

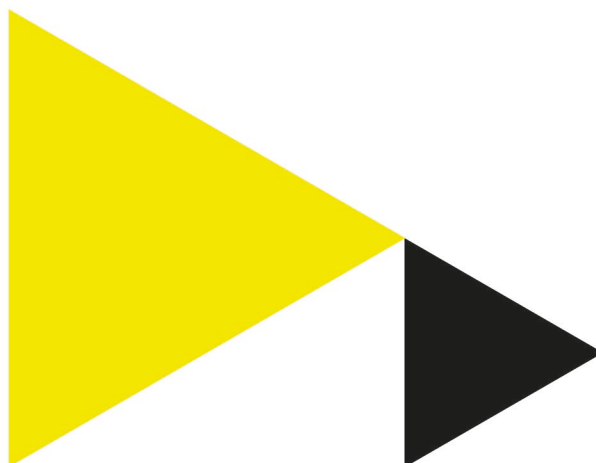
# Elite sport regulations 2021 - 2026

Policy and support options

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## 1. Introduction

The purpose of the elite sport regulations is to create clarity in the possibilities for students (hereinafter: elite sport students) who combine elite sport with a study programme at the Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences (hereinafter: AUAS). Elite sport students are students who: have a talent or elite sport status from NOC\*NSF or their respective national Olympic Committee, or who have received an elite sport declaration from Stichting Topsport Amsterdam/TeamNL centers, or who play football in the selection team of a paid football organisation. The Topsport Academy Amsterdam (hereinafter: TAA) has been established within AUAS to enable elite sport students to excel in both areas (elite sport and study). Within the TAA, the elite sport team (TAA management and 1 elite sport coordinator appointed per faculty) is responsible for the implementation of the AUAS elite sport policy. The elite sport team, together with the programme and the student, ensures that elite sport and study can be combined as optimally as possible. If necessary, the TAA will involve the sports world in optimizing the dual career. The regulation below is an update of an existing regulation dating from 2014. The regulation applies to elite sport students who have received a elite sport declaration via the TAA (Further: AUAS elite sport declaration). The basic principle here is that, while the requirements of the education programme and final objectives as laid down in the OER continue to be met, the student is supported as much as reasonably possible in the combination of elite sport and study. When writing these regulations, the Education and Examination Regulations applicable to the various study programmes and the AUAS-wide student charter have been taken into account.

## **2. ELITE SPORT REGULATIONS**

The number of students who have an ambition to participate in high-level sports activities in addition to their ambition to complete a study programme has increased in recent years. In order to stimulate this talent and to ensure that it develops as smoothly as possible, this document provides a prerequisite for students with an elite sport declaration within the Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences (AUAS).

### **Article 1. Objective**

The aim of these regulations is to facilitate the combination of elite sport and study for students with an AUAS elite sport declaration, where possible and within reasonable limits, with the respective examination board(s) of the study programme(s) holding the power of a final assessment in each individual situation.

The right to facilitation cannot lead to unreasonable or impossible expectations from a study programme. One can imagine that for a study programme with a lot of compulsory practical components, different solutions have to be found than for a study programme with a lot of self-study. Such problems can already be discussed at an earlier stage during a (soft landing) meeting before the student is admitted to the programme, just as with other special target groups, such as a functional limitation. Within reasonable limits and in consultation with the student, it will be investigated which facilities can offer a solution.

### **Article 2. Elite sport athlete**

The Topsport Academy Amsterdam (hereinafter: TAA) awards the AUAS elite sport declaration to a student who meets the conditions applicable at that time, which can be found on the TAA website, based on the supporting documents provided. The student awarded with such an AUAS elite sport declaration will be referred to as: elite sport student. This is to distinguish them from students who do participate in sports, but do not meet the conditions stated on the website.

### **Article 3. Adapted study programme**

A student who has been designated as a elite sport student by the TAA on the basis of Article 2 of these regulations is eligible for adjustments to the study programme. The faculty's elite sport coordinator can provide solicited and unsolicited advice in all cases.

The programme must facilitate an adapted study programme. This is subject to the following condition: the adapted study programme of the elite sport student still makes it possible to award a full Bachelor degree. This condition is assessed by the Examination Board. Every year at the start of the academic year, or as soon as the status of an elite athlete has been granted, the elite sport student establishes a study plan together with the supervisor from their study programme. Changes to the study plan during the academic year are always made in consultation with the elite sport student and the supervisor.

### **Article 4. Adapted examination options**

An elite sport student may qualify for adapted examination options if the combination of studying and elite sport makes this necessary in the context of a studyable programme. Adapted examination options can concern both interim and partial examinations and may consist of:

- a) taking a remote examination;
- b) a different method of testing (for example, an assignment instead of an exam);
- c) taking an exam at a different moment in time.

An adapted examination option must be requested from the Examination Board of the relevant study programme. In the event of approval, the employees involved will be informed about the organisation of the test. A modified examination option can be separate from a modified study programme.

### **Article 5. Binding Study Advice (BSA)**

When issuing a binding study advice at the end of the first year of enrollment as stated in the Education and Examination Regulations, the Examination Board must always first request advice from the elite sport supervisor/ faculty coordinator when issuing advice regarding an elite sport student.

### **Article 6. Financial support**

If there is a study delay as a result of practicing elite sport, the elite sport student may be eligible for financial support as regulated in the student charter. For this matter, the student must report to the student counselor.

### **Article 7. Entry into force**

This regulation will come into effect on 1 September 2021 and, if policy remains unchanged, will be valid for 5 years.