ONTARIO COLLEGES ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Student-Athletes Today

Leaders Tomorrow



Quick Facts



- Founded in 1967
- 29 member institutions
- 16 Intercollegiate Sports
 10 League Sports
 6 Tournament Sports
- 10 sports lead to National Championships
- 4,000 Intercollegiate (Varsity) Student-Athletes





Map of Ontario Colleges

Collège Boréal Cambrian Canadore Confederation

Northern

Sault

Centennial George Brown Georgian Humber Seneca

Sheridan

Conestoga Fanshawe Lambton Mohawk Niagara St. Clair

Algonquin Durham Fleming La Cité Collégiale Loyalist St. Lawrence

Other Member Institutions:

Lakehead University, Orillia Campus Laurier University, Brantford Campus **Redeemer University College, Ancaster**

Intercollegiate Sports - Women

- Badminton
- Basketball
- Cross Country Running
- Curling
- Fastball
- Golf
- Indoor Soccer
- Rugby
- Soccer
- Volleyball

- 13 schools
- 19 schools
- 20 schools
- 11 schools
- 6 schools
- 15 schools
- 16 schools
- 9 schools
- 19 schools
- 20 schools

Intercollegiate Sports - Men

- Badminton
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country Running
- Curling
- Golf
- Indoor Soccer
- Rugby
- Soccer
- Volleyball

- 13 schools
- 5 schools
- 21 schools
- 20 schools
- 11 schools
- 15 schools
- 16 schools
- 11 schools
- 18 schools
- 20 schools

Academic Eligibility



• All student-athletes must be registered as Full-Time students at their institution and pass the OCAA minimum academic eligibility requirements to remain in good standing

• Minimum Requirements – 1 semester sports

- 9 credits in semester of participation or 18 credits over full year

• Minimum Requirements – 2 semester sports

- 18 credits over full year and minimum of 6 credits in first semester
- Student-athletes must also meet the academic requirements for their program at their institution, which could be a higher requirement than the minimum OCAA standard

Athletic Eligibility



- Student-athletes can compete in the OCAA for a maximum of 5 years
- Athletic eligibility used in post-secondary conferences outside the OCAA count towards the 5 years of eligibility (CIS, NCAA, NAIA)
- If student-athletes exhaust their athletic eligibility in a 4 year post-secondary conference (NCAA, NAIA) they are not entitled to compete for a 5th year in the OCAA
- All student-athletes must be registered as Full-Time students at their institution and meet the OCAA minimum academic eligibility requirements

Student-Athlete Incentives



OCAA student-athlete incentives fall into the following four categories:

- Category A Scholarships
- Category B Athletic Awards or Bursaries
- Category C Other Support
- Category D Gifts

Athletic Scholarships



- Student-athletes can receive a Category A Incentive amount of up to \$1,250 per semester of participation, to a maximum of \$2,500 per calendar year
- Category A Incentives (Athletic Scholarships) can be offered to a student-athlete in advance of enrolment for the purpose of recruitment or retention
- Category A Incentives (Athletic Scholarships) can only be awarded to a student-athlete at the end of a successful academic semester

Athletic Awards & Bursaries

- Category B Incentives are financial awards open to any student at an institution where athletic participation is considered as criteria for selection (ie. Athletic Bursary, Athletic Award)
- Category B Incentives cannot be promised to a specific student-athlete in advance of enrolment and are usually awarded at the end of the academic year
- Maximum amount a student-athlete can receive in this category is \$2,500 in cash or value-in-kind per calendar year

Other Support & Gifts

- Category C Incentives are means of support (cash or otherwise) offered to student-athletes, which is not equally available to all other students at the institution (ie. Pre or post game meals and meal money)
- Category D Incentives are gifts provided to student-athletes, from any source, as a result of their participation at an institution (ie. Athletic clothing, etc.)

Scholarships & Athletic Awards

• OCAA Member institutions awarded over \$720,00 in scholarships and athletic bursaries in 2012-13



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