HARDSHIP WAIVERS
POLICIES AND PROCEDURE

Written requests for hardship waivers for student-athletes who competed during any segment of your playing season (fall or spring) should be submitted to the Sports Medicine Department at the **conclusion of the season** in which the student-athlete was injured or was ill.

Note: it is not mandatory to petition for a hardship waiver on behalf of each student-athlete who would qualify for one.

The written requests for hardship waiver must be submitted by the head coach or the student-athlete and must include:

- Name of the student-athlete
- Date of the Injury or Illness
- Nature of the Injury or Illness
- Season that the student lost due to the Injury or Illness
- Number of Contests or Number of Dates of Competition (whichever is applicable to the sport) that the student-athlete participated in during the season before ceasing competition
- Team participation records including student-athlete participation records

After receipt of a written request for hardship waiver, the Sports Medicine Department will contact the department's team physician to request necessary medical documentation and complete the MAAC Medical Hardship Waiver Form. Once all information is gathered, the Sports Medicine Department will turn the Hardship Waiver into the Assistant Director of Athletics / Compliance Officer / Senior Woman Administrator. The Hardship Waiver will be reviewed by the office of compliance and then submitted to the MAAC Office for approval.

A student-athlete may be granted a hardship waiver only if all of the following conditions are met per NCAA Bylaw 14.2.4:

1. The incapacitating injury or illness occurs in one of the four seasons of intercollegiate competition at any two-year or four-year collegiate institutions or occurs after the first day of classes in the student-athlete's senior year in high school; *(Revised: 1/10/92 effective 8/1/92, 11/01/01, 8/8/02)*

2. The injury or illness occurs prior to the completion of the first half of the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship in that sport (measured by the number of scheduled contests or dates of competition not exceeding the maximum limitations in each sport as set forth in Bylaw 17 as set prior to the first scheduled contest or date of competition of the designated official NCAA championship playing season in the applicable sport or the number of completed contests or dates of

competition) and results in incapacity to compete for the remainder of that playing season; and *(Revised: 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 4/3/02)*

3. The injury or illness occurs when the student-athlete has not participated in more than three contests or dates of competition (whichever is applicable to that sport) or 30 percent (whichever number is greater) of the institution's scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition in his or her sport. Only scheduled or completed competition (including exempted events but excluding scrimmages and exhibition contests identified as such in the legislation) against outside participants during the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship, or, if so designated, during the official NCAA championship playing season in that sport (e.g., spring baseball, fall soccer), shall be countable under this limitation in calculating both the number of contests or dates of competition in which the student-athlete has participated and the number of scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition during that season in the sport. *(Revised: 1/10/92, 1/14/97 effective 8/1/97, 4/26/01 effective 8/1/01, 3/10/04, 5/11/05, 8/4/05, 4/26/07 applicable to student-athletes who initially enrolled full time in a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2003)*

Hardship Waivers are processed through the conference office.