1. **Summary of Freshman Admissions Criteria**

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| KSU Admit Designation | Regular Admit | Limited Admissions (L1) | Limited Admissions (L1) – Athlete | Presidential Exception  (L2) |
| Required High School Curriculum | High school diploma required | High school diploma required | High school diploma required | High school diploma or approved state-issued high school equivalency certificate or diploma  RHSC can be waived  *(Deficiencies must be addressed)* |
| GPA  (Test Optional thru 202405) | 2.5  (3.2 Test Optional) | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.0 (Can be waived) |
| Accuplacer | Not Required | Not Required | Not Required | Required if no test scores are available |
| ACT Math | 18 | 17 | 17 |  |
| ACT English | 18 | 17 | 17 |  |
| SAT Math | 490 | 440 | 440 |  |
| SAT Reading | 25 | 24 | 24 |  |
| SAT EBRW (fall 2020 – present) | 500 | 480 | 480 |  |
| Freshman Index | 2200 | 1830 | 1830 | Can be waived |
| TOEFL(International Only) | 79 | 69 | 69 | 50 |
| 1. **PAOC (AAC) Athletics Admission Categories Criteria** | | | | |

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| Prospective Student-Athletes Admissions Standards – Special Presidential Exceptions for Athletic Talent (SPEAT) categories | | | ALL TYPE II and TYPE III’s will be Presidential Exceptions; Separated for evaluation and classification for determining risk levels for AAC. Type IIIs will require packet. | |
|  | General Admission Standards | Type I (see L1 above) | Type II | Type III |
| KSU calc. GPA | 3.20 | 2.30 | 2.30-3.19 | < 2.30 |
| Test Scores | 18/18/490/500 | 17/17/440/480 | 15-16/400-439/420-479 OR **NONE** | <15,<400,<420 or **NONE** |
| *Out of State PCC Deficiency* |  | 1 PCC Out of State only | 2 PCC | 3 PCC |
| *Required Documentation* | N/A | N/A | Letter from AAC | AAC Packet: Letter from student, Coach, AAC |
| INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS | Eval & 3.20 GPA \* | Eval and 3.0 GPA\* | Eval and 2.50-2.99\* | Eval and <2.50 GPA\* (below 2.0 require AAC approval) |
| INTL TOEFL | 79/550\* | 69\* | 59-68\* | 49-58\* (below 48 needs AAC approval) |
| \*International students will be required to meet GPA and TOEFL, and will be classified or considered based on lowest score of TOEFL or GPA. | | | | |

AAC Admission Process

All prospective student-athletes are encouraged to apply early and also complete the ACT/SAT tests. Students who do not submit test scores may be required to take the Accuplacer or ALEKS placement test to determine learning support status. International students are required to submit a transcript evaluation and submit their HS transcripts, and those from non-English speaking countries also must take the TOEFL or IELTS test, Duolingo is not accepted.

**TYPE I**

Students who are Limited Admission admits (L1/Type I) who meet all of the criteria for this area will be admitted without any additional documentation. *Student-athletes who have a GPA below a 3.20 are highly encouraged to take the ACT/SAT test to limit the number of Type II or III students.*

**TYPE II**

Type II students are Presidential Exceptions, and fall within the required ranges outlined above. These students will require a letter of support from the AAC, but will not be required to come to the AAC for full committee review. The AAC recommendation will go to the UAAC who will consider the appeal for admission within 5 business days. These students will count towards the SPEET (Special Exceptions for Exceptional Talent) allotment that each program will have each year.

**TYPE III**

Type III admits are likely non-qualifiers will require historically similar appeal documentation including a letter from the student, the Head coach with all official paperwork completed. The AAC will meet to approve these student-athletes, and if approved will submit the appeal packet with a letter of support from the AAC to be forwarded to the UAAC who will consider the appeal within 5 days of the appeal submission.

**SPEETS**

SPEETS are *Special Admits with Exceptional Talent* individuals who do not meet regular admission or L1/TI admission criteria. Similar to in the past, coaches will be given a SPEET count for each year based on several statistical categories, including APR, percentage of special admits on team, team academic risk, GPA, culture, etc. These will inform and allow coaches to recruit Type II and III students with Type II’s receiving automatic AAC approval, and Type III’s being reviewed by the AAC prior to submission to the UAAC. At any time coaches are welcome to appeal to the AAC if they exceed their SPEAT count for any additional students to be considered for admission.

**I. Category Definitions**

* 1. **Limited Admission – L1 (**[**https://www.usg.edu/academic\_affairs\_handbook/section3/C659**](https://www.usg.edu/academic_affairs_handbook/section3/C659)**)**
     1. In recognition of the fact that a limited number of applicants do not meet established standards but demonstrate special potential for success, institutions may admit a limited number of applicants under the Limited Admission category.
     2. The Limited Admission category of admission is comprised of a general Limited Admission provision and a Presidential Exception provision. Institutions are restricted by sector to a maximum number of applicants who may be admitted in this category. The number of traditional freshmen who can be granted Limited Admission for the entire academic year at Kennesaw State University will be no more than 15% of first-time freshman headcount enrollment.
     3. Non-traditional freshmen are not included in the Limited Admissions percentage nor are they included in determining the base.
     4. Kennesaw State University consider applicants meeting all of the following for admission under this provision:
        1. Graduation from high school and completion of the RHSC as outlined in Section 3.1.1.1.
        2. 480 on the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing section and 440 on the Math section of an SAT administered March 2016 or later; or
        3. 17 on the ACT English test or Reading test, and 17 on the ACT Math test
        4. 1830 Freshman Index
  2. **Presidential Exceptions – L2 (**[**https://www.usg.edu/academic\_affairs\_handbook/section3/C659**](https://www.usg.edu/academic_affairs_handbook/section3/C659)**,** [**https://www.usg.edu/policymanual/section4/C328/#n4213**](https://www.usg.edu/policymanual/section4/C328/#n4213) **)**
     1. Students who demonstrate very high academic ability by achieving an SAT total score (Critical Reading plus Mathematics) on the Old SAT (administered prior to March 2016) or equivalent on the new SAT or ACT, in the upper five percent (5%) of national college-bound seniors accor­­­ding to the most recent report from the College Board and who show other evidence of college readiness may be admitted under this section. Applicants admitted under the Admission of Applicants with Outstanding Scores provision are not counted against the institution’s Limited Admission Exceptions.
     2. Each institution Presidents or his or her designee may grant exceptions to the Limited Admission requirements if the applicant shows promise for academic success and has at least a high school diploma or a state-issued high school equivalency diploma or certificate.
     3. Presidential Exceptions are included as part of the institution’s maximum percentage for Limited Admission.

1. **Kennesaw State University Admissions Processing Procedures**
   1. **Limited Admissions (L1)**
      1. Applicants who meet requirements listed under the L1 category of Limited Admissions will be reviewed and processed under these criteria by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.
      2. A student who does not meet these criteria has the right to appeal their decision and submit information to be considered for a Presidential Exception.
   2. **Presidential Exception (L2) – Athlete**
      1. Athletes seeking consideration as a Presidential Exception shall be brought to the Athletic Admissions Appeals Committee (AAC).
      2. Once the AAAC has reviewed the applicant’s file, they will forward their recommendation to the UAAC for review taking care to stay within the exception cap established for each athletic team.
      3. The UAAC will consider all information provided including the recommendation of the AAC when making their final decision.
      4. Final decisions by the UAAC will be completed within 5 business days of receipt of the appeal packet and communicated to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions for recording and processing.
   3. **Escalation Protocol**
      1. In the event that an applicant disagrees with the decision made by the UAAC and elects to pursue a review of the decision, the appeal packet will be forwarded to the Associate Vice Provost for Enrollment Services for review.
      2. The Associate Vice Provost may request that the applicant provide further information for review will review the information provided and make a final decision. Examples of additional information include interviews, portfolios, records of experiential achievements, etc.
      3. The decision by the Associate Vice Provost will be communicated to Undergraduate Admissions for recording and processing.
   4. **Kennesaw State University’s Commitment to Student Success**
      1. Kennesaw State University, first and foremost, is committed to the education of each and every student. As such, any decisions on admission of applicants who do not meet the established criteria for regular admissions should be based on the following guiding principle: *Decisions regarding limited admissions and presidential exceptions shall be based on the reasonable belief that the applicant will be able to succeed in the collegiate environment of a comprehensive university.*