



2019-2020

ELIGIBILITY

REPORT

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Eligibility Committee Report

2020

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1. Current Eligibility Committee members

Sandy Slavin: Chair; Jayne Blank: Canada West; Chuck Mathies: OUA; Joey Sabo: RSEQ; Pat Nearing: AUS; Tara Hahto: U SPORTS

2. Mandate

The 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 sub-committees or task forces to deal with specific issues in relation to the mandate of the Committee.

3. Responsibilities

The Committee has the following duties and responsibilities:

- a) Assist management in the administration, interpretation, education and monitoring for compliance of U SPORTS' 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 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

4. Interpretations

Each Eligibility Review Officer (ERO) reviewed the interpretations issued during the time period of June 1, 2019 until May 15, 2020, totalling roughly 217:

Canada West: 45

OUA: 55* (ERO in place from June 1-Oct 1 and April 1-June 15)

RSEQ: 80

AUS: 37



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5. Exemptions

The National Office, with consultation from the Eligibility Committee as required, supported **43** Repatriations within the time frame of June 15, 2019 to May 15, 2020. Below are the breakdowns of approved repatriations by sport and conference.

Conference	Approved
AUS	4
RSÉQ	2
OUA	24
CW	13
Total	43

Sport	Approved
MBB	5
MFB	3
MHK	10
MSC	6
MXC	1
WBB	3
WTF	2
WHK	1
WSC	8
WSW	2
WVB	1
WFH	1
Total	43

In addition, the national office, with consultation from the Eligibility Committee as required, approved **24** “early start” applications pursuant to U SPORTS Policy 40.10.4.1.7, for the 2019-2020 season. Those 24 supported applications encompassed **45** individual games. Below are breakdowns by sport and conference.

Sport	Approved
MBB	5
MSC	6
WBB	3
WSC	10
WRG	1

Conference	Approved
CW	18
OUA	2
RSEQ	5
AUS	0



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6. Season Ending Injuries

The National Office, with consultation from the Eligibility Committee as required, supported **29** Season Ending Injury applications between June 15, 2019 to May 15, 2020. Below is a historical breakdown of available data.

Sport	19-20	18-19	17-18	16-17	15-16	14-15	13-14	12-13	11-12	10-11	09-10	08-09	07-08	06-07	05-06
MBB	5	3	-	2	-	-	3	2	6	1	2	2	0	2	1
WBB	5	2	-	4	-	-	3	3	3	4	3	5	0	3	1
MFB	1	2	-	2	-	-	5	0	5	4	4	4	2	4	8
MHK	0	4	-	1	-	-	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
WHK	1	1	-	0	-	-	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
MSC	6	5	-	3	-	-	2	2	1	1	4	1	0	0	0
WSC	2	3	-	5	-	-	4	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	2
MVB	1	1	-	2	-	-	1	2	4	2	0	1	0	0	0
WVB	3	2	-	4	-	-	2	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
RUG	4	1	-	2	-	-	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
MTF	0	1	-	1	-	-	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
WTF	1	0	-	1	-	-	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WXC	0	0	-	0	-	-	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
MXC	0	0	-	0	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WWR	0	0	-	0	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MWR	0	0	-	0	-	-	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	29	25	-	27	-	-	24	19	31	16	16	14	4	10	12



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7. Compassionate Appeals

The Eligibility Committee processed **59** Compassionate Appeals through either e-disposition or traditional conference call hearings. A breakdown of Compassionate Appeals between June 15, 2019 to May 15, 2020 is below, as well as a comparison to the previous two years.

	2019-2020			2018-2019			2017-2018		
Sport	Appeals	Supported	Denied	Appeals	Supported	Denied	Appeals	Supported	Denied
MBB	7	3	4	2	2	0	5	3	2
WBB	8	6	2	6	5	1	5	5	0
MXC	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
WXC	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
WFH	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
MFB	11	8	3	11	7	4	11	8	3
MHK	2	1	1	9	6	3	5	4	1
WHK	2	1	1	3	3	0	4	2	2
WRG	5	5	0	2	2	0	3	3	0
MSC	8	5	3	8	5	3	2	1	1
WSC	5	4	1	5	5	0	5	1	4
MSW	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
WSW	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
MTF	1	0	1	1	1	0	3	2	1
WTF	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MVB	3	2	1	1	1	0	2	0	2
WVB	2	2	0	1	0	1	2	1	1
MWR	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
WWR	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total#	59	42	17	50	38	12	54	37	17
Total%	100%	71%	29%	100%	76%	24%	100%	69%	31%