

USA Ultimate College Championship Series

College Eligibility Committee Chair

Job Description:

General Role: The volunteer Chair of the USA Ultimate College Eligibility Committee is responsible for overseeing the College Eligibility Committee (4 people) in hearing and resolving cases and consortiums, as well as fielding general player eligibility inquiries, under the guidance of the Competition and Athlete Programs Managing Director (Will Deaver) and the Competition and Athlete Programs Manager (Ben Feng).

Specific Role: The Chair of the USA Ultimate College Eligibility Committee oversees the USA Ultimate College Eligibility Committee. This task involves recruiting volunteers to fill Committee openings, communicating USA Ultimate policies and procedures to the Committee, and facilitating communication of eligibility issues within the Committee, as well as to and from USA Ultimate Headquarters.

The Chair also works with the Competition and Athlete Programs Manager in fielding and logging general player eligibility and consortium inquiries, determines which inquiries warrant Committee discussion.

Appointment Of: The volunteer Chair of the USA Ultimate Eligibility Committee is appointed by the USA Ultimate Competition and Athlete Programs Managing Director. The Chair serves a two-year term and can be appointed to consecutive terms.

Responsibilities:

- Oversees the Eligibility Committee and facilitates general discussion
- Assists the Competition and Athlete Programs Manager in fielding eligibility inquiries
- Determines which inquiries warrant committee discussion
- Communicates the case outcome to the involved parties

Requirements:

- Knowledge of the USA Ultimate College Division and Eligibility Rules
- Good communication and diplomatic skills
- Strong administrative and organizational skills
- Enthusiasm for Ultimate in general and for College Ultimate specifically
- Regular use of email (at least 5 days per week from Nov-May, plus 2-3 days per week in off-season)
- Delegates well

Benefits:

- Opportunity to contribute positively to the development of Ultimate and the quality of work done by USA Ultimate
- Opportunity to work with other passionate and dedicated ultimate players and organizers
- Opportunity to develop personal and professional skills
- Support and guidance from USA Ultimate Headquarters
- \$200/year Recognition
- Annual USA Ultimate Membership

Application Procedure:

Send a document addressing the following three sections to *USA Ultimate Competition and Athlete Programs Manager, Ben Feng*: ben@hq.usultimate.org

Section 1

1. Objective: Explain why you are interested in this position.
2. Qualifications: Describe why you are qualified for the position. A copy of your resume may be attached.
3. Ultimate experience: Briefly describe your involvement in ultimate. As a player? As an organizer?
4. Other considerations: Provide any other information that you feel should be considered.

This section of your application should be no longer than 2 typed single-spaced pages (before attachments).

Section 2

1. Name
2. Place of Residence
3. Educational History (schools attended, years attended, degrees attained, post-high school only)
4. How long have you been playing Ultimate? When did your college eligibility expire?
5. How are you or how have you been associated with College Ultimate? Are you still associated? If so, how?
6. Do you have regular Internet access? Are you reliably reachable via e-mail on a daily (or nearly daily) basis?
7. Have you read the USA Ultimate College Eligibility Rules (<https://usultimate.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/College-Eligibility-Guidelines-2022.pdf>)?
8. Are there any schools with which you have a conflict of interest (such as your alma mater, fierce rival) that would cause you to recuse yourself from cases involving those schools?
9. Is there anything else that you think we should know about with respect to your interest in the Eligibility Committee?

Section 3

1. Discuss the purpose and relative importance of eligibility rules for inter-collegiate athletic competition (and specifically the USA Ultimate College Series).
2. Have you ever had to defend a position with which you disagreed? Please give an example. As part of the Eligibility Committee, you may disagree with some of the decisions rendered. And although your membership in the committee will not be a publicly known fact (only the Committee Chair is known to the public), it may be necessary at some point for you to defend a position which you find arguable.
3. We want to get a feeling for your understanding of both the letter and spirit of the Eligibility Rules. Give your answer and explain your reasoning.
 - a. A college student is entering his sixth year of USA Ultimate membership. He graduated college after playing four years of Ultimate, then took a year off to travel around Europe. He claims that he did not play any Ultimate while in Europe, hence only has four years of significant Ultimate experience. Do you believe that he should be given another year of eligibility?
 - b. A student is entering her sixth year since her initial participation with the USA Ultimate. She contacts the committee, asking for a waiver for an extra year of eligibility. During winter of her 3rd year of college, she broke her collarbone and arm in a biking accident and was unable to play in the College Series. She claims to have doctor's notes explaining her injury, its severity, and how it kept her from playing the entire spring. Do you believe that she should be given another year of eligibility?
 - c. A student is entering his sixth year since her initial participation with the USA Ultimate. After inquiring about his eligibility, he finds out that he had been added to a Series roster his freshman year without knowing. He says that tossed a disc a few times with the captain, but didn't go to any practices and didn't play with the team until the next year, and that he must have been added by the captain just in case he showed interest in playing. He also has paperwork proving that he was out of the country during Sectionals weekend. Do you believe that he should be given another year of eligibility?
 - d. A student attends a Medical School that has no athletic department and has no existing Ultimate team. Her school is in close proximity to a larger institution that has a team, and would like to have a consortium with the medical school. Do you believe that a consortium should be granted?