



To: ACHA Membership
From: Craig Barnett, ACHA Executive Director
Date: June 2021
Re: Amendment to GPA Eligibility Requirements for Fall 2021 Semester.

The following amendment to regular ACHA policy was approved by the Board of Directors in June 2021 regarding **GPA Eligibility Requirements for the Fall 2021 Semester**.

Background: With Board approval back in August 2020, we modified Players Eligibility due to the pandemic which included the following clause regarding the FALL SEMESTER of the 2021-22 season:

"In Fall of 2021, all eligibility requirements as outlined in the Policy Manual will be back in full effect. A 2.0 GPA or greater will be required at the beginning of Fall 2021 semester."

Now that we are through the 2020-21 season and it's been 10 months since the Board approved the modification, the following recommendation has been approved by the Board of Directors for the Fall 2021 semester.

Approved Recommendation: Remove the GPA requirement for the 2021 Fall semester.

Rationale: This modification will only make the rule more lenient for the Fall semester - which ultimately treats all of our student-athletes the same regardless if they competed this past spring or not. It is also important to be unified across all our divisions for those programs that have multiple teams with players moving up and down. All credit requirements for Fall of 2021 remain as outlined in Policy Manual and as stated in the August 2020 modification, however the 2.0 GPA or greater will NOT be required until Spring semester beginning in January 2022.

If any questions, please contact your respective ACHA Commissioner and/or Director of Hockey Operations Dave Kurtz.