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

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.