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Policy for Eligibility of Student Athletes with Disabilities

Holyoke Community College does not discriminate on the basis of disability or on the basis of any accommodations required to address the disabilities of its students. Student athletes with documented disabilities, who are otherwise qualified for participation in the college's athletic program, shall not be denied eligibility for participation in college athletics on the basis of their disability. Nor shall they be denied eligibility as a result of the accommodations deemed necessary for this individual by the College's Office for Students with Disabilities and Deaf Services. This may include the need for interpreters or a reduced course load to accommodate a specific disability concern. Given a student's accommodation, the College may define full time enrollment as less than twelve credit hours for students whose disability related needs necessitate such an accommodation.

Individual student accommodations shall be determined by the Office for Students with Disabilities after a thorough review of a student's disability documentation from a qualified professional in the field (per the guidelines outlined in the Holyoke Community College OSDDS Student Guide). These accommodations shall be officially presented through a student's Accommodation Agreement. This Accommodation Agreement shall serve as the official document of approved disability accommodations.

Verification of disability accommodations and the college's determination of full time status based on reasonable accommodations will be submitted by HCC's Athletic Director and the Office for Students with Disabilities and Deaf Services to the National Junior College Athletic Association for review. The final determination of eligibility for NJCAA sanctioned sports shall be left to the discretion of the NJCAA.