

REGULATIONS REGARDING STUDENT-ATHLETES

(DECISION N° 9/XXXI OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF 14TH JUNE 2010, MODIFIED BY DECISION N° 40/XII OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF 1ST JULY 2013, DECISION N° 49/XIV OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF 2ND JUNE 2014 AND DECISION N° 59/XV OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF 8TH JUNE 2015)

Foreword

Elite athletes who wish to pursue higher education are subject to both academic and sporting requirements. These mainly consist of physical and technical preparations and participation in national and international competitions, the dates of which may coincide with other events during the academic year.

The possibility of organising the university year with greater flexibility is one of the main wishes of these students. Many European and Belgian universities have made provisions to facilitate the organisation of studies without affecting quality.

In the Wallonia-Brussels Federation, a decree of the Government of the French Community of 11th March 2010 outlines the procedure to recognise students as elite athletes, aspiring athletes or training partners, according to the definition in the decree of 8th December 2006 on the organisation and subsidising of sports in the French Community.

Preliminary Note:

For the purposes of these Regulations, the following definitions shall apply:

Dean: the Deans of the Faculties and Schools and the person designated to ensure the general coordination of Bachelor studies in Law in Mons, and the President of the Academic Commission of the Research Institute for Language Science and Technology.

Faculties: the UMONS Faculties, the School of Human and Social Sciences, the Law School, and the Research Institute for Language Science and Technology.

**Article 1: ELITE ATHLETES, ASPIRING ATHLETES OR TRAINING PARTNERS**

Students who wish to be considered an ‘elite athlete’, an ‘aspiring athlete’ or a ‘training partner’ must apply for ‘student-athlete’ status by completing a form to this effect and submitting it, along with the other required documents, to the secretariat of the Faculty concerned by the 31st October. The Minister of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation, who has

sports activities included in their duties, must recognise the status of the elite athlete, aspiring athlete or training partner (in accordance with the procedure outlined in the decree of the French Community of 11th March 2010), the proof of which must be included in the application.

In cases where the elite athlete is not under the jurisdiction of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation, or if they practise their sport abroad, or if they find themselves in any other situation not covered by the decree, the student must submit another document attesting to the approval of this status.

A calendar of sporting activities planned for the year is also attached.

The application is examined by the Dean of the Faculty concerned, or their delegate, Students who have submitted this proof are automatically granted 'student-athlete' status. For students in another situation, the Dean or their delegate shall issue an opinion.

'Student-athlete' status is granted by the Faculty Board for an academic year. The Faculty Secretariat notifies the student, the Registration Office, the President of the Board, and the teachers of the programme that the student is registered on, of the decision made.

A new application must be submitted every year.

### **Article 2: Reduced Workload**

Students who have been granted 'student-athlete' status may benefit from a reduced workload in accordance with the provisions of Chapter X of the Study Regulations.

### **Article 3: Schedule and Deadline Adjustments**

Students with 'student-athlete' status usually require schedules and deadlines to be adjusted, taking into account the schedule of major sporting events, for example:

- training camps for national or international selection
- preparation or participation in major international or national competitions.

#### **1. Attending Learning Activities**

Following a decision made by the President of the Board, student-athletes may, for justified reasons, be partially exempt from attending the learning activities, in order to avoid as much competition as possible from their regular sports activities.

#### **2. Examinations**

During assessment periods, the date of an oral exam may be changed at the student's request. Wherever possible, a written examination, which the student may not be able to take, is replaced by an oral examination without prejudice to the student. These measures are decided by the President of the Board.

For duly justified reasons of force majeure, the Dean may extend the student's assessment period without exceeding:

- 15th April (except for the first 60-credit block of the BA Medicine programme) for the January assessment period
- 15th September for the June assessment period
- 28th November of the next academic year for the resit assessment period in August-September

3. Other:

Student-athletes may ask the teacher concerned to delay the return of their personal work.

**STUDENT-ATHLETES**  
**ACADEMIC YEAR 20..- 20..**

**TO BE RETURNED TO THE FACULTY SECRETARIAT BY 31ST OCTOBER**

The student,

Last name, first name:

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Address: .....

Postcode: .....

Town/City:

Country:

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Tel./Mobile:

E-mail:

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Registered at the Faculty/School of:

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requests 'student-athlete' status for the year **20.. -20..** <sup>1</sup>

- elite athlete
- aspiring athlete
- training partner <sup>2</sup>.

I enclose with my application the proof of recognition of 'student-athlete' status (in accordance with the procedure outlined in the decree of the French Community of 11th March 2010) by the Minister of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation, who has sports activities included in their duties.

(NOTE: In cases where the elite athlete is not under the jurisdiction of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation, or if they practise their sport abroad, or if they find themselves in any other situation not covered by the decree, the student must submit another document attesting to the approval of this status).

A calendar of sporting activities planned for the year is also attached.

I certify that this information is true, accurate and complete.

Signed in ..... on .....

Signature:

<p>OPINION</p>	<p>Dean</p>	<p>.....                  .....                  .....</p>	<p>Signature:</p>
<p>DECISION</p>	<p>Dated ....., the Faculty Board</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> recognises the applicant as a ‘student-athlete’ for the academic year <b>20..- 20..</b>,</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> does not recognise any special status of the applicant.</p> <p>Dean’s signature <span style="float: right;">Faculty stamp</span></p>		

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<sup>1</sup> A new application must be submitted every year.

<sup>2</sup> Regulations regarding student-athletes. **Tick the appropriate box.**