

NJCAA POLICY – CERTIFIED LEARNING DISABLED STUDENT-ATHLETE

Article V, Section 2.E.1

Name of Student-Athlete: _____ First Season or Second Season? (Circle One)

Name of College: _____ Region: _____ Sport(s): _____

Article V, Section 2.E.1: *An NJCAA student-athlete may be granted relief from Article V, Section 2.D.2 and 2.D.3 of the NJCAA bylaws in the instance where the following guidelines are followed. All of the required information listed below must be submitted to the NJCAA National Office prior to any participation in an NJCAA certified sport.*

The following materials must be included with this form to support your request and this list may also be found in the NJCAA Handbook in Article V, Section 2.E.1:

1. A written copy of the institution's policies and curriculum guidelines applicable to all disabled students.
2. Completed NJCAA Certified Learning Disabled Student-Athlete request form.
3. Written documentation from an appropriate institutional academic authority (e.g., registrar) that the institution has defined the student-athlete's full-time enrollment to be less than 12 credit hours to compensate for the student-athlete's disability.
4. Student-athlete's current class schedule.
5. Written documentation that describes the application of the institution's policies to the student-athlete in question and documentation that indicates that institutional support and accommodation, though significant, is insufficient to address the academic needs of disabled student-athletes.
6. Full and complete documentation of the student-athlete's disability, including:
 - a. Written and signed diagnosis of the disability, including the results of specific measures or tests, which formed the basis of the diagnosis.
 - b. A copy of the student-athlete's individual education plan (IEP), if applicable.
 - c. Name, position and signature of the qualified individual issuing the diagnosis. This individual's professional credentials and relationship to the applicant's institution's athletics department must be provided. (**NOTE:** Normally, an athletic department staff member will not be accepted.)
 - d. A current diagnosis of the disability must be within the last three years. If specific circumstances of the case indicate that this requirement is unnecessary, a prior diagnosis may be acceptable.
7. A summary of support services and other accommodations provided by the applicant institution designed to assist the disabled student-athlete. Expected to include:
 - a. Accommodations provided by the institution with respect to the student-athlete's athletics responsibilities,
 - b. Academic and other support services provided, AND
 - c. Any institutional accommodations related to adjustments of minimum academic performance requirements.
8. All required information must be submitted to the NJCAA National Office prior to any participation by the student-athlete in an NJCAA certified sport; and waiver requests must be signed by any two of the following: the Director of Athletics, College President (Chief Executive Officer) or NJCAA Designated Representative.
9. The NJCAA reserves the right to request a second opinion or diagnosis, the cost of which shall be borne by the requesting member institution.

I hereby certify that the above information is accurate. It is understood that if this hardship is granted it will only affect the student-athlete's eligibility at an NJCAA member college and is not subject to be honored by another athletic organization.

Student-Athlete Signature

Date

Athletic Director Signature

Date

College President (CEO)/Designated Representative Signature
(Please circle one)

Date

**This completed form and supplemental information are to be sent to:
NJCAA Office of Eligibility, 1631 Mesa Avenue, Suite B, Colorado Springs, CO 80906
A duplicate copy must be submitted to your Regional Director.**