A one-time academic waiver for CIF Oakland Section sports is a provision that allows a studenathlete who does not meet the standard academic eligibility requirements to participate in sports for a single term, under certain circumstances. These waivers are typically used to help students who have faced exceptional challenges or hardships. The key points of the process are:

General Guidelines

1. Eligibility Criteria:

- The student must demonstrate that extenuating circumstances (e.g., illness, family emergencies, or other hardships) impacted their academic performance.
- o The waiver is usually granted for one term or semester and cannot be used repeatedly.
- Enrolled at the current school for at least one semester. Grades 10-12.

2. School's Role:

- The school must submit the waiver application on behalf of the student to the CIF Oakland section governing the school.
- o Documentation supporting the hardship is typically required.

3. Academic Plan:

• The student must agree to an academic improvement plan, often including tutoring or other support to ensure future compliance with academic standards.

4. Approval Process:

- o The application is reviewed by the CIF Oakland Section Commissioner
- Decisions are made based on the evidence provided and the specific rules of the CIF section.

Steps to Apply

1. Consultation:

 Meet with the school's athletic director or guidance counselor to discuss the waiver process and your eligibility.

2. Documentation:

• Collect all necessary documentation, such as medical records, teacher letters, or other evidence explaining the hardship.

3. Submission:

o Complete the application form and submit it to the appropriate CIF section office.

4. Follow-Up:

 Cooperate with any requests for additional information and participate in hearings if required.

Important Notes

• Approval is not guaranteed, and the student must continue to meet other eligibility criteria, such as attendance and conduct.