

2013-2014 USA RUGBY COLLEGIATE PLAYER ELIGIBILITY FORM



It is the policy of USA Rugby that each college conference and collegiate club conform to the minimum standards of collegiate eligibility rules as set forth by USA Rugby (see Eligibility Regulations at www.usarugby.org). To ensure verification of the eligibility of collegiate rugby players for the annual championships, as defined by USA Rugby, we ask your assistance in completing the attached form. Please contact your conference administrator if you have any questions. You may also contact USA Rugby directly (Attn: James Wilber jwilber@usarugby.org or 720-508-8011).

When presented to the college/university registrar by the club, this form should contain only the following:

1. Player names in alphabetical order
2. Player signatures authorizing the release of their enrollment information and status
3. Player student ID Numbers
4. Player USA Rugby CIPP Numbers (ie: USA Rugby Member ID).

Illegible forms will not be accepted. Any field that the university is unwilling to complete should be crossed out in permanent marker. Note that the club is required to provide this information regardless of the university's ability or willingness to complete this form, and the club may need assistance in finding additional avenues for obtaining the information requested herein.

THE REGISTRAR SHOULD MARK OUT ANY REMAINING BLANK ROWS ON THE FORM.



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A Note to Club Administrators and Coaches:

This form should be kept in the club administrator's match-day notebook at all times. **Properly completed forms may exonerate a player in the event of an eligibility challenge.** Clubs that select student-athletes to match or event rosters without first verifying their eligibility risk vacation of victories, forfeiture of playoff seed, and sanction.

1. This form should be submitted to the registrar and/or updated:
 - a.) Prior to the start of league/conference competition
 - b.) Three weeks after the beginning of a new semester or quarter during competition
 - c.) In advance or anticipation of playoff competition
2. Clubs should be ready and willing to re-submit this form upon request of an opponent or league/conference. Clubs are expected to be aware of any mid-season changes to player eligibility, including but not limited to change in enrollment, full-time status, and standing with the institution.
3. If the institution is unwilling or unable to complete this form or provide the information confirmed by its contents, the club is expected to have documentation containing such information at all times. Such documentation may include:
 - a.) Student Enrollment Verification forms, or (if unavailable)
 - b.) Official transcripts (university and/or high school, if applicable)
4. Upon receipt of eligibility information (i.e. this form), the club should make copies for itself and submit this form to its league or conference administrator. This form does not need to be received by USA Rugby unless the club qualifies for the USA Rugby National Championship Playoffs.
5. Players ruled ineligible by this form but wishing to compete under the Grandfather Clause must fill out the ***Grandfather Clause Collegiate Player Eligibility Form*** and submit it for review to their team's college conference. The Grandfather Clause only allows students who competed as registered collegiate members of USA Rugby in the 2011-2012 competitive cycle to participate strictly "*within five (5) years of the moment the player first enrolled in a university, college or junior college, regardless of when the player started playing rugby or had the ability to start playing collegiate rugby. Any college courses that are taken during high school do not start the eligibility clock*" (USA Rugby Eligibility Regulations 4.3 Addendum). Collegiate registration during the 2011-2012 membership cycle continues to be a prerequisite for grandfather clause eligibility. Participation under the grandfather clause requires not only a waiver of eligibility but also a complete, signed and sealed Grandfather Clause Collegiate Player Eligibility Form.

At the time of competition, any collegiate **PLAYER** may be required to:

- Present a current student or military ID card and a photo ID (if student or military ID is not a photo ID).
- Present verification of CIPP enrollment (i.e. USA Rugby certified team roster).
- Present a signed USA Rugby Waiver and Release Form.



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A Note to the Registrar:

USA Rugby and your institution's rugby program seek your assistance in verification of student athlete eligibility. We ask for your support in the interest of fairness and competition integrity. It is common for definitions, practices and privacy policies to vary between institutions. Please complete this form to the best of your ability with respect to appropriate regulations. On behalf of USA Rugby, thank you for your time and consideration. Feel free to direct questions to 720-508-8011 or consult the eligibility regulations at www.usarugby.org at your convenience.

The Collegiate Player Eligibility Form explained by column:

Column 1: Student Name

Column 2: Student signature – Required for release of enrollment status and information.

Column 3: Student ID#

Column 4: USA Rugby CIPP (or Member ID) number

Column 5: Date of Birth

Column 6: High School Graduation Date

Column 7: Is student enrolled full-time?" – Is this student carrying a full course load as defined by your school? **Any exception requires a confirmation letter from registrar***

Column 8: Is student an undergraduate? – To be eligible the student must be an undergraduate pursuing his/her first undergraduate degree. **Any exception requires a confirmation letter from registrar***

Column 9: Is student in good standing? – Is this student in good standing as defined by the registrar's office? The registrar's definition will trump any other definition maintained by the University. **NOTE: Students not in good standing with the college/university should be struck through (ex: ~~struck through~~) with a permanent marker.**

*The exceptions referenced in Column 7 & 8 above are detailed on the following page under numeral 2



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- The student must be a registered member of USA Rugby and in good standing with his/her college/university.
- The student must be enrolled full-time, as defined by his/her college/university, and an undergraduate student seeking his/her first Bachelor's degree. **EXCEPTIONS:**
 - A student within his/her final two undergraduate *Academic Terms* may carry less than a full- time academic load and still maintain eligibility. **This is only permitted if the student- athlete is a graduating senior and a letter from the Registrar confirming such status is obtained.**
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I verify that the information above is accurate and that this form was completed by the college/university (with the exception of name, signature, student ID#, and USAR CIPP#).

PLACE SEAL BELOW

Name of Registrar

Signature

Phone #

Date

As the supervising agent (club sports director, athletic director, etc.), I verify that the above named team is recognized by this institution, in good-standing and authorized to represent this college/university at local, territorial and national events.

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