Athletics Exception Policy

Any request made by Intercollegiate Athletics for an exception to current admission policies of the University, including those for international athletes, must be made in accordance with the guidelines of the Provost and the Faculty Enrollment Management Committee. All requests whether for domestic or international student-athletes, must be reviewed and approved by the Director of Undergraduate Admissions.

NCAA eligibility is a prerequisite for but does not guarantee admissibility to UNCG. Exceptions are granted only when the Admission Office determines the student has a reasonable chance to succeed at UNCG. Minimum considerations for admissibility include:

Domestic Student Athletes:
- Submission of a completed application to UNCG;
- NCAA Eligibility;
- SAT of 700 or above (with at least a 300 verbal); and
- Minimum PGPA of 1.7 or better.

International Student-Athletes
- Submission of a completed application to UNCG;
- NCAA Eligibility; and
- Demonstration of English language proficiency by one of the following means:
  1. Presentation of TOEFL Scores;
  2. SAT verbal score of 400 or higher;
  3. A grade of C or better in a college-transferable English course; and
  4. Successful completion of the INTERLINK Language Center program at UNCG.

All Student-Athletes to be considered for exception:
- Must have potential to be a major impact player in the sports program
- The coach must have committed a significant scholarship offer of .75 FTE or more to the student;
- The coach must provide detailed documentation regarding the total person evaluation of this individual and why they feel an exception should be used (total person perspective);
• The request must be made in writing by the coach to the Director of Athletics. The request must include the prospect’s overall high school GPA, all SAT?ACT test scores, the predicted GPA and the student’s NCAA Clearinghouse evaluation; and
• The coach, in conjunction with the student welfare division of ICA and other university academic support staff professional, must develop a detailed academic success plan for each exception.

The Director of Athletics, Associate Director of Athletics for Student Welfare, Director of Compliance and the Director of Academic Compliance will review requests and determine whether to forward the requests for exceptions to the Director of Admissions for the final decision regarding admissibility. The Admissions Office processes the students’ application and will send out the notification letters of acceptance to UNCG for athletics exceptions for both domestic and international students.

Intercollegiate Athletics will be granted a maximum of 60 exceptions over a four year period. Any exception granted by the Director of Admissions for an international student-athlete will be counted in the annual number of athletic exceptions.

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