

**Additional Regulations:**

- A student-athlete who suffers an injury in the first half of the season that concludes with the NCAA championship or who suffers an injury after the first day of classes in his or her senior year of high school **attempts to return to competition during the second half** of that season and then is unable to participate further as a result of aggravating the original injury does not qualify for the hardship waiver.
- **Scrimmages and exhibitions** may be excluded from the hardship waiver calculation only if specific provisions for such contests exist in the sport's playing and practice season regulations.
- A student-athlete may be granted a hardship waiver even if he or she **subsequently participates during the non-championship segment.** (Volleyball/Soccer)

# Medical Hardship Waiver Bylaw 14.2.4

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A student-athlete may be granted an additional year of competition by the conference or the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for reasons of "hardship." Hardship is defined as an incapacity resulting from an injury or illness that has occurred under all of the following conditions:

(a) The incapacitating **injury or illness occurs in 1 of the 4 seasons** of intercollegiate competition at any 2-year or 4-year collegiate institutions or occurs after the 1st day of classes in the student-athlete's senior year in high school

(b) The injury or illness occurs **prior to the completion of the 1st half of the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship** in that sport and results in incapacity to compete for the remainder of that playing season

(c) In **team sports**, the injury or illness occurs when the student-athlete has not participated in more than 3 contests or dates of competition or 30 percent (whichever number is greater) of the institution's

scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition in his or her sport.

(d) In **individual sports**, the injury or illness occurs when the student-athlete has not participated in more than three dates of competition or 30 percent (whichever number is greater) of the maximum permissible number of dates of competition plus one date for a conference championship.

## Two-Year College Hardship

Institutions shall apply the following additional conditions if the injury or illness occurred at a two-year college:

- (a) The appropriate two-year college athletics association shall review and approve each **hardship** waiver request.
- (b) After approval by the appropriate two-year college athletic association, the request shall be reviewed and approved by the Ohio Valley Conference.
- (c) Waiver requests shall be submitted only from two-year college organizations that apply the same or more stringent rules related to the administration of hardship waivers.
- (d) Each waiver request must be accompanied by a signed statement by the physician who treated the student-athlete, indicating the reason why the injury or illness was incapacitating.

