

2020 Collegiate National Championships

April 3-5 - Ohio State University



Player Eligibility Resolution

Competition Rule Book Revision 7 - Section 6.03

(b) Minimum eligibility requirements

Teams and players are required to comply with the requirements set forth in Section 5.05. Players comprising properly registered college teams must be enrolled in an academic degree or certificate program. Faculty, staff or graduate students are not permitted to play but may serve as a coach or as a team official.

(c) Eligible players

All students currently enrolled in Undergraduate coursework at a university are eligible to play for that university's team. Additional players may be added to a team's roster in order to meet minimum roster requirements if the request is made, in writing, to the CC Chairperson no later than 30 days prior to the Open College Championships and if one of the following situations applies to them. The CC will review the request and make a recommendation to the TD or CEO, who will have the ultimate decision on whether or not to allow the player to participate.

- Enrolled in Graduate coursework at the university in question.
- Enrolled in coursework at another university within the same state if that university does not have a team participating in the Open College Championships.

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Eligibility waivers for 2020

There have been multiple requests for waivers from the eligibility requirements to enable players (including high school players) to join other teams and/or combine teams. In line with the Collegiate Development Initiative, the focus of the Competition Committee is to grow the number of established collegiate programs, and support their growth. The decisions below are in-line with that focus.

Prioritizing program growth

Eligibility waivers are only intended to enable teams to have a sufficient roster size to be competitive over the weekend, not to bring in “ringers”. In that regard, teams applying for eligibility waivers will need to justify why they are not able to field at least 12 players from their own program.

Who can apply for an eligibility waiver?

In order, the following people will be considered for eligibility waivers:

1. Graduate students who played within the program as undergraduate students;
2. Undergraduate students from an institution with a direct connection to the team they are applying for (e.g. team from the same state that can grow into a regional scrimmage partner / competitor);
3. High school students with a connection to the team they are applying for (e.g. practices with the team, is applying for that college).

Note that undergraduate players from different institutions that get an approved eligibility waiver will be put in contact with a local regional coordinator, and expected to show that they are making an effort to start up a program at their own institution for the 2021 College Nationals. If no effort is demonstrated, that institution will not be eligible for waiver requests in 2021.

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Who cannot apply for an eligibility waiver?

Since this event is a US Collegiate event, only students currently enrolled in academic programs in the United States may apply for eligibility waivers.

The following eligibility waivers will be refused:

- Any student under the age of 16;
- Any student not enrolled in an academic program in the United States, including alumni;
- Any student from a program with no direct connection to the team they are applying for (e.g. different state).

Merging teams

In an effort to encourage growing programs, teams that have more than the allowed 16 players available for College Nationals will be allowed to merge their additional players, with the following conditions:

- Rosters must be clearly announced by the same deadline as all other teams;
- Players must provide proof of enrollment, same as all other teams.