

## **International Athlete Support Policy**

### **Background**

King's College London recognises the achievement of student athletes who gain selection to represent their country and the positive contribution this can make to the University. The College is committed to ensuring that students who are selected by their respective National Governing Body (NGB) in a sport recognised at Olympic, World, European (or equivalent) and Commonwealth level to represent their nation in a major international competition will not suffer disadvantages as a result of their time in competition. In certain circumstances training camps will also be taken into consideration but they must form part of the selection process for a major competition as stated above. Through agreement with the Department of King's Sport, in some circumstances, special treatment may be appropriate.

It is College Policy that:

- Students are advised to inform their departments and the King's Sport Department of any athletic commitments that may interfere with their studies;
- Third-party evidence of the athletic commitment (such as an international training camp or world-standard competition) will be treated as supporting documentary evidence of Mitigating Circumstances for the purposes of the College's procedures for submitting a Mitigating Circumstances form<sup>1</sup>;
- Student athletes who are unable to sit an examination or meet a coursework deadline as a result of an international commitment are expected to comply with the College's published Mitigating Circumstances procedures (as appropriate);
- Assessment Sub Board Chairs will be asked to consider cases where a student athlete is prevented from submitting a Mitigating Circumstances form in advance of the examination or assessment deadline as a result of an international sports commitment undertaken at short notice. The student should inform their department as soon as possible of their circumstances and should submit a Mitigating Circumstances form with supporting evidence (including evidence of why they were unable to submit the Mitigating Circumstances form in advance of the examination or assessment deadline) as soon as possible.
- In all cases, the Director of Sport will have the final say as to whether the sporting commitment qualifies for the special considerations outlined above.

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<sup>1</sup> Available at <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/aboutkings/quality/academic/assessment/mitigating-circumstances/index.aspx>