



Utrecht University Elite Sports Policy

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1. To whom does the Utrecht University Elite Sports Policy apply?

You are entitled to additional support from Utrecht University if you:

- are enrolled as a student; and
- have been awarded: A status, HP status, Select status, Bond status, or Talent status (International Talent, National Talent or Promise); and
- have registered this status with Utrecht University (and have prolonged this yearly).

If you do not have a Elite Sports status, you are not eligible for support under the Utrecht University Elite Sports Policy. You may contact your Study Advisor and/or lecturer to discuss whether any provisions can be made for you within your degree programme or specific course.

2. What are Elite Sports statuses and how are they awarded?

Elite Sports statuses are awarded by NOC*NSF and/or sports associations; they are not awarded by the University itself. Utrecht University checks whether you have been granted a status and makes the provisions and facilities available to you accordingly. More information regarding the statuses is available on the website of [NOC*NSF](#), the umbrella organisation for sports in the Netherlands.

3. How do I register my Elite Sports status with Utrecht University?

Before applying for the provisions and facilities for an Elite Sport student, you must make an appointment with the Elite Sports Student Counsellors, Anne Hamburger or Eva Beeftink. They will check your eligibility and ensure, among other things, that your status is communicated to the coordinator of your degree programme.

You can make an appointment with the Student Counsellor via the [Student Services](#) desk.

- Please ensure that you contact them in good time and not only when something goes wrong.
- If you are unable to attend during the set consultation hours due to your sporting or academic commitments, you can arrange to come at another time.
- For prospective students: please make an appointment before you make your final choice of degree programme or enrol to ensure that the programme is compatible with your sporting schedule.

NB: Every new academic year, you must apply to extend your access to the special provisions and facilities. You can submit your application to the Student Counsellors directly via email: elitesports@uu.nl.

4. What provisions and facilities does Utrecht University make available?

Utrecht University offers a number of provisions and facilities for which Elite Sport students are eligible, including:

- special adjustments to your degree programme or special examination provisions; *
- an extension of the time limit for completing your degree (for the financial assistance system for students) for A status athletes;

- a special dispensation with regard to the student progress monitoring system (binding recommendation on continuation of studies); *
- assistance with finding accommodation with other Elite Sport students;
- a special Elite Sports graduation certificate;
- a free membership card (Olympas) for the Olympos Sports Centre;
- assistance with finding professional coaching and support (sports physiotherapist, etc.);
- reimbursement of costs if you fall behind in your studies as a result of your sporting commitments;
- clothing sponsorship for important (inter)national matches or tournaments;
- reimbursement of costs, either wholly or in part, for training internships or matches abroad.

Utrecht University makes every effort to help Elite Sport students combine their studies and sporting activities, but athletes must bear in mind that there are certain limitations even when you have an Elite Sports status.

5. What conditions must I satisfy to take advantage of these provisions and facilities?

To be able to take advantage of the provisions and facilities for Elite Sport students you must, in any case, satisfy a number of conditions:

- You have registered your Elite Sports status with the Elite Sports Student Counsellor (NB: you must apply to [extend](#) your registration each year to continue to take advantage of the provisions).
- Your commitment to your studies is evident from your study results or a statement from your Study Advisor or tutor.
- You make as much use of other amenities for Elite Sport students as possible (association, sports association, sponsors).
- You registered with the Elite Sports Student Counsellor in good time, i.e. before problems arose.

6. How do I arrange and manage the provisions following registration?

Adjustments to your degree programme: After you have registered as an Elite Sport student with Utrecht University, you can discuss your study timetable with your Study Advisor and any special provisions within your degree programme. The student counsellor will inform your study advisor on your status. The Study Advisor may refer you directly to the relevant lecturer or Board of Examiners to request a special provision.

Financial and other support (not study related): You may email requests for financial and other support to the Elite Sports Student Counsellor. You can also contact her for any other information you require.

a. Requests for financial support for matches or training internships abroad should be submitted after you return and should include:

- a budget (including contributions from yourself and other sources);
- copies of receipts;
- a description of the activity for which you are requesting support;
- a description of your performance/achievements (if applicable);
- an IBAN number.

NB: expenses relating to equipment, food and drink, and matches within the Netherlands will not be reimbursed.

b. You may submit a request for reimbursement if you fall behind schedule with your studies as a result of your position as an Elite Sport student once only *before* your enrolment at Utrecht University is terminated/you graduate from Utrecht University, and only if it is abundantly clear that the delay was due to your sporting activities. The request should include:

- a written statement (from you) explaining the delay in your studies and any necessary supporting documents;

- the date on which you expect to graduate;
- an IBAN number.

NB: when awarding this financial support, Utrecht University will also take account of stipends from NOC*NSF and other sources of income from your sporting activities.

c. Requests for sponsorship should be submitted with:

- an overview of your recent sporting achievements;
- a budget;
- a statement of the purpose and scope of the sponsorship and your obligations in return (what does the sponsorship involve and how much publicity will Utrecht University gain);
- an IBAN number.