



To: ACHA Board of Directors
From: Craig Barnett, ACHA Executive Director
Date: Monday, December 7, 2020
Re: Recommendation to add an additional year of eligibility due to 2020-21 pandemic season.

Please accept this correspondence as my official recommendation to the ACHA Board of Directors, to extend an extra year of eligibility for all ACHA student-athletes that were eligible to compete during the 2020-21 pandemic season, despite if they compete during the 2020-21 season or not.

This follows the same changes made by the NCAA for all D1, D2 and D3 winter sport student-athletes.

This recommendation does a couple of things for our ACHA student-athletes, it provides an extra year of eligibility which will allow our student-athletes to enjoy a true full-season experience that they may lose during the 2020-21 pandemic season. It also offers our student-athletes the peace of mind to go into this season, if permitted by their schools to compete, knowing they can regain that eligibility without taking a chance on the front end if they chose to compete and the season is cut short or otherwise negatively impacted by the pandemic.

It is important to note that this extension of an additional year of eligibility will not affect the ACHA rule which only permits student-athletes to compete in 5 ACHA National Tournaments. This rule remains in effect and does not change.

In addition, for any student-athletes participating during the 2020-21 season, they must continue to meet the academic credit requirements that are outlined in the ACHA Manual.