

## CHF Eligibility and Appeals

### A. Student Athlete Eligibility

1. CHF student-athletes must maintain a *cumulative* GPA of at least 2.00 (on a 4.00 scale) by the beginning of their second year of eligibility and must have earned a minimum of 18 credits (as determined by the college or university) in the previous calendar year (Sept 1 – Aug 31).
  - a. CHF student-athletes must be enrolled in a college or university as a student in a degree-seeking program (matriculation); the student-athlete must maintain a *cumulative* GPA of at least 2.00 (on a 4.00 scale) by the beginning of their second year of eligibility; the student-athlete must adhere to CHF Academic Progression Standards earning a minimum of:
    - 18 credit by the beginning of their second year
    - 36 credits by the beginning of their third year
    - 54 credits by the beginning of their fourth year
    - 72 credits by the beginning of their fifth year(as determined by the college or university) in the previous academic calendar year (Sept 1 – Aug 31).
2. All Players can only participate for the College/University Club Ice Hockey Team where they go to school.
  - a. Joint teams (players on one team from more than one institution) will be allowed but will not be eligible for post-season (national tournament) play or rankings.
3. Student-athletes must be 18 years of age in order to play on a CHF Team.
4. Student-athletes will have five (5) seasons of CHF eligibility during their undergraduate years and two (2) seasons of CHF eligibility during their graduate years.
5. Student-athletes who have played or been rostered on teams in these professional leagues, shall not be eligible to participate in the CHF.
  - a. NHL (US)
  - b. AHL (US)
  - c. ECHL (US)
  - d. SPHL (US)
  - e. FHL (US)
  - f. LNAH (Canada)
  - g. KHL (Russia)
  - h. HHL (Russia)
  - i. DEL (Germany)
  - j. SM-Liga (Finland)
  - k. SHL (Sweden)
  - l. Eredivisie (Netherlands)
  - m. Git-Ligaen (Norway)
  - n. Extraliga (Slovakia)
  - o. Extraliga (Czech)
  - p. Any Tier 1 European League
6. Former CHL players are not eligible to participate in the CHF.

7. Student-athletes who have rostered on teams in the following organizations shall be eligible to participate in the CHF, however, will utilize a year of eligibility for each year the student-athlete was rostered in the following organizations
    - a. NCAA (US)
    - b. ACHA (US)
    - c. CIS (Canada)
  8. Student-athletes who have exhausted their NCAA eligibility (in any division) shall not be eligible to participate in the CHF.
  9. CHF student-athletes shall be required to complete the CHF registration process, which includes electronic submission of player information. acknowledgement of the CHF player agreement at the beginning of each season or whenever added to the player roster prior to playing a game.
  10. Student-Athletes who successfully complete their academic programs, prior to the completion of the playing season (December Graduates) may apply for a post-season participation waiver no later than (November 15). (Eligibility Committee determines criteria for approval). May need a security deposit to ensure compliance, or administrative sanctions etc.
  11. Eligibility process will include the completion of an official academic roster packet by team officials (includes the chart with name student id, year, credits GPA etc. and an official roster verification letter/cover sheet with roster inert - just player names), with submission to the college/university registrar for Verification. Registrar will verify the information completed by team officials and certify the roster by signing off on the letter/cover sheet and applying official college/university seal. Only the verified cover sheet/letter is submitted to conference official, who will forward the completed packet of certified members from their conference to the commissioner.
    - a. There will be two windows of roster certification. The Fall Window will be the academic review; Winter Window will be the Re-Certification (confirming all rostered players are still enrolled).
    - b. Players can be added to the roster at any time prior to the close of the Re-Certification window in January, but teams must complete the academic review documentation for certification.
    - c. Players can be removed from the roster at the end of a semester only.  
See NCAA Progress Towards Degree Requirement...  
<http://www.ncaa.org/about/division-i-progress-toward-degree-requirements>
  12. Any team challenging the eligibility of any player in a national tournament shall do so in writing to the Divisional Commissioner or Executive Director. If a player's eligibility is challenged by another team, the CHF reserves the right to petition the registrar of the player's university to verify the eligibility of a player.
- B. Appeals Process for Eligibility.
1. Ruling on a Player's eligibility is a function of the Divisional Commissioner.
  2. The Divisional Commissioner's ruling may be appealed by a team within 15 days to an Appeals Committee consisting of the CHF Executive Director, CHF Director of Hockey Operations, and an uninvolved Divisional Commissioner. The appeal must be in writing from a team (not an individual).
  3. The Appeals Committee shall render a decision within 15 days of receipt of appeal. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final.

C. Appeals Process for Discipline.

1. Ruling on a Player's discipline and supplemental discipline is a function of the Divisional Commissioner.
2. The Divisional Commissioner's ruling on discipline ruling or supplemental discipline may be appealed by a team within 15 days to an Appeals Committee consisting of the CHF Executive Director, CHF Director of Hockey Operations and an uninvolved Divisional Commissioner. The appeal must be in writing from the team (not an individual).
3. The Appeals Committee shall render a decision within 15 days of receipt of appeal. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final.