

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
Medical Hardship Waiver Petition**

Student-Athlete _____

Institution: _____

Sport: _____

Waiver Season: _____

NCAA Bylaw 14.2.5 Hardship Waiver

A student-athlete may be granted an additional year of competition by the conference of 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: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/92)*

- (a) The incapacitating injury or illness occurs in one of the four seasons of intercollegiate competition at any two-year or four-year collegiate institution; *(Revised 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92)*
- (b) The injury or illness results in an incapacity to compete for the remainder of that playing season; and *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03 for any injury or illness occurring on or after 8/1/03)*
- (c) The injury or illness occurs when the student-athlete has not participated in more than two contests or dates of competition (whichever is applicable to that sport) or 20 percent (whichever is greater) of the institution's scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition in his or her sport. Only scheduled or completed competition (excluding scrimmages and exhibition contests per Bylaw 17 in the applicable sport) 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. *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 1/14/02 effective 8/1/02, 4/29/04, 1/10/05 for any competition occurring on or after 8/1/04)*

Injury

Date injury or illness occurred: _____

Student-athlete competed in _____ total contests (include all competition during championship season)

Total number of contests scheduled by institution: _____

Percentage of total scheduled contests student-athlete competed in: _____

Required Documentation: (MUST be attached to this form)

1. Contemporaneous medical documentation indicating continued medical evaluation/treatment and the nature and extent of the injury or illness. This must be from the examining medical professional (not team athletic trainer) and include:
 - a. Date the injury occurred;
 - b. Date of medical examination and diagnosis;
 - c. Reason student-athlete was advised to discontinue participation for the remainder of the season;
 - d. Statement that the injury resulted in **an incapacity to compete the remainder of the season.**
2. Final performance statistics from sports information office or record of contest-by-contest participation.
3. Final official schedule that includes a contest-by-contest breakdown of all scheduled competition.
4. Provide any additional details, documents, if needed.

Required Signatures

I am aware that the above named institution is filing a Medical Hardship Waiver Petition on my behalf and that the petition may include pertinent medical documentation in support of the waiver

Student-athlete's signature: _____ Date: _____

Based upon the information submitted and my knowledge of this matter, I certify that this student-athlete meets the criteria of the hardship waiver legislation and request approval of this petition:

Director of Athletics signature: _____ Date: _____

Prepared by: _____ Title: _____

Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Action	
Granted: _____	Denied: _____
Signature: _____	Date: _____

KEY INTERPRETATIONS

MEDICAL INFORMATION

1. A medical doctor, not a team trainer, must provide the requisite diagnosis that a student-athlete's injury or illness results in an incapacity to compete for the remainder of the traditional playing season. [NCAA Interpretations Committee (IC) 8/22/91]
2. The documentation must be dated after the season is over so that the information can be confirmed by a physician that the student-athlete did not return to competition at the end of the season. [NCAA Eligibility Committee Policy]
3. The student-athlete who is eligible for hardship waiver may participate in limited practice activities to the extent that the student-athlete is physically able to do so. (i.e., as part of the rehabilitation), as long as it is verified by a medical doctor that the injury or illness precludes the student-athlete from competing in any contests. [IC 3/12/82]

CALCULATING HARDSHIP WAIVER

1. A student-athlete whose injury or illness occurred during the nontraditional season and resulted in the student-athlete's inability to compete in the traditional season has used a season of competition and must request an additional year of competition, from the conference or the NCAA for reasons of hardship. [IC 8/22/91]
2. In individual sports, all competition in the traditional and nontraditional season must be considered in calculating scheduled events, if the championship selection in a sport is based upon competition throughout the entire season (traditional and nontraditional segments). [NCAA Council 8/2/89]
3. If your institution competes separately in an individual sport against two or more institutions on one calendar day, all participation on that day counts as one contest (in the denominator) for calculating scheduled events for hardship purposes. A student-athlete representing your institution in any outside competition on that day is charged with only one event (in the numerator). [IC 8/22/91]
4. Track and field is considered to be a single sport. If a student-athlete participates only in field events (e.g. shot put), a track event can be used to determine your institution's scheduled events for a hardship waiver, even if the meet does not include field events. [IC 8/22/91]
5. Swimming and diving is considered a single sport. If a student-athlete participates in diving, a swim meet can be used to determine your institution's scheduled events for a hardship waiver, even if the swim meet did not include diving competition. [IC 8/22/91]
6. Indoor and outdoor track are considered a single sport. A student-athlete who participates in indoor track may utilize only indoor track events in determining the number of scheduled events for a hardship waiver. If a student-athlete participates in outdoor track, only outdoor events may be used to determine completed events for a hardship waiver. [IC 8/22/91]
7. In calculating the 20 per cent limitation (for Divisions I and II), you also round up. For example, 20 per cent of a 27-game basketball schedule is 5.4 games, so you would round up to six games. Conference championships count as one contest, no matter how many days or games are involved, and the counting of tournaments and multiple-team events is based on whether individual or team sports are involved. With individual sports, any one-day, one-location competition counts as one event, and each day in a tournament counts as one event. In team sports, every game of a tournament, doubleheader or multiple-team contest counts as a separate event. [Bylaw 14.2.5.3.4]

8. “..Further, if a student-athlete participates in a sport that conducts a traditional fall segment prior to the individual’s participating in 20 per cent of the institution’s complete traditional contests, the individual still is permitted to receive a hardship waiver even if he or she subsequently participates during the nontraditional spring segment, with the understanding that the injury or illness that occurred during the traditional segment resulted in the student-athlete’s incapacity to participate for the remainder of the traditional segment.” [IC 1/14/88]
9. For additional Division I criteria for an injury or illness that occurred at a two-year college, see Bylaw 14.2.5.1.