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Cincinnati Public Schools COVID-19 College Athletic Eligibility Update

This document serves to provide centralized answers to frequent questions regarding **collegiate athletic eligibility** (and progress toward) based on the current alternative learning programming.

1. CPS COVID-19 4th Quarter Grading Procedures

- a. Students will receive a Pass or Incomplete for 4th quarter based on work completed and progress toward learning goals.
- b. 2nd semester grades will be determined by 3rd quarter grade plus the P or I earned in 4th quarter.
- c. Second semester grades will either remain the same as 3rd quarter letter grade (ex: B + I = B) or will improve (ex: B + P = A).
- d. Second semester grades will be on a normal letter grade scale (A, B, C, D, F).

2. NCAA Eligibility Center COVID-19 Response

- a. COVID-19 Automatic waiver
 - i. **All** students graduating spring/summer 2020 and enrolling full time in 2020-21 will receive a COVID-19 Automatic Waiver (athletics aid, practice and competition) so long as they meet the following criteria:
 1. **Division I**
 - a. Students were on track to meet 10/7 course progression (10 core courses completed, 7 units in math, science and/or English) prior to beginning their 7th semester
 - b. Students earned a 2.300 or higher core GPA in those courses completed prior to beginning the 7th semester
 2. **Division II**
 - a. Students completed 10 core courses prior to start of 7th semester
 - b. Students earned a 2.200 or higher core GPA in those course
 3. These waivers are solely based on coursework completed prior to the 7th semester
- b. **Test scores (ACT/SAT) are excluded from these criteria.**
 - i. Students with a non-qualifying test score in their Eligibility Center account will still receive the automatic waiver

- c. **Timeline**
 - i. Students will begin to see this waiver applied to their Eligibility Center accounts on **May 1**. Proof of graduation is NOT required for this waiver to be applied and accounts to be certified
 - ii. Students who have already been evaluated **will be re-evaluated** to see if they meet the COVID-19 Automatic Waiver criteria
- d. **Core Coursework Completed in a Distance/e-learning Setting**
 - i. Core Coursework previously approved will not be re-evaluated and will automatically “count” toward a student’s core course completion
 - ii. This policy applies for **ALL grade levels (9-12)** who complete distance or e-learning courses in Spring/Summer 2020
- e. **Pass/Incomplete Policy**
 - i. For students who earn a pass, the EC will “count” the credit earned toward the core-course requirement in the student’s certification
 - ii. If the student’s core course GPA would increase by applying a 2.300 GPA, the value will be assigned to passed courses
 - iii. If the core course GPA would decrease by applying a 2.300 GPA, the core-course GPA will be calculated based only on courses with assigned letter grades, but the credit for passing the course will still “count” toward the student’s core-course requirement
 - iv. *This policy counts for **all** students completing such coursework grades 9-12*
- f. **Core-Course Completion Timeline**
 - i. Students graduating in Spring/Summer 2020 will be able to apply up to 6 course credits earned after the start of their 7th semester to complete their certification
 - ii. These courses can be completed in the academic year or in the Summer term, so long as they are completed prior to enrolling full-time for 2020-2021
- g. **Seniors Delaying Graduation/Enrollment**
 - i. Expected Spring/Summer 2020 graduates who delay graduation or full-time enrollment **due to COVID-19** will receive the Spring/Summer 2020 graduate benefits toward eligibility
- h. NCAA Eligibility Center COVID-19 Response FAQs Document
 - i. http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/eligibility_center/COVID-19_Public.pdf

3. NJCAA and NAIA

- a. NAIA has waived test score requirements (ACT/SAT) for initial eligibility
 - i. Students will need to obtain a 2.0 overall GPA to qualify
 - ii. Students should strive to graduate in the top 50% of their class
- b. NJCAA has not made any announcement of adjustments as of 4/17/2020.

If you have questions regarding college athletic eligibility, please contact your school Athletic Director or District AAA Pathway Advisor Stephanie Price at pricest@cpsboe.k12.oh.us.