

(1) Athletic Academic Eligibility

The NCHSAA uses State Board Policy [ATHL-001](#) to determine Athletic Eligibility. Any waiver of the requirements should come from the Board.

Regardless of the school organization pattern, a student who meets Local Education Agency (LEA) / Charter School Promotion standards for the 2019-2020 academic year automatically meets the courses passed requirement for the first semester of the 2020-2021 academic year.

This means if the student is promoted in 2019-20, they are eligible for athletic participation for the first semester of next year 2020-21. To continue athletic eligibility for the second semester, they will need to meet guidelines set forth in ATHL-001.

(2) Temporary Extension of Valid Preparticipation Examination (PPE)

The NCHSAA SMAC recommends a temporary extension of the time that a student-athlete's (SA) 2019-2020 PPE remains valid past the current 395 days due to current and upcoming health care challenges secondary to COVID-19.

Temporary Extension Option:

All student athletes who have a valid Preparticipation Examination (PPE) form for the 2019-2020 season will be allowed a one-year extension through the end of the academic year 2020-2021. An athlete planning to participate in a sport during the 2020-2021 season without a current PPE form (date of physical 4/1/19-5/1/20) will need to obtain an evaluation/physical before they will be allowed to participate.