



UNIVERSIDADE
LUSÓFONA

Student-Athlete Status

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Scientific and Pedagogical
Councils of 22/09/2020)*

Under the terms of article 8 of Decree-Law 55/2019, of 24 April, the status of the student-athlete of Universidade Lusófona de Humanidades e Tecnologias is hereby regulated.

Article 1

(Object)

This Regulation establishes ULHT's regime to grant student-athlete status, defining eligibility requirements and establishing the corresponding rights and duties, as well as procedures for grant, maintenance and loss of status.

Article 2

(Scope)

Students registered and enrolled at ULHT are considered to be this university's student-athletes when they meet the following requirements cumulatively:

- a) They participate in championships and competitions, provided for in Article 3 of this statute;
- b) They comply with the applicable sports merit requirements in accordance with Article 4 of this Statute;
- c) They have minimum academic performance under the terms of Article 5.

Article 3

(Participation in championships and competitions)

- 1) For the purposes of granting the status of athlete, those students shall be considered who, in the academic year of submitting the request:
 - a) have participated or are registered to participate, on behalf of ULHT, the Academic Association or by integrating the national university sports team, in:
 - i) National university championships, organized by the Academic Federation of University Sports; Or
 - ii) International university competitions organised by the European University Sports Association or by the International University Sports Federation;
 - b) are registered as athletes in the internal competitions held by the institution or the student association;





- c) are affiliated in sports federation under the terms of Decree-Law 248-B/2008, of 31 December, federated athletes, in the year they request the status, having participated in international, national or regional competitions.
- 2) The status may also be requested in particular by student athletes who, albeit not falling under the terms defined paragraph 1, prove their participation in local, regional, national or international competitions, such as non-federated amateur sport, upon presentation of documentation attesting to the condition of athlete.

Article 4

(Sports merit)

- 1) As regards sports merit, with the exception of the provision laid down in paragraph 2, the requirements set out in Article 4 of Decree-Law 55/2019 of 24 April shall apply.
- 2) For students under item c) of paragraph 1 of Article 3, sports merit may consider other factors, more or less demanding, as a result of:
 - a) *Ad hoc* agreement signed with the respective federation or club they represent; or
 - b) Submission of a statement from the federation or the sports club attesting to the fulfilment of the requirements required to consider that sports merit has been achieved.
- 3) Official proof of compliance with the necessary requirements is issued by the federation or sports club the student represents, which must contain the elements needed for analysis.
- 4) For students under paragraph 2 of Article 3, the official proof referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be replaced by evidence of participation in competitions or championships, which shall comply with the requirements set out in paragraph 1 of this Article.
- 5) In the appraisal of sports merit, the existence of conditions that prevent sports practice due to clinical situation shall also be considered, and the statement referred to in paragraph 3 shall include a medical certificate.

Article 5

(Academic merit)

- 1) In order to qualify for the statute, students must have passed, in the academic year preceding the request, a minimum of 36 credits, or all credits in which they were enrolled, should their number be less than 36.
- 2) To students enrolled for the first time in a study cycle the terms referred to in the preceding paragraph do not apply.

Article 6

(Rights)

ULHT's student-athletes are entitled to the following rights:

- a) Priority in the choice of schedules or classes whose attendance regime best suits their sports activity, provided this is duly proven;





- b) Excuse of absences due to participation in official competitions of the modality they represent, upon submission of document of proof;
- c) Scheduling examinations or assignment submission on different date and time in those case where they coincide with the days of the championships and competitions in which they participate or are in training or in camps for preparation of trials, upon submission of document of proof;
- d) Application of different assessment instruments that attest to the students' success, in accordance with the terms laid down in ULHT's General Knowledge Assessment Regulation;
- e) Possibility of requesting to sit for two annual examinations or equivalent in the special exam sitting period.

Article 7

(Duties)

Student athletes must:

- a) Carry out sports practice in compliance with sports rules and ethics as well as applicable fair-play principles;
- b) Represent, with honour and dignity, the good name of ULHT;
- c) Comply with the requirements of sports merit and academic merit laid down in this Regulation;
- d) Inform ULHT of any condition that alters the assumptions of the application of the status.

Article 8

(Procedural protocol)

- 1) The status is requested by the student to the Rector of ULHT, upon submission to the academic services of ULHT of all necessary documentation to attest to the condition of athlete in accordance with this statute.
- 2) It is up to the administrative services to confirm that the requirements are met by verifying the documentation submitted.
- 3) After submission of the request under the terms of paragraph 2 of Article 3, the services submit the file to the Course Director for appraisal of the condition of athlete, which includes the manner in which to assess sports merit referred to in Article 4.
- 4) The request referred to in paragraph 3 shall be accompanied by:
 - a) Letter of justification, demonstrating the condition of athlete, signed by the requester;
 - b) Sports curriculum, record of training, competitions and other elements that attest to the condition of athlete;
 - c) Official statements from entities, coaches or athletes that support the request submitted;
 - d) Other documentation considered by the requester to be important to support decision-making.
- 5) The student is notified, for imparting the decision, electronically, and the decision is considered accepted if not appealed within the following 5 working days.





- 6) After the deadline set in the preceding paragraph, and the status having been granted, the information is uploaded into the system.
- 7) With the exception of requests under paragraph 3, the requester may appeal against the decision to the Rector, whose decision is unappealable;
- 8) All the documentation submitted, as well as the decision, are part of the Individual Student File, and the status is registered in the system on the student form.
- 9) The deadline for issuing a decision from the date of submission is 30 working days.

Article 9

(Duration, renewal and termination of status)

- 1) After having been granted, the status is valid for the academic year in which it was requested, and can be renewed in a simplified way, provided the sports and academic merits are met, and the condition of athlete is maintained, upon submission of the official documents that attest it to the academic services.
- 2) In the cases referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 3, in compliance with the requirements set out in the recommendation mentioned in paragraph 3 of Article 8, the provisions of the preceding article shall apply.
- 3) The application of the status ceases when the student:
 - a) No longer meets the conditions for granting defined in the law or in this regulation;
 - b) Breaches the duties laid down in Article 7.

Article 10

(Omitted cases and doubts in interpretation)

Omitted cases and doubts in interpretation are decided by joint order of the Rector and the Administrator.

Article 11

(Term)

This Regulation shall apply from the 2019/2020 academic year and enters into force after being approved by the legally and regulatorily competent bodies and homologated by joint order of the Rector and the Administrator.

*(Homologated by Joint
Order 42/2020, of 14/10).*

