

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS POLICY			
<b>Effective Date</b>	May 19, 2022	<b>Policy Type</b>	Academic Policy
<b>Responsibility</b>	Provost and Vice President Academic	<b>Cross-Reference</b>	ACAC (Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference) Operating code Student Rights and Responsibilities
<b>Approver</b>	Board of Governors	<b>Appendices</b>	ACAC Operating Code link referencing
<b>Review Schedule</b>	5 years		

## 1. Policy Statement

- 1.1. Students must meet the minimum GPA standard set forth by the ACAC to be eligible for competition.
- 1.2. All students must meet the non-GPA requirements set forth in the ACAC Operating Code.
- 1.3. A Wolves Varsity team, with approval by Sport and Fitness senior athletics position, may increase the required GPA higher than the standard set by the ACAC, but never lower. This will be explicitly stated in team-specific documents.

## 2. Background

- 2.1. Eligibility standards for competition of play are determined by the ACAC (Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference) which must align within the eligibility standards of the CCAA (Canadian Colleges Athletic Conference).
- 2.2. Eligibility of a student athlete is confirmed internally through the Department of Sport & Fitness, as well as the Registrar's Office.
- 2.3. The ACAC will also verify eligibility before a student can compete as a varsity athlete.

## 3. Policy Objective

- 3.1. To outline the principles and minimum standards for NWP students to be eligible for varsity competition.

## 4. Scope

- 4.1. This Policy applies to all registered students at any campus, any NWP-owned property or during any related team activities. Students are required to adhere to NWP policies and regulations and acknowledge the right to address misconduct.
- 4.2. As a member of the ACAC and CCAA, Sport and Fitness designated staff work with relevant associations to determine standards for competition eligibility.

## 5. Definitions

- 5.1. **Athletic Eligibility Standards:** Determined through a council of institutional representatives at annual ACAC and CCAA general meetings.

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- 5.2. **Competition:** Any ACAC or CCAA-sanctioned activity that has officials and table crew.
- 5.3. **Grade Point Average (GPA):** Term or acronym used to define academic standards.
- 5.4. **Ineligible to Compete:** A student athlete who has not met the minimum standard set by the ACAC or set by a specific team.
- 5.5. **Team-Specific Athletic Eligibility Standards:** A GPA requirement that goes above and beyond the minimum standard and applies only to that specific team.

### 6. Guiding Principles

- 6.1. Northwestern Polytechnic fosters academic excellence through minimum competition standards.
- 6.2. Students will be notified of academic requirements before, during, and at the conclusion of each semester of competition.
- 6.3. The Department of Sport and Fitness compiles all necessary eligibility requirements with the NWP Registrar's Office and ACAC to confirm eligibility for competition.

### 7. Roles and Responsibilities

Stakeholder	Responsibilities
Board of Governors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approve and formally support this policy.</li></ul>
Academic Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recommend and formally support this policy.</li></ul>
Provost and Vice-President Academic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review and formally support this policy.</li></ul>
AVP, Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review and formally support this policy.</li></ul>
Sport and Fitness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review and implement this policy.</li></ul>
Student Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review and implement this policy.</li></ul>

### 8. Exceptions to the Policy

- 8.1. Students with accommodations may be deemed full time with less than 9 credits per semester. Accommodations will be noted on an accommodated student's file..
- 8.2. Any other exceptions to this policy will be made with approval through AVP of Students.

### 9. Inquiries about this policy

- 9.1. Inquiries to this policy can be directed to the AVP of Students.

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### 10. Amendments (Revision History)

Effective: November 10, 1993

Reaffirmed by Academic Council: January 8, 2002

Revised and approved by Academic Council: January 8, 2004

Reaffirmed by Academic Council: January 11, 2007

Revised and approved by Academic Council: May 5, 2022

Approved by the Board of Governors: May 19, 2022

### Appendix 1 – ACAC Operating Code Website Link

[https://www.acac.ab.ca/members-resources/operating\\_code](https://www.acac.ab.ca/members-resources/operating_code)