

Application Guidelines for Special Admission of the Education University of Hong Kong

1) Introduction

In collaboration with the Department of Health and Physical Education of Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK), a special admission scheme was set up to admit athletes who are planning to retire or have retired into EdUHK's undergraduate and master programmes.

2) Eligibility

All HKACEP athlete members who:

- i. have been retired within the last six years, or athletes planning to retire within two years, and are from the 80 NSAs;
- ii. must be nominated by their NSAs before applying for their admission via HKACEP;
- iii. have served as members of the Hong Kong Team for at least two consecutive years or more as either full-time/part-time athletes are also eligible to apply¹;
- iv. meet the minimum entry requirements of the respective programme²; and
- v. have achieved outstanding sports performance³.

3) Programme Requirements & Special Offers

A) Bachelor of Health Education (BHE)

HKACEP athlete members have to obtain a Higher Diploma/Associate Degree in any aspects. If an athlete fails to meet requirements, special consideration would be taken on the applicant's interview result, sports achievements and academic aptitude. Applications of the BHE programme would be considered even they do not have a necessary qualification or without relevant background for athletes nominated by HKACEP Office.

B) Master of Social Sciences in Sports Coaching and Management [MSocSc(SCM)]

HKACEP athlete members have to hold a recognised Bachelor's degree or other equivalent qualifications. Non-Sports related Bachelor Degree will be considered for athletes nominated by HKACEP Office.

Admission interviews will be arranged to assess athlete members' capability and potential to follow the curriculum and successfully complete the programme.

¹ Definition of full-time/part-time athletes: athletes engaged in a minimum of 25/15 hours training per week. Justification of the respective athletes' status and definition of full-time/part-time would be subject to the confirmation of respective NSA

² HKACEP athlete if fails to meet EdUHK's minimum requirements, a mechanism will be placed to assess, as deemed acceptable and give the approval to admit the applicant under the category of "special talents", for special consideration.

³ EdUHK will welcome those athletes nominated by NSAs and vetted by HKACEP Office. Standard of athletes' sports performance will be assessed by EdUHK on a case by case basis.

4) Athlete Application and HKACEP Nomination Procedure

Applicants are advised to complete the application according to the following steps-

- i. Apply online via EdUHK platform.
- ii. Submit an application form to their corresponding NSA to vet the application eligibility, including athletic retirement date or projected athletic retirement date; training years; and sports achievement.
- iii. Successful applicants will be contacted on an individual basis.

5) Athletes Support from HKACEP Office

HKACEP Office provides three general support to athletes including -

- i. education consultation to all HKACEP athlete members, as well as a variety of educational support;
- ii. life skills training for post-athletic transformation; and
- iii. designated support for athletes in career transition.

6) Athletes Support from EdUHK

EdUHK has set up Elite Athlete Development Officer with Advisors to help athletes cope with their university life and provide advice on the academic concerns for each athlete including -

- i. provide special offers to athletes nominated by HKACEP Office. The offers shall include both BHE and MSocSc(SCM), in order to provide more academic opportunities for retired athletes;
- ii. provide mentorships and advisory services for athletes;
- iii. provide “Dual Career” support in order to strike a good balance whereby the athletes can study at the University while continuing their regular training, competitions and career development in Hong Kong; and

EdUHK undertakes to provide flexibility for athletes regarding their study periods and schedule in their BHE programme, in order to catch up their career development.

Hong Kong Athlete Education and Career Programme

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