



MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
REQUEST FOR MEDICAL HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY WAIVER

This Request for Medical Hardship Eligibility Waiver Form along with ALL SUPPORTING MEDICAL AND PARTICIPATION DATA is to be submitted to the Conference Office as soon as possible prior to the student-athlete's next season of competition.

I. STUDENT INFORMATION

Student-Athlete's Name: _____ Classification: _____
Institution: _____ Date: _____
Sport: _____ Current Academic Year: _____
Academic year (season) for which waiver is being requested: _____

II. PARTICIPATION

- 1. Number of actual dates of competition/contests in which student-athlete participated in year requested: _____
- 2. Number of scheduled countable dates of competition/contest in year requested: _____
- 3. Percentage of dates of competitions/contest in which the student-athlete participated. (Thirty percent (30%) limit) _____%
- 4. First date of competition by any member of the team: _____
- 5. Last date of competition by team in regular season or conference championship: _____
- 6. Date of mid-point in season: _____
- 7. Date of student's final competition that season: _____

III. INCAPACITATING INJURY OR ILLNESS

- 1. Date of onset of incapacitating injury/illness: _____
- 2. Physician's diagnosis of injury/illness:

[Empty box for physician's diagnosis]

- 3. Brief description of how the injury occurred, including significant events (e.g., student broke leg on 9/1).

[Empty box for description of injury]

- 4. Treatment prescribed (date of surgery, if any. If in cast, how long?)

[Empty box for treatment prescribed]

- 5. The attending physician must attach to this form on office letterhead, a signed statement attesting that the student-athlete's injury/illness was "incapacitating" and prevented the individual from participating in intercollegiate athletics competition. (Note: Supporting documentation must be attached in order for this waiver to be processed).



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IV. DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

The following documents **MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE APPLICATION** (please check off each item to verify that it is included with the waiver application):

- 1. Team's Competition Schedule. _____
- 2. Team's Final Statistics for year requested (Official Stats Only). _____
- 3. Student-Athlete Participation Record (Listing of all games or events in which the student-athlete competed (**Official Stats Only**)). _____
- 4. Medical Statement to Supplement Request for Hardship Waiver (must be completed by the attending physician). _____
- 5. An attached letter on the Physicians letterhead stating that the student-athlete's injury/illness was incapacitating and prevented the individual from normal intercollegiate athletics competition. _____
- 6. Any pertinent Contemporaneous Medical Documentation (e.g., trainers and/or doctor's notes regarding treatment from time of injury through the conclusion of the playing season). _____
- 7. Signed Buckley Statement. _____
- 8. The Directors of Athletics, Faculty Athletics Representative and Head Trainer signatures. _____

V. SIGNATURES

- 1. Head Trainer's Signature: _____ Date: _____
- 2. Attending Physician's Signature: _____ Date: _____
- 3. Director of Athletics Signature: _____ Date: _____
- 4. Compliance Coordinator's Signature: _____ Date: _____



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12.8.4 Hardship Waiver. A student-athlete may be granted an additional year of competition by the conference or the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for reasons of “hardship.” Hardship is defined as an incapacity resulting from an injury or illness that has occurred under all of the following conditions: *(Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 11/1/01, 4/3/02, 8/8/02, 3/10/04, 5/11/05, 8/4/05, 4/26/07, 9/18/07, 11/1/07 effective 8/1/08, 4/24/08, 7/31/14)*

- a. The incapacitating injury or illness occurs in one of the four seasons of intercollegiate competition at any two-year or four-year collegiate institutions or occurs after the first day of classes in the student-athlete’s senior year in high school;
- b. The injury or illness occurs prior to the first competition of the second half of the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship in that sport (see Bylaw 12.8.4.3.4) and results in incapacity to compete for the remainder of that playing season;
- c. In **team sports**, the injury or illness occurs when the student-athlete has not participated in more than three contests or dates of competition (whichever is applicable to that sport) or 30 percent (whichever number is greater) of the institution’s scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition in his or her sport. Only scheduled or completed competition against outside participants during the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship, or, if so designated, during the official NCAA championship playing season in that sport (e.g., spring baseball, fall soccer), shall be countable under this limitation in calculating both the number of contests or dates of competition in which the student-athlete has participated and the number of scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition during that season in the sport. Dates of competition that are exempted (e.g., alumni contests, foreign team in the United States) from the maximum permissible number of contests or dates of competition shall count toward the number of contests or dates in which the student-athlete has participated and the number of scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition in the season, except for scrimmages and exhibition contests that are specifically identified as such in the sport’s Bylaw 17 playing and practice season regulations. Scrimmages and exhibition contests that are not exempted from the maximum permissible number of contests or dates of competition may be excluded from the calculation only if they are identified as such in the sport’s Bylaw 17 playing and practice season regulations; and
- d. In **individual sports**, the injury or illness occurs when the student-athlete has not participated in more than three dates of competition or 30 percent (whichever number is greater) of the maximum permissible number of dates of competition as set forth in Bylaw 17 plus one date for a conference championship (e.g., gymnastics: 13+1=14, wrestling: 16+1=17), regardless of whether the team participates in the conference championship, provided the institution is a member of a conference and the conference holds a championship event in the applicable sport. Dates of competition that are exempted per Bylaw 17 (e.g., alumni contests, foreign team in the United States) from the maximum permissible number of dates of competition do not count toward the number of dates in which the student-athlete has participated.

Notes

1. Medical Hardship Waivers may be submitted at any time as long as the student-athlete’s sports season that you are requesting has been completed. It is not necessary to wait until the end of the academic year.
2. The Conference Office will **NOT** accept Weekly/Monthly Participation Forms as final statistics. Only the **OFFICIAL** computerized stats will be accepted.
3. Review the statistics to ensure that it reflects accurate information.
4. Make sure that the waiver includes a doctor’s letter stating that the injury was “**incapacitating**”.
5. Any incomplete waiver applications will be sent back to the institution for completion.
6. If you have a student-athlete that did not participate in any contests in the year in which you are requesting the waiver, the student-athlete is **NOT** eligible for the waiver. Please note that season as a medical redshirt and keep all medical documentation on file should the student-athlete need a five-year extension.
7. If you wish to appeal a denied waiver, submit a written request and it will be brought before the MEAC Faculty Athletics Representative Association (FARA) for a decision. The FARA only meets twice a year (May and December); however, if necessary a teleconference can be convened.
8. Remember that a medical hardship waiver does not extend the student-athlete’s five-year clock. That must be done through the NCAA Student-Athlete Reinstatement.
9. The Conference Office does not have the ability to step outside of NCAA legislation; therefore, ensure that the student-athlete meets all requirements for a medical hardship.