

ASSESSMENT SUPPORT FOR ELITE AND TALENTED ATHLETES

Background

1. The University is committed to supporting elite and talented athletes to balance their studies whilst aiming to achieve their full sporting potential. The students who qualify for this support are those who have been accepted onto the following University programmes:-
 - Performance Athlete Support Programme (PASP)
 - Talented Athlete Support Scheme (TASS)
 - Advanced Sport Coaching Programme (ASCP)
 - Students supported by Team Hallam as High Performance Athletes
2. Students on these programmes are identified by the Sport Development Support Assistant (SDSA) in Team Hallam and information provided to Student Support Advisers, Academic Administration and Course Leaders prior to each academic year.
3. Students are expected to consider the individual sport, training and competition commitments in relation to their teaching and assessment commitments. Students should liaise with their Course Leader, Module Leaders, Student Support Advisers, Academic Advisers and their Lifestyle Advisers through Sport Hallam (where applicable) to discuss how best to balance their sporting commitments with their assessments.
4. Should a clash between sporting commitments and assessments occur, students can request an extension to their coursework deadline or a postponement of their examination.

Requesting extended deadlines for coursework

5. Students can submit an extension request) via My Student Record. It may not be possible to facilitate an extension for presentations, practical work assessments, group work, time-bound assessments, etc. Students are advised to contact their Student Support Adviser to discuss whether it is possible to have an extension for these types of assessments.
6. The extension request should normally be submitted no later than 24 hours before the submission deadline for the assessment. Requests made after this time may not be considered. Students will not be required to provide any evidence of the sporting commitment as part of this process..
7. Students will normally be granted an extension of up to 10 days. The length of time permitted will be dependent upon whether it is possible to mark and moderate the work before the assessment board deadline.
8. Where the change to commitment is such that a 10-day extension is not appropriate, the Student Support Adviser can grant an extended deadline to the next reassessment period (i.e. the equivalent of a deferral) via My Student Record.

Requesting to postpone an examination

9. Students can request to postpone an examination by contacting their Student Support Adviser to discuss this as soon as possible.
10. If you are representing a home nation at an international sporting event, it may be possible to take a reassessment exam overseas but this is not normally permitted for first attempt examinations - see points 48-51 of the [Examination Conduct Policy](#).

General principles

11. These processes are in place in order to provide a consistent approach for this category of students and to support their sporting commitments where possible.
12. Postponing assessments may impact on other upcoming assessments so it is expected that students will only request an extended deadline once they are sure that they will not be able to submit on time despite best efforts.
13. Although evidence of the commitment is not required at the point of the request, the University reserves the right to request evidence should an allegation of a misuse of these processes arise.
14. The usual policy and procedures should be followed by these students should they have exceptional circumstances which impact on their assessments. The usual policy will be applied in these cases, i.e. 5-working day extension only and an Exceptional Circumstances request must be submitted to be granted another opportunity without the mark being capped (deferral).

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