

**2017**



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REPORT**

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# Eligibility Committee Report

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## 1. Current Eligibility Committee members

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Ken Olynyk: Chair; Sandy Slavin: CWUAA; Chuck Mathies: OUA; Joey Sabo: RSEQ; Pat Nearing: AUS; Joanna Hunter: Observer; Tara Hahto: U SPORTS

## 2. Mandate

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The Eligibility Committee's role is to assist management in fulfilling its responsibilities related to the participation of student-athletes in activities.

The Committee is an advisor to management, the Board and the Members on all eligibility matters. The Committee also hears and decides appeals of eligibility matters relating to compassionate grounds. The Committee may establish subcommittees or task forces to deal with specific issues in relation to the mandate of the Committee.

## 3. Duties

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The Committee has the following duties and responsibilities:

- a) Assist management in the administration, interpretation, education and monitoring for compliance of CIS's Student Athlete Eligibility Policies and Procedures
- b) Delegate to management and staff the authority to respond to eligibility inquiries with interpretations
- c) Recommend changes to the U SPORTS Eligibility Policies and Procedures for consideration by management, the Membership and ultimate review and approval by the Board
- d) Consider and decide appeals of eligibility status that are made on compassionate grounds
- e) Such additional duties as may from time to time be delegated to the Committee by management



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## 4. Interpretations

Each Eligibility Review Officer reviewed the interpretations issued during the time period of August 1, 2016 until May 1, 2017.

	Interpretations issued	Correspondence to issue interpretations
AUS	37	87
RSEQ	34	69
OUA	31	96
CWUAA	76	124
Total	178	376

## 5. Exemptions

The national office, with consultation from the Eligibility Committee as required, supported 31 Repatriations within the time frame of August 1, 2017 until May 1, 2017. Below are breakdowns of approved repatriations by sport and conference.

Conference	Supported
AUS	0
RSEQ	1
OUA	14
CWUAA	16
Total	31

Sport	Supported
MBB	4
MFB	4
MHK	7
MSC	4
MTF	1
WBB	1
WFH	1
WHK	2
WSC	6
WSW	1
Total	31



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In addition, the national office, with consultation from the Eligibility Committee as required, approved 23 “early start” applications, pursuant to policy 40.10.4.1.7. Below are breakdowns by sport and conference.

Conference	Supported	Sport	Supported
AUS	0	MBB	9
RSEQ	7	MSC	5
OUA	6	WBB	5
CWUAA	10	WSC	4
Total	23	Total	23

## 6. Season Ending Injuries

The national office, with consultation from the Eligibility Committee as required, supported 27 Season Ending Injury applications. Below is the historical breakdown by sport since 2005-2006.

Sport	2016-2017	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014	2012-2013	2011-2012	2010-2011	2009-2010	2008-2009	2007-2008	2006-2007	2005-2006
MBB	2	-	-	3	2	6	1	2	2	0	2	1
WBB	4	-	-	3	3	3	4	3	5	0	3	1
MFB	2	-	-	5	0	5	4	4	4	2	4	8
MHK	1	-	-	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
WHK	0	-	-	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
MSC	3	-	-	2	2	1	1	4	1	0	0	0
WSC	5	-	-	4	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	2
MVB	2	-	-	1	2	4	2	0	1	0	0	0
WVB	4	-	-	2	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
WRG	2	-	-	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
MTF	1	-	-	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
WTF	1	-	-	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WXC	0	-	-	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
MXC	0	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WWR	0	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MWR	0	-	-	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	27	-	-	24	19	31	16	16	14	4	10	12



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## 7. Compassionate Appeals

The Eligibility Committee processed 51 compassionate appeals through either e-dispositions or conference call hearings. A breakdown of compassionate appeals between June 15, 2016 and May 1, 2017 is below.

Sport	2016-2017			2013-2014			2012-2013		
	Appeals	Supported	Denied	Appeals	Supported	Denied	Appeals	Supported	Denied
MBB	4	1	3	2	2	0	3	2	1
WBB	5	5	0	2	2	0	-	-	-
MXC	1	0	1	1	1	0	-	-	-
WXC	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	0
WFH	-	-	-	1	1	0	1	1	0
MFB	11	9	2	9	5	4	19	12	7
MHK	2	2	0	6	5	1	5	3	2
WHK	1	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	2
WRG	3	2	1	-	-	-	3	3	0
MSC	9	7	2	6	3	3	8	8	0
WSC	5	2	3	3	3	0	3	3	0
MSW	1	1	0	1	1	0	2	2	0
WSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	0
MTF	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
WTF	2	2	0	1	1	0	-	-	-
MVB	4	4	0	3	3	0	5	5	0
WVB	2	2	0	2	2	0	1	1	0
MWR	-	-	-	1	1	0	-	-	-
WWR	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	0
<b>Total#</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>12</b>	40	31	9	60	48	12
<b>Total%</b>	100%	76%	24%	100%	78%	22%	100%	80%	20%



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## 8. Main Work of 2016-2017

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The Eligibility Committee consulted, crafted and passed several policies in relation to eligibility and recruiting during the 2016-2017 season, which will be implemented in the summer of 2017. In addition to these changes, each Eligibility Review Officer provided the services of interpretation and explanation to member institution staff throughout the season.

## 9. Ongoing Work of 2016-2017

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The Eligibility Committee will work to identify gaps in the current eligibility policies and as Eligibility Review Officers, continue to service the membership by providing interpretations throughout the season. Additionally, the committee looks to enhance U SPORTS eligibility casebooks and is prospecting ways in which the committee and national office can host information in a user-friendly and accessible way, in order for member institutions to better understand previous interpretations, policy intentions and new rule applications.