

PRIORITY REGISTRATION FOR STUDENT ATHLETES CCCAA SURVEY – September, 2010

CCCAA Colleagues—

As we close another busy fall-sport eligibility verification period, I am, more than ever, convinced that we are in need of some measure of priority registration for our community college student athletes. In consideration of dwindling course offerings, semester unit limits, NCAA satisfactory progress requirements, the new English and math standards (*especially for those entering college at the remedial level*) and the five-year eligibility window, we are nearing a breaking point in the effort to qualify and transfer our sophomores to four-year schools.

In this regard, I have initiated a campus discussion on priority registration for our student athletes at Palomar College. A key component in this discussion will be a survey of other California Community Colleges, to determine how this important issue is being addressed elsewhere in the state. So, if you could please take a moment of your valuable time to respond to this e-mail and provide either a simple yes (we have priority registration for student athletes) or no (we do not) response and a brief description of any specifics associated with your program, it would be greatly appreciated.

Once completed, I will share results of the survey with all member schools of the CCCAA. Thank you for your participation.

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FINAL SURVEY RESULTS

Total Responses – 103

Percentage of CCCAA Member Schools* Responding – 100%

Response Compilation

No – 54/52.4% (Do not have priority registration for student athletes)

Yes – 49/47.6% (Have a form of priority registration for student athletes)

Complete list of responses follows.

* Based on 2010-11 CCCAA Directory

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES
STUDENT-ATHLETE PRIORITY REGISTRATION SURVEY
 SEPTEMBER, 2010

School	Prioty. Reg. Yes/No	Specifics/Comment
Alameda	No	
Allan Hancock	No	I have brought this issue to A&R, our VP's, and Deans meetings. Thus far, not much support on this issue, on this campus. I appreciate your effort in rounding up this information. I am glad to help if need be, as we could benefit from this discussion as well.
American River	No	None of the schools in the Los Rios District have priority registration for student athletes. However, we have requested it many times in the past and are interested in proposing again for our campus. Perhaps now, more than ever is a good time to initiate this policy for our student athletes.
Antelope Valley	Yes	
Bakersfield	Yes	<u>Priority Registration Guidelines for Student Athletes:</u> 1) Must have completed Matriculation; 2) Must be enrolled in 12 units each semester (9 academic); 3) Sophomores must complete an SEP or be actively enrolled in a Student Development course (Freshmen exempt 1 st semester only); 4) Must maintain a 2.0 GPA; 5) An "F" grade in any course will result in removal from priority registration.(Previous semester only); 6) Student athletes will be eligible for priority registration for a total of five semesters (allows for injuries, red- shirt year, or other unforeseen circumstance).
Barstow	Yes	We do have priority registration for student-athletes at Barstow and have had for at least 3 years. In addition to the student-athletes, military and DSPS students have an early registration period as well.
Butte	No	We do not have priority registration at Butte College. We have tried for years to get it.
Cabrillo	No	
Canada	Yes	Approved for first-ever implementation in the current academic year. Spring sport athletes will be able to register for the spring semester in November; fall athletes in May for summer and fall terms.
Canyons	Yes	College of the Canyons has priority registration for athletes...
Cerritos	Yes	We have had priority registration for many years, however given our current situation with an increase in the number of students and a decrease in the number of classes, I have had to really fight to retain it. We may have to put a limit on the number.
Cerro Coso	No	Cerro Coso does not have priority registration for student athletes. We would be very interested in your state wide survey.
Chabot	No	Las Positas College and Chabot College do not have Priority Registration for Student Athletes.
Chaffey	Yes	
Citrus	Yes	Citrus College does have priority registration for student-athletes. This process is broken down into continuing student athletes who are some of the first to register and new student athletes who are allowed to register before any other new students but not before non-priority returning students. (Can be considered returning after taking only 1 course at this time – so many take a summer counseling course). I would love to hear the results – we are being pressured a little here to eliminate our priority because of low number of classes available for general student.

Columbia	No	Columbia College (which is part of the Yosemite Community College District that includes Modesto Junior College) does not currently have priority registration for athletes. We would like to have it though, and there have been ongoing discussions with various constituency groups to try and get this before our Board of Trustees for approval. I am very interested in whatever success you might have in getting this established at Palomar.
Contra Costa	No	We do not have priority registration, yet our new Admissions and Records Director is very interested in doing so!
Cosumnes River	No	
Cuesta	Yes	Cuesta gives on-season student athletes priority registration. They register with a special populations groups, after EOPS/DSPS, but before the general student population. This is written into Board policy, so our Board of Trustees approved it.
Cuyamaca	No	Cuyamaca College does not have priority registration. However, I agree with you especially under the current budget situation and academic pressures that we need it to help our student/athletes.
Cypress	Yes	<p>NOCCCD (North Orange County Community College District; Cypress and Fullerton) has priority registration for identified student athletes in front of all freshmen (23.99 units or less). I want to be clear that this is not first priority. The placement of student/athletes in the registration process was a long process convincing the campus we needed "athletic matriculation." Justification for this placement was NCAA 5 year clock, remediation, practice times, and hours of available classes.</p> <p><u>Cypress College process:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coaches can request recruits get priority registration the first semester only. 2. Athletes must enroll in Counseling 140 and develop and IEP. 3. If (2) is completed the counselor approves additional terms of registration. 4. Once the SAs reach 24 units they fall into the normal registration process. <p>Our student athletes need a little help to get on the correct educational footing and then they are in with the flow of the rest of the student body. Also we are a Banner computer system and data is entered in SGASPRT by term.</p>
De Anza	Yes	Athletics is one of approximately 20 groups on campus afforded priority registration, but we are ordered on the back end. However, the policy is extremely helpful to us even as structured.
Desert	No	Not Yet, but should be this spring.
Diablo Valley	Yes	Diablo Valley College is in the process of instituting early athlete registration across our district. We worked with all the A&R Deans to put together the policy. Our student athletes had a meeting with the Faculty Senate to explain the importance of why early registration was necessary and the implications for their ability to transfer. Data was provided to the campus in regard to academic success and transfer numbers of four student athletes to substantiate the need. The other piece of important information for the A&R Deans, was explaining NCAA eligibility rules and the academic guidelines that each student needed to adhere to above what the college has set. Other than the Eligibility coordinator in A&R- the rest of the staff was unfamiliar with the academic requirements for a student athlete to transfer. It was a process.
East LA	Yes	We offer priority registration via our athletic counselors ONLY. (This is also how we get Ed. Plans done at the same time).
El Camino	Yes	We do, but it is under review...we can also enter students from our office who do not owe fees, etc and are in our cohort...I agree, it should happen!
El Camino-Compton	Yes	
Evergreen Valley	Yes	
Feather River	Yes	Yes, we have priority registration for EOP&S, Grant participants, and Athletics.
Folsom Lake	No	No, we do NOT have priority registration. It is a district-wide policy; one that I wish I could change! Perhaps your findings can help convince our district that we NEED priority reg.

Foothill	Yes	Student athletes follow DSPS, EOPS and veterans in the priority registration order. There are no restrictions associated with freshman or sophomore standing, but student athletes must have a completed SEP and have completed their required counseling appointments to take advantage of the priority registration benefit.
Fresno	Yes	
Fullerton	Yes	Yes, we have priority registration. However, the order is DSPS, EOPS, Veterans, all students who have 25 units or more and 1st semester athletes get to register with students who have 20 units or more.
Gavilan	No	Would love to hear these results. We do not have priority reg in sense of how I think we would all like to have it...when special groups like DSPS, EOPS, etc. I think you're on the right path...we need an organized approach to dealing with this on our campuses.
Glendale	Yes	We do have type of priority registration for athletes it is not the greatest but it is better than nothing. Here how priority goes at GCC: <u>Group 1</u> DSPS - EOPS - International (these are state mandated) <u>Group 2</u> Honor Students - Athletes - Veterans. The regular student body follows. We probably get 3 days ahead of the regular student. Let me add that we have a criteria our athletes must meet each semester to stay on the priority list. Something is better than nothing
Golden West	Yes	Golden West has priority registration for student-athletes only the first semester they attend. There are people in Admissions trying to take this away. I am initiating talks to have priority registration the entire time a student-athlete is in attendance.
Grossmont	No	Right on! We are having the same discussions here as well. We do not have priority registration for student athletes. So far the best program for priority registration that I've been able to find is MT. Sac. They attach this priority to a Summer Bridge program, require X number of counseling contacts, and after the first semester 2.0 GPA. Please let me know the results.
Hartnell	Yes	We have had priority registration for many years. (It is) a one-day priority registration for our student athletes.
Imperial Valley	Yes	Imperial Valley College has had priority registration for its student athletes since 2002. We got it through a total team effort using the talents of our staff and the support of the Vice President for Academics and the President of the college. After getting their support up front, then we went to work to go through the necessary "hoops" to get this item on the Board Meeting agenda for a vote for approval. We combined with the ASG to amend the registration priority so that student athletes and members of the ASG got priority registration (along with ASPIRE and Military) right after DSP&S. It took approval from seven committees to pass this. In the process we had only one member of one committee vote against it because he had his own agenda to try to add another group to this proposal. The first step was to get the proposal made and approved by the Competitive Athletics Committee. I am the chair of that committee and most of the members of that committee are head coaches. The next step was also to get it passed by the Student Affairs Committee (ASG). From there the two groups took it to the Admissions Committee, then to the Operations Committee, then to CNI, then to Academic Senate, then to Administrative Council and then to the Board for final approval. We sighted some of the same justifications that have been previously mentioned by other colleges that get it (missing less class, increase transfer rate, NCAA time restriction (40-60-80 rule).
Irvine Valley	Yes	We mandate not only an IEP, but also a transfer seminar during the semester of competition in order to receive Priority Registration. It is also part of a Board Policy outlining who gets Priority Reg, along with Vets, DSPS, Student Govt., etc.

Laney	No	Laney College does not have priority registration at this time. We are looking into starting next year. We could use all the help you can give us from your survey.
Las Positas	No	Las Positas College and Chabot College do not have Priority Registration for Student Athletes. I would like to receive results of this survey as I have been campaigning to get this on the LPC Campus.
Lassen	No	
Long Beach	No	No, but we continue to push for it for all the reasons you stated. We are very interested in receiving your collect data which will assist all of us.
Los Angeles	No	
L.A. Harbor	No	Wish I could say we did have (priority registration); it is getting tougher and tougher for our athletes to get the courses they need each semester.
L.A. Mission	No	
L.A. Pierce	No	
L.A. Southwest	No	Highly interested, in process of initiating proposal.
L.A. Trade Tech	No	No, we don't have priority registration for Athletes. However, if (student athletes) are a part of EOPS or some other program that has priority registration then they are allowed to register early as part of that program.
L.A. Valley	Yes	We have a one day priority registration day for our athletes.
Los Medanos	No	Very interested and would like to make available to our student athletes.
Marin	Yes	College of Marin has Priority Registration: We are allowed to register on the first day of registration...All Student-Athletes need to have meet with our Advisor 2 times before the Registration Period and they have to have their SEP on file before the first time they use Priority Registration.
Mendocino	No	Mendocino College in Ukiah <u>does not</u> have priority registration for Student Athletes.
Merced	Yes	We have priority registration. Couldn't imagine attempting to function w/o it...for reasons you mention. Watch out, though. It falls under special privilege for athletes unless Board sanctioned, which ours is. That's probably where your discussion needs to go—to the circumstances that make it consonant w/ both ed code and 3C2A ByLaw language.
Merritt	No	
MiraCosta	No	Very interested in pursuing priority registration for student athletes.
Mission	Yes	Both Mission and West Valley have Priority Reg for their athletes. Our reg. order is right after the two mandated reg. priority groups EOPS and DESP.
Modesto	No	We do not have priority registration for athletes at this moment, but are very close to approval for it to happen. Our president has stamped his approval, but it is still in dialogue stages with certain constituent groups. It has been a slow process (almost two years) in committee format. I feel it might take affect this spring.
Monterey Peninsula	No	Monterey Peninsula College does not currently have priority registration for athletes. There is a campus committee working on priorities and athletics is under consideration. I am confident we will have something in place by the end of fall.
Moorpark	No	From your mouth to God's ears!! We NEED it BADLY!! Moorpark does not have any type of Priority Registration for student athletes. I would like to receive any data you receive.
Mt. San Antonio	Yes	Mt.SAC has priority registration but student-athletes must meet certain criteria each year to maintain it. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend Counseling 1 orientation as freshman or transfer - Ed plan on file - Minimum of hours in our academic support area (WIN) - Turn in required progress checks - 2.0 GPA

Mt. San Jacinto	Yes	We started priority registration for student-athletes at MSJC in the Fall of 2010. This was a 4 year process that required establishing the FACT that our student-athletes are a "special population". Establishing that student-athletes are a special population was initially met with resistance and it required quite a bit of debate in our shared governance environment. Feel free to call me at anytime, as I can't imagine what eligibility would have been like this fall with priority registration (our student-athletes are given a registration date right after DSPS and military students).
Napa Valley	No	We do not have it yet, but we are discussing how it could be done.
Ohlone	Yes	Yes, we provide priority registration for incoming and continuing student athletes. The only criteria is that they are identified by the coach as needing to be on the priority reg list.
Orange Coast	Yes	One time priority applies to first-year student athletes only. Second year athletes, as all other returning students, will receive a preferred date based on the number of units previously passed.
Oxnard	No	
Palomar	No	In the initiation/research process.
Pasadena	No	We are in the research process.
Porterville	No	Porterville College does not have priority registration for student-athletes. I agree, it is much-needed if our students are to transfer within four/five semesters.
Redwoods	Yes	Redwoods has Priority Registration for continuing student athletes after DSPS, EOPS and Veteran students.
Reedley	Yes	(Student athletes) may not have any business holds or be on academic probation (to participate in priority registration). (Student athletes) register after special programs such as EOPS and DSP&S.
Rio Hondo	Yes	At Rio Hondo College we do indeed have priority registration for athletes.
Riverside	Yes	We have priority registration; we've had it as long as I remember. Many years ago we identified student athletes as an at risk/need based group similar to DSPS, veterans and all other groups that need special services. As you know, there is not another group of students at your college that has needs and requirements that face our student athletes – it should be a slam dunk! They did change ours a few years ago and now allow priority reg. in 12 units (what we do now is not register for the Varsity class until the first day of school to insure our people of needed classes/schedule.
Sacramento	No	We currently do not have priority registration for student athletes but, like you, are trying to gain that privilege. We are having conversations, District-wide, about the topic so I would be very interested, as well, in the results of your survey.
Saddleback	Yes	I find it hard to believe that 50% of our colleges do not have priority registration, especially in light of NCAA progress rates and reduced class offerings throughout the state. I wish there was something that could be done for all of our student athletes at every college.
San Bernardino Valley	Yes	We had to fight long and hard for it but, yes, we have priority registration for our student/athletes.
San Diego	No	We here in the SD Community College District do not have priority enrollment but are very interested in getting it.
San Diego Mesa	No	We do not have priority registration, and I agree we desperately need it now more than ever. I have tried several times over the past 20 years, but our Vice Chancellor has not agreed. I believe that there are several colleges that do have priority reg. I look forward to seeing your findings, it will help us all.
San Diego Miramar	No	We do not have priority reg. We are in the same boat with City and Mesa.

San Francisco	Yes	CCSF does have priority registration, although we are not the first in line (eops, veterans come before us). Our athletes are also given a priority reg ticket to help add a class in person in case their schedule needs to change. That puts them near the top of the wait list to add a class.
San Joaquin Delta	Yes	Delta College just got priority registration this year for the first time. We have tied it to our new Student /Athlete Learning that requires all of our athletes to put a minimum of 3 hours per week in. This data is accumulated each week for each head coach and athletes not meeting their obligation will not get their priority registration.
San Jose	Yes	San Jose City College does have priority registration for its student athletes (this began Spring 2009). The typical registration schedule is as follows*: <u>Day 1</u> - EOP&S and DSP student registration begins, <u>Day 3</u> - Athletes, Honors, Puente, Umoja, and Veteran student registration begins, <u>Day 4</u> - Continuing student registration begins, <u>Day 14</u> - New and Returning student registration begins <i>*dates are based on 3 semester registration schedules: Fall 2009 through Fall 2010</i>
San Mateo	Yes	We do have priority registration for our student athletes at CSM. The caveat is that it is on the second day of priority reg and that all student-athletes must have SEP's in place.
Santa Ana	No	Santa Ana college does not have an "official" priority registration. The District has an "Early Decision" program for all High Schools in our District. The Athletic Department piggybacks on this opportunity and gets student-athletes enrolled during "Early Decision".
Santa Barbara	No	
Santa Monica	Yes	Available for returning sophomores only. Must have an SEP on file to qualify.
Santa Rosa	No	SRJC does not have priority registration per se. What we do have is early registration for any student who completes a Counseling course during the summer and has an Educational Plan in place. Once done, they get to register in the early group along with other specific groups designated by our Board. Once they begin classes, they get the same privilege as long as they maintain a 2.75 GPA.
Santiago Canyon	No	
Sequoias	No	Recognize an acute need for priority registration and are currently formulating plans and rationale to initiate a program in some form on our campus in the near future.
Shasta	No	
Sierra	No	We do not offer priority registration (for athletes) but give priority first to continuing students based on units completed and then to new students who have completed their matriculation steps. And that the coaches work closely with their incoming new student athletes so that they complete the matriculation steps as quickly as possible and therefore are cleared to register before most other new students.
Siskiyou	No	
Skyline	Yes	Skyline student-athletes will have priority registration if they have a Student Education Plan on file. This priority is the day after other groups specified in the Education Code. This same priority is extended to students who serve the college in functions related to student government, arts, drama, music or specified learning communities. New students do not receive any type of priority.
Solano	Yes	After 16 years of trying to get priority reg we got it here at Solano College last year.
Southwestern	No	
Taft	Yes	We do have priority registration for returning student athletes (only). It amounts to only about a week prior, which is still a huge benefit to us. No further eligibility standards required; all athletes develop an SEP in first year.

Ventura	No	No priority registration for VC. Working on it through our academic senate.
Victor Valley	Yes	Now in third year at VVC. Athletes are categorized in Block 2 for registration priority along with veterans, Phi-Theta Kappa, honor students and ASB officers. Block 1 includes DSPTS and EOPS students. Includes both incoming freshmen and returning sophomore athletes, based on cohort lists prepared by coaches prior to the registration/enrollment period for each semester.
West Hills Coalinga	No	We do not have priority registration for our athletes at West Hills College Coalinga. We do have priority registration for other programs (DSPTS, CAMP, TRIO, etc...).
West Hills Lemoore	No	At this time we do not have priority registration at West Hills College Lemoore, however, we too are currently working with our administration to hopefully bring to fruition a priority registration policy for student-athletes on our campus.
West Los Angeles	No	West Los Angeles College does not offer priority registration to our student-athletes. We have tried but have been rejected by our campus administration. We provide priority registration to Veterans, EOPS, DSPTS, and CARE students. Though it may be archaic thinking, I believe there is a perception with some people on our campus who see this as providing special treatment or extra benefits for student-athletes.
West Valley	Yes	Our athletes go after the mandated groups of DESP and EOPS.
Yuba	No	Yuba College was close to getting priority registration for athletes a few years ago. The Academic Senate got involved and derailed the effort - they felt that the athletes should not get any preferential treatment over other students. Good Luck working through the political issues that will develop. I am very interested in the results of your survey!