



EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROCEDURE

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EGA-8 **Continuing Eligibility Guidelines for Intercollegiate Athletes**

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AUTHORIZING BOARD POLICY: EGA

Classification: Administrative

Responsible Vice President or Associate Vice President: Vice President of Student and Enrollment Services

Designated Contact: Director of Athletics

OBJECTIVE: To provide the guidelines for determining the conditions and requirements regarding continuing eligibility of intercollegiate athletes.

PROCEDURE:

The El Paso County Community College District's (EPCCCD) Goals include providing quality education and personal enrichment. The El Paso County Community College District Intercollegiate Athletics Program is dedicated to ensure that all athletes receive a quality education while participating in intercollegiate athletics. The Intercollegiate Athletics Program has implemented processes for providing student-athletes every opportunity to achieve academic success. Eligibility requirements are regulated by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC), Texas laws pertaining to all students, and the EPCCCD scholastic standards. Student-athletes are required to meet several academic, code of conduct, and medical standards in order to maintain continuing eligibility for intercollegiate athletic activities.

I. Academic Requirements:

- A. EPCCCD intercollegiate athletes are required to be full-time students and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 hours during the competition semester. Students in their final semester of graduation may enroll in a minimum of 6 hours per the current policy of the NJCAA.
- B. NJCAA rules specify that a student-athlete must make satisfactory progress toward a degree.
- C. The Athletic Director's Office monitors the Grade Point Averages (GPAs) of student-athletes to ensure compliance to scholastic standards.
- D. Any student-athlete not meeting NJCAA or the Athletic Director's Office's requirements will be immediately suspended from any intercollegiate athletic competition and team activities.
- E. Student-athletes on athletic related financial aid must maintain a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.75 to retain such aid. In addition, the student-athlete must have a minimum accumulation of 12 semester hours times the number of full-time semesters (i.e., 1 semester equals 12 hours, 2 semesters equal 24 hours, 3 semesters equal 36 hours, and 4 semesters equal 48 hours).
- F. Student-athletes' grades and attendance will be monitored periodically by the coaching staff and athletic staff.

II. Code of Conduct Requirements:

- A. Student-athletes are subject to the student regulations and penalties as stated in the EPCCCD "Code of Conduct," the NJCAA and WJCAC rules, and the NJCAA code of conduct.
- B. Student-athletes are subject to federal, state, and local laws.

III. Medical Requirements:

- A. Student-athletes must have new medical clearance each year they participate in the Intercollegiate Athletics Program.
- B. Random drug testing of EPCCCD intercollegiate athletes occurs in compliance with the Substance Abuse Disciplinary Policy.