will be made by the Director of Athletics or designate in consultation with appropriate College personnel.

6 | STUDENT SUPPORT RESOURCES

Student-athletes are encouraged to seek assistance early when academic challenges arise.

ACADEMIC SUPPORTS

- Academic Advising | F-103 | MIO to Academic Advising
- Student Accessibility Centre (SAC) | F-147 | MIO to SAC
- Faculty Members | Reach out to your profs if you are having any issues/challenges DO NOT WAIT!
- Tutoring and Learning Resources | 2nd Floor of Library

PERSONAL AND WELLNESS SUPPORTS

- Financial Aid | Scott O'Brien | F-119 | Contact by MIO | sobrien@crcmail.net
- Student Life Counsellors | F-119 | Sheila Barranqueiro& Scott O'Brien
- Career Counselling | F-121 | MIO to Student Services
- Mental Health & Wellbeing | F-121 | MIO to Céline Bourgeois/Student Services
- College Nurse | F-121 | MIO to Céline Bourgeois/Student Services
- Athletics Staff and Coaches | F-132 (Vince Amato) | F-133 (Azizza Goyette)

CRISIS RESOURCES

- Campus Security: 3210
- Info-Santé / Info-Social: 811
- Emergency Services: 911 – Then Call Security at 3210

7 | COMMITMENT TO ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Academic success remains the primary responsibility of every Champlain College Saint-Lambert student-athlete.

The Cavaliers Athletics Program is committed to providing support, resources, and opportunities that help student-athletes achieve success in the classroom while pursuing excellence in athletics.

The goal of this policy is to ensure that athletics supports student achievement while providing a transparent, equitable, and student-centered approach to academic eligibility, intervention, and support.

Approved by: _____

Effective Date: _____

Review Date: _____